



# LETTER AGREEMENT NO. R1-22-37-PGE



PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
LABOR RELATIONS  
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August 17, 2023

Mr. Bob Dean, Business Manager  
Local Union No. 1245  
International Brotherhood of  
Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO  
P.O. Box 2547 Vacaville,  
CA 95696

Dear Mr. Dean:

The Company and Union have met regularly over the last few years to improve joint local and diverse hiring efforts and staffing of Electric Transmission and Distribution Operations positions. Specifically, the joint effort has focused on how to connect the local hiring efforts into Apprentice Lineman / Apprentice Line Worker vacancies.

The parties agree to modify the Physical Labor Agreement to support this process as follows:

1. Effective December 23, 2022, all prospective Electric Line Assistants (51863059) who are hired or bid into the classification will be required to advance to a Title 200 Apprentice Lineman (50449466), Title 200 Apprentice Line Worker – SF/PN/DA/SJ (52854413), Title 200 Apprentice Lineman – Transmission (50010260), or Title 200 Apprentice Line Worker – Transmission – SF/PN/DA/SJ (52854418), position within twenty-four (24) months of their hire/report date into the classification.
  - a. If an employee is “assigned” to an Electric Line Assistant (51863059) position outside of the bidding or the Unrestricted appointment process, for example due to personal medical reasons, they will be exempt from the advancement requirement noted above.
2. During the twenty-four (24) month period, bid rights to Title 200 Apprentice Lineman, Title 200 Apprentice Line Worker – SF/PN/DA/SJ, Title 200 Apprentice Lineman – Transmission, or Title 200 Apprentice Line Worker – Transmission – SF/PN/DA/SJ positions will be limited to the respective division the Electric Line Assistant bid or was hired into as an Electric Line Assistant. The Company agrees to provide each Electric Line Assistant hired under the provisions of this agreement, an opportunity to advance to an Apprentice Lineman / Apprentice Line Worker position within twenty-four (24) months of their hire/report date in their respective division.
3. If an Electric Line Assistant does not advance to a Title 200 Apprentice Lineman, Title 200 Apprentice Line Worker – SF/PN/DA/SJ, Title 200 Apprentice Lineman – Transmission, or Title 200 Apprentice Line Worker – Transmission – SF/PN/DA/SJ position within twenty-four (24) months, the employee will have six (6) additional months to find another position. The employee will be required to submit bids and transfers to desired positions for which the employee is qualified. During this additional six (6) month period, the maximum number of prebids and transfers outlined in Section 205.4 of the Physical Agreement will not apply.
4. If an Electric Line Assistant does not advance to a Title 200 Apprentice Lineman, Title 200 Apprentice Line Worker – SF/PN/DA/SJ, Title 200 Apprentice Lineman – Transmission, or Title 200 Apprentice Line Worker – Transmission – SF/PN/DA/SJ position within twenty-four (24) months or secure another position within the additional six (6) months, the employee will be administratively laid off and shall be provided rehire rights pursuant to Section 206.13 of the Physical

Labor Agreement; however, they will not be eligible for severance under Exhibit XIV.

5. Pursuant to the provisions of LA 20-12, the parties agree that Electric Line Assistants covered by this agreement may be involuntarily administratively laid off in accordance with sections 3 and 4 above.
6. Employees who are removed from the Apprentice Lineman program, shall not be "assigned" to:
  - a. Electric Line Assistant positions within the Electric Distribution Operations or Electric Transmission Substation M&C departments.
  - b. Utility Worker – GC positions within the Electric Distribution Operations department, with exception to Electric civil crews.

The Company and Union shall each appoint three (3) members to be part of an Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee will attempt to resolve any issues that may arise regarding this Letter of Agreement. Issues that the Oversight Committee cannot resolve will be subject to the parties grievance procedure Subsection 102.3(a)(2) and timelines will be waived for the forty-five (45) day period.

This agreement supersedes the bidding provisions in LA 17-39 so long as this agreement remains in effect. Should this agreement be cancelled, the bidding provisions included in LA 17-39 will be reinstated.

Either the Company or the Union reserves the right to cancel this agreement by giving the other party thirty (30) days written notice.

If the Company or Union cancel this agreement, the parties agree that those Electric Line Assistants hired during the effective dates of the agreement will still be required to adhere to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Senior Assistant Business Manager Bob Gerstle and Assistant Business Manager Roberto Balistreri have reviewed this proposed agreement.

If you agree, please so indicate in the space provided below and return one executed copy of this letter to the Company.

Very truly yours,

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

By:   
Matthew Levy  
Senior Director

The Union is in agreement.

LOCAL UNION NO. 1245, INTERNATIONAL  
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Bob Dean  
Business Manager

Aug 22, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023