

## **PG&E Advances Regionalization Plan to Deliver Better Operational, Safety and Customer Service Outcomes with the Appointment of Regional Vice Presidents and Regional Safety Directors**

As part of its commitment to enhance focus on safety, customer service, and operational performance, PG&E announced the appointment of five regional vice presidents and five regional safety directors.

The announcement of the regional leaders marks a milestone in PG&E's plan to move to a regional service model, as outlined in its Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization and its Updated Regionalization Proposal filed February 26, 2021, with the California Public Utilities Commission. PG&E had committed to appoint a regional leadership team by June 1, 2021.

"We have assembled a strong and experienced group of leaders who will live and work in the communities they serve. This will position them to better understand and address the challenges unique to their regions. In doing so, they will have the full support of PG&E's executive leadership and the functional expertise of our 25,000 coworkers. I know they're eager to settle in and get to work, and I'm excited to welcome them to the team," said PG&E Corporation Chief Executive Officer Patti Poppe.

### **Regional Vice Presidents**

**Teresa Alvarado**, Vice President, South Bay & Central Coast Region: Ms. Alvarado has 20 years of executive experience in the energy and water sectors and has held civic leadership roles focused on environmental justice and equity. She currently chairs the California Water Commission, which provides a public forum for discussing water issues, advises the Director of the Department of Water Resources, and approves rules and regulations. Previously, she was Chief of Local Impact for the San Francisco Bay Area Planning & Urban Research Association, where she led a team responsible for implementing effective and equitable policy and planning solutions in San Francisco, San Jose, and Oakland. Before that, she was Deputy Administrative Officer for the Santa Clara Valley Water District. Earlier in her career, she served as the founding Executive Director of the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley, and worked as a Charitable Contributions Program Manager and Government Relations Representative for PG&E.

**Aaron J. Johnson**, Vice President, Bay Area Region. Mr. Johnson has been with PG&E for 12 years, most recently as Vice President, Wildfire Safety & Public Engagement, with responsibility for improving operational practices and situational awareness to mitigate wildfire risk and leading strategic planning for rebuilding infrastructure damaged by wildfires. Previously, he was Vice President, Customer Energy Solutions, overseeing customer and clean energy programs, including customer and technology research; program design, launch and process

improvement; and assessment and integration of third-party services markets. Earlier, he was Director, Renewable Energy Procurement, shaping policy and commercial strategy for wholesale procurement to meet ambitious renewable portfolio standard targets, and led solar and wind resource development. Before joining PG&E, he served the California Public Utilities Commission as a consumer advocate, policy advisor, and regulatory analyst.

**Ronald P. Richardson**, Vice President, North Coast Region: Mr. Richardson joined PG&E more than 20 years ago as a utility worker and apprentice lineman, and steadily progressed through a variety of leadership roles to his current position as Senior Director of Transmission Substation Maintenance & Construction. In this role, he held responsibility for the timely repair and maintenance of transmission and substation assets; supporting efforts to reduce wildfire risk and reducing the footprint of Public Safety Power Shutoffs; and driving the delivery of the Transmission Substation Maintenance & Construction workplan. Previously, Mr. Richardson was Director, North Coast, Field Operations region, which included Humboldt, Sonoma and North Bay. Throughout his career with PG&E, he has focused on field operations, overseeing service delivery, safety inspections, maintenance and construction work, and engaging with customers to resolve escalated issues.

**Joshua M. Simes**, Vice President, Central Valley Region: Mr. Simes comes to PG&E from Comcast, where he spent more than two decades in field operations leadership roles. Most recently, he held the position of Vice President, Field Operations, South Valley, California, where he was responsible for all field operational activity for Comcast's South Valley Region and led a team of more than 300 members serving more than 800,000 video, internet, digital voice, home security and commercial customers. Mr. Simes initially joined Comcast as an installation technician and was subsequently promoted to a series of supervisory and leadership positions, including Field Operations Supervisor, Field Operations Manager, and Director of Field Operations. He has served as a member of the California Comcast Diversity and Inclusion Council and as an executive sponsor for the Young Professional Network.

**Joe Wilson**, Vice President, North Valley & Sierra Region: Mr. Wilson joined PG&E in 2012 and currently serves as Director, Community Rebuild and Resiliency Program. In this role, he has led financial planning, engineering, customer strategy, stakeholder engagement, and construction for the regional rebuilding program in Butte County, which was created in response to the impact of the Camp Fire in late 2018. Previously, he was the Regional Local Public Affairs Manager based in Sacramento, where he headed emergency response coordination with state and local agencies during wildfires, floods, and storms, and served as Liaison Officer during the North Bay, Carr, Camp Fire. He joined PG&E as a Senior Government Relations Representative in the Northern Sacramento Valley and Sierra Region after working with public utilities in Plumas County and Indian Valley. He has been active as a volunteer for civic and community organizations focused on employment, education, and economic development.

## Regional Safety Directors

- **Corey Zeigler**, Safety Director, North Coast Region: Corey has 30 years of experience in the utility industry, beginning as a lineman with Progress Energy (now Duke) and progressing through a variety of leadership roles where he held responsibility for field work, crew supervision, operations management and environmental, health and safety transmission and distribution. He has 16 years of direct Health & Safety leadership experience in Transmission and Distribution. Most recently, he was the Utility Segment South Director of Health, Safety and Environmental for Primoris Service Company.
- **Cornelius Morgan**, Safety Director, South Bay & Central Coast Region: Cornelius is a proven safety leader with 20 years of experience in occupational safety and health and a track record of success in incident prevention, loss prevention, program development, and team management in construction and manufacturing. He joins PG&E from Suez Advanced Solutions in Atlanta, Ga., where he served as Director of Environmental Health and Safety.
- **Renée Fernandez-Lipp**, Interim Safety Director, North Valley & Sierra Region: Renée brings over 30 years of experience in the energy and resources field with significant expertise in developing safety-related processes, standards and procedures. She has been with PG&E for nine years, served as a Power Generation Public Safety Specialist for the past two years and has been an EOC Operations Branch Director for Vegetation Management and Generation for the past three years. Renée is a mechanical engineer, holds an MBA and is a LEED accredited professional and Certified Energy Manager.
- **John Gilginas**, Safety Director, Bay Area Region: John brings over 20 years of safety experience to the role. He is currently serving as Director, Enterprise Health and Safety Field Safety Operations, and previously served in Gas Operations for over a decade. He established the Gas Contractor Safety Oversight Procedure while managing several Gas Operations Safety Programs. John has held a Certified Safety Professional certification since 2005.
- **Jack Suehiro**, Safety Director, Central Valley Region: Jack is in his 20<sup>th</sup> year at PG&E, where he has spent 12 years as a safety professional. He most recently served as Senior Manager, Electric Contractor & Major Projects and Programs Safety. In 2019, Jack developed the MP&P Safety department and is a subject matter expert in electric contractor safety. Jack is a Certified Safety Professional.

The Regional Vice Presidents will report to Marlene Santos, Executive Vice President and Chief Customer Officer, and will be accountable for delivering high-quality performance and for ensuring the safety, availability, and reliability of regional operations.

The Regional Safety Directors will report to Francisco and be accountable for monitoring and improving public, employee, and contractor safety.

These leaders will be based in their assigned regions, enabling them to stay closely connected with local customers, business organizations, local counties and cities, and other community groups and be responsive to their concerns. As PG&E's senior leaders in the field every day, these leaders will be accountable for delivering high-quality performance to PG&E customers, ensuring the safety, availability, and reliability of regional operations for PG&E hometowns.