# ***\*\*This is left simple and “bare bones” so instructors can modify\*\****

# **Analysis Paragraph**

**Introduce key point** – One important point of this text is to portray PG&E’s history of negligence.

**Describe text (it helps to locate) –** Toward the end of the article, we see a series of reasons PG&E might not be trustworthy.

**Give quote –** According to the text, PG&E is “currently on probation after being found guilty on several charges for a 2010 PG&E pipeline explosion in San Bruno that killed 8 people and injured more than 50 others”(ktla.com).

**Explain quote** – This quote helps us see that in the past, the company has been negligent and even responsible for the loss of life.

**Describe text** – Later on we learn about other incidents involving PG&E’s negligence.

**Give quote –** In another passage, we see how“Last year, the company was sentenced to another five years of probation and fined $3 million after being found guilty of multiple violations of the Natural Pipeline Safety Act” (ktla.com).

**Explain quote / show how it supports the purpose of the text** – This shows that many times, PG&E has been negligent in its practices, helping to support the text’s purpose – that the accusation PG&E as an unreliable company is backed up by a series of incidents that show their negligence.

**Research Paragraph**

**Introduce key point** – A recent news source shows PG&E has become a lot more cautious in their practices.

**Describe text –** The article, “California Fire Season Starts With PG&E Power Shut-Off in 5 Counties” goes into detail about how the new fire season is almost here, and PG&E is reducing power to communities when conditions for potential fires increase.

**Give quote –** PG&E decided to begin “cutting power to approximately 22,700 customers in two events across five California counties, as wind speeds were forecast to accelerate” over this past weekend(utilitydrive.com).

**Explain quote** – This is occurring because dry conditions and high winds make it more likely that small fires will spread; it represents evidence that PG&E has started to change the way they do things.

**Describe text** – Communities all over California are affected by this, including our own.

**Give quote –** According to the text, “PG&E turned off power to about 20,500 customers in Butte and Yuba counties on Saturday night” (utilittydrive.com).

**Explain quote, establish the research’s connection to the primary source** – This shows that PG&E is shutting off power to a lot of places as a way to reduce the risk; basically, they shut power lines down when wind conditions worsen and the risk of fire increases. From this research we see that as fire risks increase over the summer and fall, more and more California communities, including ours, might experience a loss of power until the conditions improve. It also shows that as a result of accusations they are negligent, the company is more proactive in taking safety measures now.

Research Source:

<https://www.utilitydive.com/news/california-fire-season-starts-with-pge-power-shut-off-in-5-counties/556536/>

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