

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Supervisor, Regulatory Compliance  
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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Violation

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Electric and Communications Facilities Safety Section (ECFSS) of the California Public Utilities Commission, Raymond Cho of my staff conducted an investigation of an incident that occurred on November 12, 2014, in the vicinity of [REDACTED] Scottsdale Drive, San Jose, Santa Clara County. The incident involved a San Jose City employee contacting a PG&E 12 kV underground conductor and receiving burn injuries while replacing a sewer pipe. This letter serves as notification to you that this investigation identified the following violation(s):

**GO 128, Rule 17.7: Location Information, states in part:**

*Each party operating or owning facilities shall, upon request, provide information as to location of its underground facilities to any other party contemplating underground construction, or work, in the vicinity thereof. Provision of such information by a party will not relieve such other party of his responsibility to locate accurately such underground facilities and to exercise reasonable care during construction or work.*

**GO 128, Rule 33.4-A3a: Separation from Other Cables, Ducts, Pipes and Structures, states in part:**

*Independently installed: Supply cables, when independently installed, shall be separated where practicable, from gas, water, oil, or other pipe systems, or other foreign substructures, by a clearance of a least 12 inches when paralleling and by at least 6 inches when crossing.*

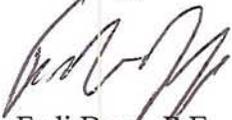
Our investigation revealed that an Underground Service Alert (USA) ticket was issued and valid at the time of the incident; however, PG&E did not properly mark all of its underground facilities in the delineated area. Therefore, PG&E is in violation of GO 128, Rule 17.7.

In addition, we discovered that PG&E did not install its underground facilities with a minimum clearance of six (6) inches from the sewer pipe at this location. The conduit and conductor at this location were installed by boring through the ground and sewer pipe. Therefore, PG&E is also in violation of GO 128, Rule 33.4-A3a.

Please advise me no later than May 1, 2015 of corrective measures taken by your company to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the future.

If you have any questions concerning this notice of violation you can contact, Raymond Cho at (415) 703-2236 or [raymond.cho@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:raymond.cho@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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