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Non-DOT Q1-2023

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SUBJECT: Notice of Non-DOT Gas Incident Violation for San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)

Dear Mr. Schwecke:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) submits the following Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) for non-DOT reportable incident investigation completed in Q1-2023. This letter serves as notification to you that as a result of our investigations, SED found SDG&E in violation of the following:

1. General Order (G.O.) 112-F, Reference Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 192, §192.353(a) states in part:

“(a) Each meter and service regulator, whether inside or outside a building, must be installed in a readily accessible location and be protected from corrosion and other damage, including, if installed outside a building, vehicular damage that may be anticipated. However, the upstream regulator in a series may be buried.”

The summary of the identified violation is listed in the Attachment A of this letter. Please provide a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter indicating the measures taken by SDG&E to address the violation noted in the “Attachment A” of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation in this investigation. If you have any questions, please contact M. Mohammad Ali, Senior Utilities Engineer (Supervisor) at (916) 928-2109 or by email at ma5@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mahmoud Intably".

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Attachment
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Attachment A
List of Incidents with Probable Violations

PUC ID	Date	Address	Utility	Third Party Entity	Investigative Finding	Code Violation(s)
G20221015-3363	10/15/2022	7477 Girard Ave La Jolla, CA County: San Diego	SDG&E	N/A	On October 15th, 2022, at approximately 1014 hours, a vehicle struck an SDG&E meter set assembly (MSA) resulting in a release of natural gas into the atmosphere, service interruption, and damage to the MSA. SED's investigation found that the incident was caused by SDG&E failing to protect its MSA subject to vehicular damage prior to the incident. Therefore, SDG&E is in violation of G.O, 112-F, Reference Title 49 of Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Part 192, § 192.353(a).	G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.353(a).