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Mr. Raymond Fugere, P.E. Program and Project Supervisor, CPUC, ESRB California Public Utilities Commission 320 W 4th Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles, CA 90013

Subject: Response to Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) 2013 Electric Audit Report of PG&E's North Bay Division.

Dear Mr. Fugere:

During the week of February 25 through March 1, 2013 staff from SED conducted a records and field audit of PG&E's North Bay Division. The records portion of the audit included a review of 35 overhead and underground maps and associated logs, 73 EC Notifications, and 5 pole loading calculations. The field portion of the audit covered 13 overhead locations and 16 underground locations.

You submitted the SED's audit summary to PG&E on April 13, 2013 which contained three alleged GO 165 violations, two alleged GO 95 violations and one alleged GO 128 violation. You requested that PG&E investigate these alleged violations and respond to you no later than June 21, 2013.

Section I lists the three alleged GO 165 items and one GO 95 item along with PG&E's response and corrective actions taken or planned to address each item. Section II lists the other alleged GO 95 item and the one GO 128 item along with PG&E's response and corrective actions taken or planned to address each item. Section III lists the area of concern along with PG&E's response and corrective actions taken or planned to address each item.

Please contact me at 415-973-7504 if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,

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| A. | Location: | PG&E – North Bay Division | |
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| | Date Visited by CPUC: | 2/25/2013-3/1/2013 | |

Explanation of Violation(s):

GO 165, Section III-B, – Standards for Inspection, States:

"Each utility subject to this General Order shall conduct inspections of its distribution facilities, as necessary, to ensure reliable, high quality, and safe operation, but in no case may the period between inspections (measured in years) exceed the time specified in Table 1."

A pre-audit data request response indicated that the following facilities, from 2008 to 2012, were not inspected as required by GO 165:

- One facility on the 2009 Underground Inspection (Notification # 104100589)
- One facility on the 2009 Underground Inspection (Notification # 104391048)
- One facility on the 2009 Underground Inspection (Notification # 104391069)
- One facility on the 2009 Underground Inspection (Notification # 104413204)
- One facility on the 2010 Underground Inspection (Notification # 104031808)

PG&E Response: PG&E does not agree that the five enclosures not inspected within their respective calendar years constitute any violation of GO 165. GO 165, Table 1 requires underground transformers, switches/protective devices, and regulators/capacitors to be inspected on a three year cycle. The five enclosure referenced in the notifications above did not have any of these equipment types in them. The table below outlines the type of facility represented by each notification. Of note, one enclosure (Notification 104031808) was never installed as planned in the original job and does not exist in the field.

| Notification | Plat Map | Facility Type |
|--------------|----------|---------------------------|
| 104100589 | VV-3404 | Primary Splice box |
| 104391048 | RR-4108 | J-box (J620) |
| 104391069 | RR-4108 | Primary Splice box |
| 104413204 | RR-4205 | Primary Splice box |
| 104031808 | GG-3417 | Box never installed due |
| | | to change in original job |

- One facility on the 2012 Overhead Inspection (Notification # 106657098)
- One facility on the 2012 Overhead Inspection (Notification # 106655966)

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that the two notifications representing two overhead facilities were inspected late. Both notifications were completed on January 10, 2013.

| Notification | Plat Map | Due Date | Date Completed |
|--------------|----------|------------|----------------|
| 106657098 | SS-3306 | 12/31/2012 | 1/10/2013 |
| 106655966 | PP-3321 | 12/31/2012 | 1/10/2013 |

• One facility on the 2010 Underground Inspection of Map HH3402

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that one facility on the 2010 Underground Inspection Map HH3402 was not highlighted.

• One facility on the 2010 Underground Patrol of Map RR4219

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that one facility on the 2010 Underground Patrol Map RR4219 was not highlighted.

• One facility on the 2010 Overhead Patrol of Map II42

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that one facility on the 2010 Overhead Patrol Map II42 was not highlighted.

• One facility on the 2010 Overhead Patrol of Map RR4219

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that one facility on the 2010 Overhead Patrol Map RR4219 was not highlighted.

• One facility on the 2010 Overhead Patrol of Map II41

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that one facility on the 2010 Overhead Patrol Map II41 was not highlighted.

• The 2009 Overhead and Underground Patrol for map PP4122 was conducted late

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that the 2009 Overhead and Underground Patrols for Map PP4122 were conducted late.

• The 2009 Underground Patrol for map QQ4216 was not conducted

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that the 2009 Underground Patrol for Map QQ4216 was missed. PG&E patrolled this map in 2010, inspected this map in 2011, and patrolled this map again in 2012.

The pre-audit data response Q8b indicated that the following number of maps had issues and didn't meet the requirements of GO 165:

- Eight (8) overhead maps were noted:
 - All eight overhead maps never have been patrolled or missed the patrol cycle (in

- the previous 10 years)
- Five of the eight overhead maps missed the detail inspection cycle (in the previous 10 years)

PG&E Response: The 8 overhead maps were identified in the comprehensive Maintenance Plan Gap Analysis which PG&E conducted in 2012 and provided to the CPUC in advance of the audit. It is not entirely accurate to claim that all 8 maps were not patrolled during the ten years prior to 2012. As shown in the chart below, 4 of the eight maps were patrolled in 2008 and 4 were inspected in the same time period.

PG&E agrees, however, that five of the eight overhead maps missed the detailed inspection cycle. Seven of the eight total maps were inspected in 2012. One map (OO-38) was patrolled in 2012 because it was inspected in 2009. The graph below shows the previous patrols or inspections in the ten years prior to 2012.

| Overhead Map | Inspection in | Patrol in previous 10 | Action in 2012 |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | previous 10 years | years | |
| EE-3117 | 2009 | 2008 | Inspection |
| FF-3009 | 2009 | 2008 | Inspection |
| HH-3621 | 2005 | 2008 | Inspection |
| LL-4021 | 2003 | None | Inspection |
| OO-38 | 2009 | 2008 | Patrol |
| QQ-4312 | 2005 | None | Inspection |
| QQ-4313 | 2005 | None | Inspection |
| QQ-4318 | 2005 | None | Inspection |

- 18 underground maps were noted:
 - 16 of the 18 underground maps have never been patrolled or missed the patrol cycle (in the previous 10 years)
 - All 18 of the underground maps have never been inspected or missed the detail inspection cycle (in the previous 10 years)

PG&E Response: The 18 underground maps were identified in the comprehensive Maintenance Plan Gap Analysis which PG&E conducted in 2012 and provided to the CPUC in advance of the audit. It is not entirely accurate to claim that 16 of the 18 maps were never patrolled during the 10 years prior to 2012. As shown in the chart below, four of the eighteen maps were patrolled at some point in the ten years prior to 2012. Of the 14 maps not patrolled, 3 of them were inspected in the same time period.

In all, of the 18 maps, 6 were inspected during the 10 year period prior to 2012 and 10 maps had their oldest facilities installed within the 10 years prior to 2012 (see footnote). All 18 underground maps were inspected in 2012.

| Underground Map | Inspection in | Patrol in previous 10 | Action in 2012 |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | previous 10 years | years | |

| QQ-2621 | 2005 | 2006 | Inspection |
|---------|--------------------|------|------------|
| EE-3117 | 2004 | 2005 | Inspection |
| LL-4012 | 2003 | None | Inspection |
| LL-43 | 2002^{1} | None | Inspection |
| DD-27 | 2003 ² | None | Inspection |
| OO-32 | None | None | Inspection |
| OO-33 | None | 2011 | Inspection |
| OO-34 | 2008 | 2011 | Inspection |
| OO-36 | 2004 | None | Inspection |
| OO-3914 | 2007^{3} | None | Inspection |
| OO-3920 | 20064 | None | Inspection |
| OO-3925 | 2004^{5} | None | Inspection |
| FF-3106 | 2006 | None | Inspection |
| FF-3425 | 2007^{6} | None | Inspection |
| PP-4110 | 2006^{7} | None | Inspection |
| PP-4115 | 20068 | None | Inspection |
| RR-3025 | 2006^{9} | None | Inspection |
| RR-3316 | 2005 ¹⁰ | None | Inspection |

As stated in PG&E's Maintenance Plan Initiative Letter dated January 31, 2013 to the CPUC, PG&E has completed implementation of the corrective actions to resolve the identified gaps. For all maps identified as having a missing maintenance plan, the corresponding maintenance plan(s) have been created. In addition, the automated process for identifying facilities on maps without existing maintenance plans has been implemented, the responsibility for monitoring the results has been assigned centrally within PG&E's Distribution Compliance Department, and the monthly reconciliation and validation process has been established. PG&E believes these corrective actions will eliminate the gaps identified in this initiative.

The below violations are in addition to the violations noted above:

PG&E did not conduct an overhead inspection on a pole for Map QQ4013 in 2012.

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that a single pole on the 2012 inspection Map QQ4013 was not highlighted.

PG&E did not conduct an overhead inspection of a service drop to a private pole for

Oldest facility installed in 2002

² Oldest facility installed in 2003.

³ Oldest facility installed in 2007.

⁴ Oldest facility installed in 2006.

⁵ Oldest facility installed in 2004.

⁶ Oldest facility installed in 2007.

⁷ Oldest facility installed in 2006.

⁸ Oldest facility installed in 2006.

⁹ Oldest facility installed in 2006.

¹⁰ Oldest facility installed in 2005.

Map SS3223 in 2012.

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that the overhead service drop to a private pole was not highlighted. However, PG&E's inspection process does not require that individual service drops be highlighted, nor does it require that Company personnel inspect and highlight privately owned facilities. Pursuant to CPUC-approved Electric Tariff Rule 16.D.1, the customer is solely responsible for regular inspection and maintenance of customer-owned facilities and equipment.

| В. | Location: | PG&E – North Bay Division | |
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| | Date Visited by CPUC: | 2/25/2013-3/1/2013 | |

Explanation of Violation(s):

GO 165, Section III-C, – Record Keeping, states in part:

"For all inspections records shall specify the circuit, area, facility or equipment inspected, the inspector, the date of the inspection, and any problems (or items requiring corrective action) identified during each inspection, as well as the scheduled date of corrective action."

9520 work orders, from January 2008 to February 12, 2013, were completed past their scheduled date of corrective action. Furthermore, 3270 work orders are currently open past their scheduled date of corrective action.

Furthermore, an additional 109 work orders were found to be late that were not noted in the pre-audit data request response.

PG&E Response: PG&E reviewed its response to CPUC data request #5, which included all EC Notifications not completed by their PG&E-required end date from 1/1/2008 through 10/19/2012, and found that of the 12,790 notifications listed: 9,520 were completed late and are now closed; 3,270 were open and past their scheduled due date for corrective action. The 12,790 include:

- 8,138 steady state notifications (created on or after 1/1/2010)
 - o 5,299 were completed late
 - o 2,839 open as of data submission (2,839 of the 3,270)
- 4,652 backlog notifications (created prior to 1/1/2010)
 - o 4,221 were completed late
 - o 431 open as of data submission (519 of the 3,270)

- 1. Regarding steady state notifications, 5,299 were completed late and an additional 2,839 were still open and late when the data response was provided. As a point of reference, PG&E completed 8,228 steady state notifications in North Bay Division on time during the same period.
- 2. Regarding backlog notifications, PG&E has committed to completing all backlog notifications (notifications created prior to 1/1/2010) by 2014. PG&E has previously shared its plan with SED for eliminating the backlog notifications as follows:
 - On January 29, 2010, prior to deployment of PG&E's maintenance program changes, PG&E met with the then USRB to discuss the impact of the changes and the creation and management of the backlog.
 - On March 11, 2011, PG&E gave a presentation to Mr. Raymond Fugere, SED Program and Project Supervisor, and the entire ESRB Northern California Staff at the San Francisco CPUC offices, which outlined PG&E's plan to address the backlog.
 - PG&E has also shared its backlog reduction plan with the SED in its responses to 2010, 2011 and 2012 audit reports.

We are currently ahead of schedule and anticipate completing this backlog before the end of 2013. Since PG&E no longer reassesses notifications, some backlog notifications may continue to be past due or will go past due.

3. Regarding the additional 109 late work orders that were identified, PG&E researched the data provided in response to question #3 where SED asked for "...A list of EC Notifications closed or completed during the past six months (for the entire division).

PG&E discovered that of the 109 EC notifications, 68 were priority A, 2 priority B, 21 Priority E and 18 Priority F notifications.

• Although priority A notifications do not have a required end date, 47 were completed and closed out in less than 10 days, 11 completed and closed out between 11 to 20 days, 7 completed and closed out between 21 to 30 days and 3 notifications were closed out past 30 days. For the 3 notifications past 30 days, there were discrepancies as two were entered as emergency notifications in error and the third had a typographical error in the "date created" section. The first chart below shows the duration time for the Priority A notifications. The second chart below show the discrepancies with the 3 notifications that were closed out past 30 days.

Priority A Notifications completed (68) and closed within:

| 0 -10 Days | 11 -20 Days | 21 - 30 Days | 30 + Days |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 47 Notifications | 11 Notifications | 7 Notifications | *3 Notifications |

| EC 106655705 | Was identified in the field on 1/28/12 and should not have |
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| | been entered as an emergency notification into SAP. This |
| | was a Priority E notification with a required end of 1/28/2013. |
| | The work was completed on 1/22/13 which is within the 12 |
| | month period required under Priority E. |
| EC 106658486 | Was identified in the field on 2/1/12 and should not have been |
| | entered as an emergency notification into SAP. This was a |
| | Priority E notification with a required end of 2/1/2013. The |
| | work was completed on 1/25/13 which is within the 12 month |
| | period required under Priority E. |
| EC 106604126 | Typographical error. Date created is 12/2/2012, not |
| | 12/2/2001. This emergency notification was completed the |
| | very same day on 12/2/2012. |

- Regarding the 2 Priority B notifications, PG&E discovered that the required end dates that were on these notifications were set in error beyond the 3 months required by Priority B (due within 3 months). This is why these notifications did not show up in the data for question #5 where SED asked for "... A list of all EC Notifications not completed by their PG&E required end date for the time period Jan 2008 to YTD (for the entire division).
- Regarding the 21 priority E notifications, PG&E discovered that:
 - o 2 of the notifications' required end dates were set in error beyond the 12 months required by Priority E (due within 12 months).
 - o 14 notifications were not, in fact, late but were simply reported as 1 day late because the calculation in Excel shows these notifications as being 1 day past 365 days due to the leap year in 2012.
 - o 5 notifications were not late but were backlog notifications that were originally created prior to 2010. At some point prior to 2010, these notifications were reassessed with new "required end dates" and the notifications were completed within that timeframe.
- Regarding the 18 Priority F notifications, PG&E discovered that this work was not completed late. These backlog notifications were originally created prior to 2010; at some point prior to 2010, these notifications were reassessed with new "required end dates" and the notifications were completed within that timeframe.

Going forward, PG&E will provide the dates when notifications were reassessed to avoid confusion in the data provided.

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| C. | Location: | PG&E – North Bay Division | | |
| | Date Visited by CPUC: | 2/25/2013-3/1/2013 | | |
| | Explanation of Vio | Explanation of Violation(s): | | |
| | GO 165, Section II | I-C, – Record Keeping, states in part: | | |
| | "For all inspections records shall specify the circuit, area, facility or equipment inspected, the inspector, the date of the inspection, and any problems (or items requiring corrective action) identified during each inspection, as well as the scheduled date of corrective action." PG&E does not document all items requiring corrective action during an inspection. Specifically, PG&E staff does not document minor work. PG&E staff only marks a tally no indicating minor work, and does not specify the equipment identified for corrective action the tally marks. | | | |
| | PG&E agrees that it during inspections a | does not provide detailed documentation of minor work performed and patrols. | | |
| | design and build phatexpand the documer Specifically, the new minor work that was implemented, PG&I | &E's response to 2012 and 2013 audit reports, PG&E is currently in the ase of an Electric Compliance Mobile Connect application that will nation of the corrective actions completed during an inspection. w application will allow an inspector to electronically document all secompleted during an inspection. Until Mobile Connect is fully E will continue to tally (count) minor work and not provide a detailed ork done consistent with PG&E's Electric Distribution Preventative al. | | |

| D. | Location: | PG&E – North Bay Division | |
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| | Date Visited by CPUC: | 2/25/2013-3/1/2013 | |
| | Explanation of Vio | lation(s): | |
| | GO 95, Rule 31.1 – Design, Construction and Maintenance, states in part: | | |
| | "For all particulars not specified in General Order 95, a supply or communications company is in compliance with this rule if it designs, constructs and maintains a facility in accordance with accepted good practice for the intended use and known local conditions." | | |

PG&E's EDPM manual requires inspectors to complete a Map Correction Form when they find discrepancies on their inspection maps. ESRB considers noting map errors in accordance with the EDPM manual an "accepted good practice". Map discrepancies that are not noted by inspectors are not compliant with PG&E's EDPM manual and are therefore violations of GO 95 Rule 31.1. For example, Overhead Map GG3310, contained mapping errors that were not noted by PG&E inspector during the inspection.

PG&E Response: PG&E does not agree that it failed to follow accepted good practice or our own procedures in this instance. The 2008 Overhead Patrol Map GG3310 noted the poles were removed to prepare the area for an upcoming new business job (Job PM 30466285). The 2009 patrol map noted in pencil the new poles that were installed from the new business job. No map change was necessary and none was submitted for both the 2008 and 2009 maps due to the "whip cloud" on the map which referenced to a designed job to be mapped. The 2010 inspection for this map had the permanent map updates from the new business job.

PG&E can make all 3 maps available for review at the request of the SED.

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| F. | Location: 5341 Industrial Way, Benicia (QQ4317) | | |
|----|--|----------------------------|--|
| | Pole No.: T-3425 | | |
| | Previous Visit by Utility: Reassessed Tag (Notification # 106245393) | | |
| | Date Visited by CPUC: 2/28/2013 | | |
| | Explanation of Vio | lation(s): | |
| | Padmounted Transfe | ormer Not Secured in Place | |
| | GO 128, Rule 34.3-A, Strength, States: | | |
| | "The equipment case or enclosure shall be secured in place and be of sufficient strength to resist entrance or damage to the equipment by unauthorized persons." | | |
| | At this location, PG&E's padmounted transformer case was not secured in place when installed. | | |
| | PG&E Response: PG&E created an EC notification (#106760459) to secure the padmounted transformer in place. | | |

| G. | Location: | 57 Ridgewood Drive, San Rafael | |
|----|---|--------------------------------|--|
| | Pole No.: N/A | | |
| | Previous Visit by Overhead Inspection Map SS3223 | | |
| | Utility: Completed 11/11/12 | | |
| | Date Visited by CPUC: 3/1/2013 | | |
| | Explanation of Violation(s): | | |
| | Broken Down Guy Guard | | |
| | GO 95 Rule 56.9, Guy Marker (Guy Guard), States: | | |
| | "A substantial marker of suitable material, including but not limited to metal or plastic, not less than 8 feet in length, shall be securely attached | | |

to all anchor guys. Where more than one guy is attached to an anchor rod, only the outermost guy is required to have a marker."

At this location PG&E's anchor guy guard was broken. This violation was not documented by PG&E staff when the pole was inspected.

PG&E Response: PG&E does not agree that there is any evidence that the guy guard was broken at the time of the last inspection and purposely ignored. PG&E did make repairs to the broken guy guard during the field portion of the audit.

Section III – Items of Concern

Area of concern:

A. Inaccurate Patrol and Inspection Data

A data request response sent to the CPUC by PG&E prior to the audit included inaccurate patrol and inspection data for the years 2003 and 2012. The data inaccuracy made it difficult to verify compliance with GO 165. Furthermore, this raises questions about the integrity of PG&E's GO 165 reports.

PG&E Response: PG&E researched the anomaly extensively at the time the issue was raised and determined that while extracting the 2003 and 2012 patrol and inspection history from an internal Share Point site (to fulfill the pre-audit data request) some of the data became corrupted and inaccurate. We believe the problem to have been a copy-and-paste error where information was copied from one data source and pasted into a spreadsheet for presentation to the CPUC. At the time, PG&E had no reason to question the data as it was intended to be a direct copy of information.

During the audit, PG&E cleared up the discrepancy with the data inaccuracy and provided the SED the accurate information for the 13 patrol and inspection maps in question. Nevertheless, PG&E apologizes for the error.

B. Missing Patrol and Inspection Maps

During the review of patrol and inspection maps it was discovered that Maps SS3014 and TT3315 were missing patrol and inspection maps and logs.

PG&E Response: PG&E does not agree that the maps and logs are missing for the maps in question. PG&E researched this concern and found the following status for the two maps in question:

| Map | Current Status of Maps and Logs | Specific records provided to SED |
|--------|---|----------------------------------|
| SS3014 | All logs and maps for all patrols and inspections confirmed in folders and available to SED | 2010 OH Patrol |
| TT3315 | All logs and maps for all patrols and inspections confirmed in folders and available to SED | 2008 UG Patrol |

Section III – Items of Concern

C. Equipment Testing Records In Wrong Division

During the review of equipment testing records it was discovered that Regulator (Operating # 13589) was listed in the North Bay Division but located in the North Coast Division.

PG&E Response: In PG&E's asset database the regulator (# 13589) is located within the boundaries of North Coast Division. However, PG&E's dispatch tool assigns the annual test to the office that is nearest to the equipment in order to assign the work efficiently. In this example, the nearest office is in the neighboring North Bay Division. Regardless of which division completes the test, the tests are performed using the same process. As noted during the audit, the regulator's test was completed on cycle on 3/26/12.

D. Equipment Testing Form Not Correctly Filled Out

During the review of equipment testing records it was discovered that Capacitor (Operating # 762) was not assigned a COE pin number as required by PG&E procedures.

PG&E Response: PG&E agrees that pin number was not assigned. PG&E is currently developing an update to the mobile app that will ensure COE processes are followed.

PG&E revisited this capacitor on 2/16/2013 for the next scheduled equipment test and a pin number (32) was assigned.

E. Equipment Test Request But No Equipment Exist

During the review of equipment testing records it was discovered that a SCADA (CE # 106153612) equipment test was manually cancelled due to no SCADA equipment at the location.

PG&E Response: PG&E troubleman visited this switch during the equipment test on 10/8/2012 and found that there was no SCADA equipment on this switch. PG&E troubleman correctly submitted a map change request and cancelled the test. The map change request was completed on 12/3/2012. PG&E procedures were followed precisely in this case.