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Mr. Sumeet Singh, Vice President
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SUBJECT: Notice of Gas Incident Violations for Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Dear Mr. Singh,

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) submits the following Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) for a DOT reportable incident investigation that occurred on January 12, 2017 at [REDACTED], Yuba City. SED found that PG&E's failure to follow utility procedures and/or federal regulators directly contributed to the incident. This letter serves as a notification to you that as a result of our investigation, SED found PG&E in violation of the following:

Title 49 CFR §49 CFR 192.273 states, in part:

“(a) The pipeline must be designed and installed so that each joint will sustain the longitudinal pull-out or thrust forces caused by contraction or expansion of the piping or by anticipated external or internal loading.”

Title 49 CFR §49 CFR 192.281 states, in part:

“(a) General. Each plastic pipe joint must be made in accordance with written procedures that have been proven by destructive burst test to produce joints at least as strong as the pipe being joined. A plastic pipe joint that is joined by solvent cement, adhesive, or heat fusion may not be disturbed until it has properly set. Plastic pipe may not be joined by a threaded joint or miter joint.”

The summary of the identified violations are listed in Attachment A of this letter. Please provide a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter indicating the measures taken by PG&E to address the violation. Pursuant to Commission Decision 16-09-055, SED staff has the authority to issue citations for each violation found.

For any questions, please contact Terence Eng (415) 703-5326 or by email at terence.eng@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth A. Bruno". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Kenneth Bruno
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Safety and Enforcement Division

CC: Susie Richmond/PG&E Compliance
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ATTACHMENT: List of Incidents with Probable Violations