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Subject: General Order (G.O.) 112¹ Operation and Maintenance Inspection of Southern California Gas Company's Meter & Regulation Facilities in the Basin Transmission Area

Dear Mr. Cho:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission conducted a G.O. 112¹, Operation and Maintenance Inspection of Southern California Gas Company's (SCG) Meter & Regulation (M&R) systems in the Basin Transmission Area (Inspection Unit) on February 1-5, 2016. The inspection included a review of the Inspection Unit's M&R records for calendar years 2013 to 2015 and field inspections of pipeline facilities in the Brea, Olympic, and Saticoy districts. Also, SED staff reviewed the Inspection Unit's Operator Qualification records, which included field observation of randomly selected individuals performing covered tasks.

SED staff made one recommendation during the course of this inspection, which is described in the enclosed "Summary of Inspection Findings".

Please provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of this letter indicating any updates or corrective actions taken by SCG. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Wei, at (213) 620-2780 or by email: miw@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth A. Bruno".

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1. General Order 112-F was adopted by the Commission on June 25, 2015 via 15-06-044

Summary of Inspection Findings
2016 SCG Basin Transmission Inspection
February 1-5, 2016

SED Recommendations

During record review, SED noted that some of the M&R technicians were not qualified for the covered task 2.2 captioned “Properly applying external protective coatings for corrosion control” as listed in the SCG procedure 184.0275 – “Inspection Schedule – Regulator Station, Power Generating Plant Regulation Equipment Requirements”. SCG stated that covered task 2.2 is optional for that job qualification. If any components required external protective coating and neither person of the two-man M&R team has the necessary qualifications, the employees would submit a follow up work order. Therefore, SED recommends that this covered task be listed as optional where applicable in all SCG’s procedures to reflect the actual operational practice of SCG.