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Southern California Gas Company
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SUBJECT: General Order 112 Inspection of SoCal Gas' (SCG) North Coast Distribution

Dear Mr. Cho:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission conducted a General Order 112¹ inspection of SCG's North Coast Distribution from June 26 through 30, 2017. The inspection included a review of records for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016. A representative sample of SCG's facilities and right-of-way were also inspected.

SED's findings are noted in the attached Summary of Inspection Findings (Summary).

Please provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of this letter, indicating the measures taken by SCG to address the areas of concern and recommendations.

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Penney at (415) 703-1817 or by email at paul.penney@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 Decision 15-06-044.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTION FINDINGS

I. Probable Violations

None.

II. Areas of Concern and Recommendations

1. Title 49 CFR §192.463 External corrosion control: Cathodic protection states in part:

“(a) Each cathodic protection system required by this subpart must provide a level of cathodic protection that complies with one or more of the applicable criteria contained in appendix D of this part. If none of these criteria is applicable, the cathodic protection system must provide a level of cathodic protection at least equal to that provided by compliance with one or more of these criteria.”

During the inspection, SCG personnel found low pipe-to-soil potentials at the following locations:

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| a. 561 ALISAL, SOLVANG 93463-2666 | -483mV |
| b. 608 CENTRAL, SANTA MARIA 93454-5713 | -755mV |
| c. 199 2 ND , TEMPLETON 93465-5316 | -738mV |
| d. 720 GOUGH, TEMPLETON 93465-5004 | -748mV |
| e. 258 VIA RAMONA, PASO ROBLES 93446-3529 | -505mV |

2. Title 29 CFR §192.355(b) Customer meters and regulators: Protection from damage. This code section states:

(b) Service regulator vents and relief vents. Service regulator vents and relief vents must terminate outdoors, and the outdoor terminal must—

- (1) Be rain and insect resistant;
- (2) Be located at a place where gas from the vent can escape freely into the atmosphere and away from any opening into the building; and
- (3) Be protected from damage caused by submergence in areas where flooding may occur.

While doing field work at 219 West Chapel St., Santa Maria, SED staff noted that there was an enclosure around a meter set that generated concern about proper venting per 192.355(b). Because of this concern, SoCal Gas staff drilled a vent hole into the top of the wood structure during the week of the inspection. No response is necessary.