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**Subject: SED's closure letter for General Order (GO) 112-F Operation and Maintenance  
Inspection of Southern California Gas Company Facilities in the San Fernando Valley  
Distribution Region**

Dear Mr. Cho:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission reviewed Southern California Gas Company's (SCG) response letter dated May 3, 2017 regarding the concerns identified in the GO 112-F Operation and Maintenance inspection of SCG facilities (Inspection Unit) in the San Fernando Valley distribution region. This inspection of SCG's San Fernando Valley Distribution Inspection Unit was conducted on February 27 thru March 3, 2017.

A summary of the inspection findings documented by the SED, SCG's response to the findings, and SED's evaluation of SCG's response to each finding and recommendation outlined in the attached summary of inspection findings.

This letter serves as the official closure of the 2017 GO 112-F inspection of SCG's San Fernando Valley Distribution facilities.

Thank you for your cooperation during this inspection. If you have questions, please contact Ha Nguyen, at (213) 576-5762 or by e-mail at hn1@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dennis Lee".

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## **Summary of Inspection Findings**

### **2017 SCG San Fernando Valley Distribution Region - Inspection Unit (Canoga Park, Saticoy, and Glendale) February 27 – March 3, 2017**

#### **Concerns and Recommendations**

1. On March 2, 2017, during field inspection of Regulator Station (Canoga Park district – Station ID 2284), SED's staff observed that this regulator station did not lock up. SoCalGas's record showed that this facility experienced identical issues during the last scheduled inspection on June 14, 2016. Please advise SED if any remedial actions were taken on this regulator station in response to the June 2016 inspection and if any remedial actions are planned following the March 2017 inspection. SED also recommends that SoCalGas evaluate its facilities performance and take appropriate and timely remedial actions.

#### **Response:**

SoCalGas Technicians follow company system instruction 184.0275  
Section 8:

#### **MALFUNCTION OF REGULATORS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT**

- 1.1.1. Check regulators and related equipment to determine and record cause of malfunction, such as downstream pressure outside of normal tolerance, erratic operation or failure to control. Use appropriate system condition and activity codes from the Click Mobile pick list Form 5460 "Regulation Inspection" and explain additional comments in Remarks section on Click Mobile **Form 5010** (MSA) or Click Mobile **Form 5110** (DRS) order.
- 1.1.2. Take corrective action to minimize possibility of a recurrence. Record appropriate activity codes and additional actions taken in Remarks section.

SoCalGas inspects notes and remediates any issues found at our regulator stations. As the controlling issue during both inspections was debris in the pilot regulator SoCalGas will install additional filtration, a sulfur-gon filter, up stream of the pilot regulator. Additionally, SoCalGas Staff continuously evaluates the equipment used for regulator stations and makes appropriate recommendations and changes as necessary.

#### **SED's Conclusion:**

SED reviewed SCG's response and agreed that it sufficiently addressed SED's concern. SED may review the records of the corrective action during future inspections.

2. On March 3, 2017, during field inspection in Saticoy District, SED's staff could not go beyond a gate to inspect the Span (corner of Platt and Victory). The gate was locked by the city of Saticoy. SoCalGas should explain how they are able to perform patrolling and other maintenance activities for this location with the city of Saticoy's policy.

**Response:**

Access to the flood control channel is controlled by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. When an inspection or work needs be performed we must request an access permit in advance from the LA County Flood Control District. Due to this requirement we were unable to gain access to the span over the south fork of Bell Creek near the intersection of Platt Ave. and Victory Bl. during the field audit. Additionally, access is not allowed during certain time frames before a suspected storm. We had recently received rainfall just days prior to the audit and more rain was expected in the near future.

**SED's Conclusion:**

SED reviewed SCG's response and agreed that it sufficiently addressed SED's concern. SED may review the records of the corrective action during future inspections.

3. As discussed at the exit meeting on March 3, 2017, SoCalGas should know exactly where the inspection site is and should plan the route in an effective way to save travel time. It took approximately 1 hour to travel from the Chatsworth office to the intersection of Burbank and Canoga Ave.

**Response:**

The SoCalGas audit team relies heavily on local supervision in the districts for facility locations and meeting places. In this case the field supervisor was relatively new to the district and mistakenly gave us a location north of Burbank Bl. The heavy traffic that occurs in the area during the morning hours also compounded the problem.

**Corrective Action:**

The SoCalGas Audit Team believes meeting the district personnel at the district operating base or other readily accessible location and following them to the job site would alleviate this issue in the future.

**SED's Conclusion:**

SED reviewed SCG's response and agreed that it sufficiently addressed SED's concern. SED may review the records of the corrective action during future inspections.