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Jimmie Cho, Senior Vice President
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Southern California Gas Company
555 West 5th Street, GT21C3
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SUBJECT: General Order 112 Inspection of SCG's Transmission North Desert

Dear Mr. Cho:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission conducted a General Order 112¹ inspection of SCG's Transmission North Desert from March 20 through 24, 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 Alin Podoreanu at (916) 928-2552 or by email at alin.podoreanu@cpuc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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

Kenneth 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 (AOCs)

AOC 1

SED inspected the exposed span on L-3000 at mile post 1.27 and observed a void in the coating at the 6 o'clock position. SED requested SCG to evaluate the extent of the corrosion and take appropriate corrective action.

AOC2

SCG's Procedure 107.0287 GMI – Combustible Gas Indicator (CGI) provides guidelines for the operation and maintenance of the combustible gas indicator equipment. SCG's crews used a combustible gas indicator during the field inspection. SED requested to review *SCG's Procedure 107.0287 GMI* at the time the task was being performed. The procedure was not accessible to the crews in the field. SED recommends that SCG should make its procedures accessible to its personnel especially at the locations where operations and maintenance activities are conducted.