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Re: Request for Extension of Time to Comply with Ordering Paragraph Number 12 of Resolution L-403;
Request for Extension of Certain Inspection Work Identified in September 23, 2010 Letter from Brian
Cherry to Paul Clanon

Dear Mr. Cherry:

This is in response to your letter of October 5, 2010, requesting an extension of time to comply with Ordering Paragraph Number 12 of Resolution L-403. The extension request was made pursuant to Rule 16.6 of the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Ordering Paragraph 12 directs PG&E to conduct an accelerated leak survey of all natural gas transmission pipelines, giving priority to segments in class 3 and 4 locations by October 12, 2010, and to report the results of that survey to me by the same date. PG&E said it would, by October 12, 2010, 1) complete an aerial leak survey of its entire gas transmission system; 2) complete leak surveys using traditional methods for all Class 3 & Class 4 locations, and High Consequence Areas on its transmission system; and 3) conduct instrument surveys over all gas transmission lines in San Bruno using Close Interval Survey (CIS), Direct Current Voltage Gradient (DCVG) and Pipeline Current Mapper (PCM) tools, to provide a more detailed assessment of the pipe and pipeline coating.

In your October 5, 2010, letter, you request 10 additional days, to Oct. 22, 2010, to complete the aerial and ground inspections of the gas transmission lines, citing both helicopter availability and weather conditions that have slowed down progress to date. PG&E proposes to complete ground surveys in these areas in place of aerial surveys. For number three above, PG&E requests the same extension to ensure adequate time to obtain permits necessary to complete the surveys.

I stress that it is imperative that PG&E complete this work expeditiously. But in order to ensure the completeness of your work, the requested extension to October 22, 2010, is granted.

Sincerely,

Paul Clanon
Executive Director