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Mr. Sumeet Singh, Vice President
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Subject: Authorization of Gas Re injection at PG&E’s McDonald Island

Dear Mr. Singh,

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reviewed PG&E’s request to resume gas injection at McDonald Island storage facility. CPUC, in consultation with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), authorizes PG&E to resume gas injection into McDonald Island Storage wells in accordance with the instructions outlined in DOGGR’s June 30, 2016 letter and any other instructions issued by DOGGR. Storage volume shall not exceed 75 Bcf. In response to the request, SED also directs PG&E to take the following actions:

1. PG&E should monitor its injection and withdrawal activities at McDonald Island Storage;
2. Update CPUC on the effect of the injection and withdrawal activities on the 8 leaking wells and other wells;
3. Notify the CPUC and DOGGR immediately if additional leaks are discovered; and
4. Provide daily reservoir pressure and volume.

CPUC directs PG&E to include the requested information in its daily “McDonald Island Dashboard update” reports that it currently provides to CPUC and DOGGR.

Please contact me if you have any questions

Sincerely,

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