

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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February 7, 2011

Honorable Jerry Hill
19th Assembly District
California State Legislature
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, California 94249

Dear Assembly Member Hill:

Pursuant to your January 19, 2011 letter, the Commission requested the information identified in the letter from PG&E. A portion of the requested information is included below. As previously discussed with your office, additional time will be necessary to acquire some of the requested information. The Commission will endeavor to provide any requested information that is not included below as it becomes available.

1. The location of the additional ten transmission lines where pressure was increased above the normal operating pressure.

Line	Location
L109 (low pressure portion)	Peninsula Division, Daly City
L109 (high pressure portion)	San Jose Division, Milpitas
L118A	Fresno Division, Fresno
L142S	Kern Division, Bakersfield
L107	Mission Division, Livermore
L114	Diablo Division, Oakley
L108	Sacramento Division, Elk Grove
DFM 0805-01	San Jose Division, Milpitas
L138	Fresno Division, Riverdale
DFM 1607-01	Stockton Division, Stockton
L101	San Jose Division, Milpitas

2. The normal operating pressure and maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) for each line.

Line	Normal Operating Pressure (psig)	MAOP (psig)
L109 (low pressure portion)	140	150
L109 (high pressure portion)	260-375	375
L118A	395	400
L142S	465	600
L107	275-475	477

L114	275-475	497
L108	385	412
DFM 0805-01	190	200
L138	640	650
DFM 1607-01	157	188
L101	260-375	396

3. The methodology that was used in establishing and validating the MAOP for each line.

The Commission has issued a data request to PG&E for this information and will provide that information to you as it becomes available.

4. A list of any increases in pressure above the line's normal operating pressure along with the date, time, and duration of the increases.

Below is a list of dates when the pressure was increased above the line's normal operating pressure:

Line	Date	Pressure Reached (psig)	Duration
L109 (low pressure portion)	April 12, 2010	147.2	3 hr
L109 (low pressure portion)	December 11, 2003	150	3 hr
L109 (high pressure portion)	November 14, 2008	375.1	1 hr
L118A	January 8, 2010	402.4	2 hr
L142S	August 13, 2009	523.8	4 hr
L142S	October 19, 2004	554.1	5 days ¹
L142S	September 29, 2003	523.3	1 hr
L107	June 19, 2009	470.7	3 hr
L114	June 19, 2009	499	4 hr
L108	January 8, 2009	409	1 hr
DFM 0805-01	November 12, 2008	197.4	2 hr
L138	October 30, 2008	651.2	2 hr
DFM 1607-01	May 23, 2008	175.2	1 hr
L101	December 11, 2003	402.2	3 hr

The Commission has issued a data request to PG&E for the time of each increase and will provide that information to you as it becomes available.

5. A copy of the maintenance and safety record for each pipe and when it was last tested.

The Commission has issued a data request to PG&E for this information and will provide that information to you as it becomes available.

¹ Over the span of five days, PG&E increased the operating pressure in Line 142S to facilitate multiple "pig" runs as part of a scheduled In Line Inspection assessment. According to PG&E, the increase was needed to provide adequate pressure differentials to move the pig through the pipeline segments being assessed.

6. A detailed list showing the reason the utility needed to raise the pressure for each line.

PG&E contends that 49 CFR 192.917 (e)(4) requires them to increase the pressure to re-establish their maximum operating pressure every five years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Clanon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

PAUL CLANON
Executive Director