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Subject: FW: Kirk Johnson's Draft Testimony for Dec. 7 Assembly Hearing

FYI. Draft

Attached is a draft of Kirk Johnson's testimony that is **due to be filed on Monday, November 29**. According to Kent's conversations with Assembly Committee staff, the testimony needs to address the following:

- what happened on the day of the accident
- our interactions with the CPUC and how we work with them in the inspection program
- a brief description of the homeowner buyout program
- the issue of the employee who falsified some inspection documents and the actions we subsequently took
- other actions we have taken including things like the Pipeline 2020 program.

Please provide your comments/suggestions by the end of this week (Friday, 11/26), so the testimony can be finalized by Monday.

We are also working on Q&A and will distribute that tomorrow.

Thanks,

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Probably already saw this but just in case.

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Spurred by Padilla Letter Calling for Action, California Public Utilities Commission Announces Plans to Immediately Hire Gas Line Inspectors

Sacramento – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced today that it will immediately hire four Consumer Product and Safety Division gas line inspectors. This comes in direct response to a November 10, 2010 [letter](#) written by Senator Alex Padilla (D-Pacoima) to the CPUC urging them to hire four new inspectors immediately.

California currently has only nine inspectors to protect consumers from the hazards of the state's natural gas delivery system. With four new inspectors, California will exceed the federal minimum number of inspectors for the first time in over seven years. This will significantly improve the CPUC's oversight of utility inspections, enhancing the safety of transmission lines.

"I am pleased that the CPUC is hiring more inspectors without further delay," said Senator Padilla, Chair of the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee. "Given the gravity of issues surrounding the San Bruno explosion, the state needs to do all it can to prevent any future tragedies and hiring more inspectors is an important first step," he added.

According to a *San Francisco Chronicle* review of federal documents, state inspectors collectively spent just 400 days in 2009 inspecting California's 114,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines. That was the lowest rate of any state.

On September 9, 2010, a deadly gas pipeline explosion in the San Francisco suburb of San Bruno killed eight people, injured more than 50 people and destroyed 37 homes. The explosion shot flames into the air, igniting a major fire and leaving a large crater in the ground.

State Senators Alex Padilla and Mark Leno held a joint hearing on the San Bruno explosion on October 19th, 2010. The committees heard testimony on inspections, maintenance and financing of the natural gas pipeline transmission system, liability costs for the explosion, and what changes should be made to better protect the public and meet the highest safety standards.

