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Subject: R.11-02-019, update on 6/22-23 (& 7/7) workshop (presentations)

Hello all:

I know that you are looking for guidance as you consider the content of your presentations for the upcoming workshop. Because I do not expect to be able to distribute a final agenda to the service list before Friday, 6/17, I want to be sure that you understand the focus envisioned.

D.11-06-017, OP 11 states the narrow purpose of the workshop (and then goes on to suggest some options): "The purpose of the workshops shall be to discuss and provide recommendations for California's natural gas transmission system operators on their Implementation Plans, including assisting in prioritizing segments for replacement or pressure testing."

In a nutshell, then, my charge is to facilitate a workshop that educates and promotes a level of understanding that permits input from all parties, which utilities can consider as they develop the Implementation Plans they must file later this summer. In conversations I've had with ALJ Bushey, she has been clear that she is anticipating the filed Plans will be sufficiently detailed to essentially permit issuance of work orders. So, your charge is to articulate the procedure and process you will use to develop those Plans.

For pipelines, the ultimate determination to be made is whether existing pipes should be pressure tested or replaced. For valves, the ultimate determination is whether to make changes (add valves, replace/retrofit existing valves). How will you go about determining what to do and how to prioritize it? While I understand that many factors (cost, permitting, etc) may play into the implementation stage (and you may wish to provide an overview of such factors), the purpose of this workshop is not to examine in any detail alternatives to testing/replacement, review of any completed Implementation Plans, or the timeline for operationalizing the Plans.

Conversations with each of your companies to date indicates that you've done substantial work to think about and develop (or begin to develop) "decision" tools for use in creating the Implementation Plans -- we've seen draft decisions-trees/schematics/models (call them what you will). To promote better-informed discussion, by Monday, 6/20, please circulate to the service list any versions of those that you will use at the workshop (you can mark them draft or work-in-progress if you wish).

I anticipate time for individual presentations by PG&E and Sempra of about 1 1/2 each, less for SWGas, w/ additional time for Q&A. You may use PowerPoints; a laptop and projection equipment will be available. You need not distribute PowerPoints in advance of the workshop, but please bring about 50 paper copies with you, as well as a flash drive.

The workshop will not be recorded or reported. There will be no workshop report. After the workshop, I will file/serve the agenda and any "documentary" presentations.

Please direct any questions about the workshop to me. I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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