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Mr. Hawiger --

Since the limited focus of the workshop (vis a vis pipelines) is "pressure testing or replacement?" any discussion of alternatives other than pressure testing/replacement can be disposed of rather perfunctorily, I should think. Discussion of the threats, themselves, is indeed complex -- but I suggest you all might consider distributing some more detailed, written material (prepared in terms assessable to lay people) that workshop participants can take away and read.

Therefore I would hope that 45 minutes, total, is enough for what necessarily must be a big picture overview. If Mr. Shori takes 15 minutes, that then leaves 30 -- which you are all free to apportion as you see fit. I am planning for another 15 minutes for Q&A, so there will be a little cushion -- but realistically, the experts already know this stuff, and we cannot do a crash course for the non-experts -- the best we can offer is some conceptual insights.

I know it may seem like a small thing, but in my experience a few minutes here and there can soon slip into losses of an hour or more; I am reluctant to take away time from the presentation and discussion of the utility proposals. Moreover, however comprehensive the initial overview, basic questions are likely to emerge and re-emerge throughout the workshop -- I'm not convinced that spending more time on the background will eliminate such questions.

Finally, I just want to add that the Commission can schedule additional workshops -- on other topics -- if that seems useful. In fact July 7 may be available.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if other questions arise-- I mean that sincerely.

ALJ Vieth

**From:** Marcel Hawiger [mailto:Marcel@turn.org]  
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**Importance:** High

Thank you ALJ Vieth,

One question/request. It seems that the two topics “potential threats and categories of threats” and “means to mitigate each threat” might require a little more time than the other concepts (HCA, PIR), even just to give a basic description of the “foundational concept.” It seems that this is a critical foundational issue that will greatly assist any subsequent discussion concerning specific utility proposals.

I do not wish to disrupt your planning too much, but might I suggest that this topic area be allocated more time – perhaps 20 minutes or so – rather than equal time with the other topics?

Thank you for considering this suggestion.

Marcel Hawiger  
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On 6/14/11 4:46 PM, "Vieth, Jean" <[jean.vieth@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jean.vieth@cpuc.ca.gov)> wrote:

Hello all:

I'm writing to you as the contacts for those who will be making presentations (utilities) and/or those who may have pipeline experts present at the workshop. I plan to include in the agenda two, brief discussions of specific foundational concepts/terms (for pipelines and for valves) for the benefit of the non-expert parties who will attend and don't have your background, so that they can participate more meaningfully.

I've listed below the concepts/terms, the date/time when I think they will need to be addressed, and the total time allowed for the discussion.

Pipelines: (6/22, about 9:30am -- 45 minutes total)

- High Consequence Area (HCA)
- Potential Impact Radius (PIR)
- Classes 1,2,3,4
- Historical & current regulations for establishing Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) [Sunil Shori]
- Identify potential threats or categories of threats
- Describe potential means to mitigate each threat or category of threats

Valves: (6/23, about 1pm -- 45 minutes total)

- Automatic control valves (ACV)
- Remote control valves (RCV)
- Criteria for considering whether to makes changes to valves [Sunil Shori]

I'm looking for volunteers, who have the ability and stature (whether paid consultants or not), to explain/define the terms/concepts that Mr. Shori will not address and who would be perceived to do so in an even-handed way, without bias. I am holding about 15 minutes for Mr. Shori for each segment, which will leave about 30 minutes for the rest. The presentations should provide brief, practical and very assessable overviews.

It would be very helpful to me if you would work together to figure out whom to assign these individual pieces and then provide me with a joint recommendation asap. I am working to finalize the agenda and send it to the service list by this Friday, 6/17, but I do not need to put names in the agenda if it's not possible to resolve these "assignments" by that time.

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation,

ALJ Vieth

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