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Subject: Re: Further Update on PG&E's Pipeline Testing

Paul, Michelle, Julie and Sunil

In case you get inquires...

--PG&E has had another struck pig on Line 177.

--As you will recall from the last stuck pig incident last week, this can happen especially the first times lines are pigged

--PG&E will take the segment out of service as we did last time a pig was stuck on this line.

--Again, we do not expect core customers to be affected.

--As a consequence of the stuck pig, Humboldt will go on distillate operation we expect starting Tuesday, July 19.

--Line 177 should be back in-service and Humboldt back on normal gas flow within 1-2 days of the segment being taken out of service.

Please let me know if you have questions or need further information beyond the above summary and the background below.

I am out of the office until Thursday traveling on business, but always reachable on blackberry.

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BACKGROUND (in case you want or need it):

--The pig that got stuck this Friday is a different type of pig than the previous one. This stuck pig is a scraper pig, designed to prepare the pipe for "smart pigging."

--The initial pig was a soft "poly" pig. I have attached my original email on that matter below.

-In the first incident with the "poly pig", we successfully unstuck the pig, removed some

wooden debris from the pipe, and ran a new "poly" pig through with no further problems.

--In that instance, Humboldt was back on gas within the day we took the segment out of service.

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**Subject:** RE: Update on PG&E's Pipeline Testing

Paul, Michelle, Julie and Sunil,

Per my phone messages...just a heads up in case you get any inquiries about the following incident that occurred while PG&E was pigging a gas line.

In particular I wanted to make sure you knew that we do not anticipate any impacts to core customers.

- While pigging Line 177A, a remote pipeline serving Eureka and surrounding communities, as part of normally planned activities, a pig got stuck in the line at an elbow.
- A stuck pig is a situation that occasionally can happen on a first time pigging event.
- PG&E crews think there may be an obstruction in the line even though gas has been flowing.
- To address this, the line will be isolated so we can investigate and remove the stuck pig and any obstruction.
- There are no impacts to core customers anticipated.
- With respect to non-core -- a few non-core customers have agreed to voluntarily partially curtail their gas (10%-50% reductions)
- Humboldt Bay PP will be running on distillates until the line is back in service, which should be today or early tomorrow, but this is a construction activity with some uncertainty about completion.
- The ISO has been notified.

Please give me a call if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Best regards,

Jennifer  
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