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Subject: Update on PG&E's In-Line Testing-- Line 177A Buckle

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In case you get inquiries...

- As part of our on-going, in-line testing of Line 177, PG&E has found a slight buckle in Line 177A.
- As you may recall, Line 177A serves Humboldt Bay Generating Station.
- PG&E will take the segment out of service this week and replace it.
- We do not expect core customers to be affected.
- The work on the segment will take 1-2 days and is expected to start shortly after 5:00 AM on Wednesday, August 3.
- The buckled segment will be cut out of the pipeline and replaced, after which Line 177A will be returned to normal gas flow.
- PG&E will take the removed segment and perform a root cause analysis to determine the reason for the buckle in the material.
- Humboldt Bay will already be running on distillate as part of a planned equipment test; and these test will be unaffected by the replacement work.

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

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Background:

- The pig that discovered this buckle in the pipe is called a "caliper pig." It is used to determine differences in inner pipe diameter and as such functioned exactly as intended.
- PG&E has found no other buckles in this line during our ILI efforts.

- On a separate but related note, Humboldt Unit #9 is now back in service following the fire in January 2011 and available to the ISO.