

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



September 8, 2011

Re: Improving Public Safety by Testing Gas Pipelines

To Local Officials in Jurisdictions Containing PG&E Gas Transmission Facilities:

As you may be aware, the California Public Utilities Commission is taking a very active role in efforts to improve the safety of California's natural gas system. As part of these efforts, PG&E has been ordered by the Commission to pursue hydrostatic testing of its natural gas transmission system. During hydrostatic testing, PG&E's pipes will be pressurized with water to ensure the safety and integrity of the gas system.

Some hydrostatic tests are scheduled for your jurisdiction, and we are aware this work might inconvenience local residents and businesses. Local jurisdictions have many challenges in these constrained times, and public safety is a priority on which I know we can all agree. Toward that end, I ask your assistance in prioritizing this work with PG&E to address expeditiously any permit requirements related to the hydrostatic test work.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Michelle Cooke, Interim Consumer Protection and Safety Division Director at 415-703-2349 or mlc@cpuc.ca.gov.

Thank you in advance for your help in ensuring public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Clanon".

Paul Clanon
Executive Director