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President Michael Peevey  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP)

Dear President Peevey,

As Chair of the Utility Infrastructure Safety Review Team for the City and County of San Francisco, I would like to acknowledge the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for their diligence in overseeing utility service and infrastructure and committing to raise natural gas pipeline safety standards in an effort to provide greater overall protection to the public. The City and County of San Francisco supports any efforts that will modernize, improve and strengthen the integrity and safety of natural gas pipelines. Ensuring the public's safety is of paramount importance to our City. As such, the Pipeline Safety Enhancement proposal currently under review by the CPUC is a step toward greater accountability and public safety.

The City and County of San Francisco's Utility Infrastructure Safety Review Team supports efforts to regularly test pipelines, install automatic shut-off valves, and to improve pipeline information management systems. We urge PG&E to implement these measures immediately in an effort to achieve greater reliability and most importantly, a higher degree of protection. These measures will lead to improved safety for our communities and the public we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Joanne Hayes-White  
Chief of Department

cc: Commissioner Mark Ferron, CPUC  
Commissioner Michel Peter Florio, CPUC  
Commissioner Catherine Sandoval, CPUC  
Commissioner Timothy Simon, CPUC  
Mr. Anthony Earley, Jr., Chairman, CEO & President, PG&E