

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Gas Pipeline Safety OIR
Rulemaking 11-02-019
Data Response**

PG&E Data Request No.:	LocalUnions246-342_002-09		
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Request Date:	January 3, 2012	Requester DR No.:	002
Date Sent:	January 17, 2012	Requesting Party:	Plumbers/Pipe Fitters/Steamfitters Local Unions 246/342
PG&E Responder:		Requester:	Sarah Grossman- Swenson

QUESTION 9

With respect to welding performed by or for PG&E on its gas transmission pipeline(s), please provide all documents that constitute, report, discuss, describe or refer to X-ray examinations of welds that failed to meet legally-imposed requirements for the quality of welding on gas transmission pipelines.

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PG&E objects to this request to the extent it asks PG&E to provide all documents that constitute, report, discuss, describe or refer to X-ray examinations of welds that failed to meet legally-imposed requirements for the quality of welding on gas transmission pipelines, on the grounds that it is outside the scope of this proceeding and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. As per the agreement reached by counsel during a telephone conference on January 5, 2012, PG&E will provide records related to weld failures that have been previously submitted to the CPUC in the Records OIR. Notwithstanding and subject to the foregoing objection, PG&E responds as follows:

PG&E has enclosed a DVD containing documents previously provided in the Commission's investigation into PG&E's recordkeeping practices, I. 11-02-016. Specifically, these documents respond to the Commission's Directive Number 7¹, "After 1955 and before September 2010, did PG&E keep and maintain records of gas pipe weld failures or defects found before or after use? If yes, identify the date and circumstances of the failures or defects, and provide all documents and data that pertain to such failures or defects."

The documents on the DVD include summaries of field examinations of welds using x-ray, visual, ultrasonic, and magnetic particle imaging methods. Please see Chapter 7 of

¹ CPUC Order Instituting Investigation, February 24 2011, p.19

PG&E's testimony filed June 20 2011, and PG&E's Third Amendment filed September 30 2011 in I. 11-02-016 for more detailed information.