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Thanks again!

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**PG&E RESPONDS AFTER CPUC FINDS NO MERIT TO ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER PIPELINE WELDING PRACTICES**

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.**— Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) released the following statement today from Nick Stavropoulos, executive vice president of Gas Operations, regarding the conclusion of a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) examination into allegations about PG&E’s pipeline safety work.

“All of us at PG&E—especially the thousands of men and women who build and maintain our infrastructure—are serious about meeting or exceeding standards for quality work. The CPUC today has validated our commitment to quality.

“The Commission’s conclusions match the findings of our own internal review. Both show that the X-rays of the welds done as part of our pipeline hydrotest work achieve industry and PG&E standards. Exhaustive quality control and third-party certification are integral to our hydrotesting program. By doing our work the right way, we will earn and keep the trust of our customers and regulators.

“Hydrostatic tests give tangible, relevant and credible evidence that we are operating our gas system safely. Each test is no small feat, involving painstaking coordination of people, time, resources and communication. PG&E has conducted an unprecedented amount of hydrotesting in the past two years—163 miles of tests in 2011 and more than 97 miles in the first eight months of 2012—in communities all over Northern and Central California.

We stand behind the results of our testing, and we remain committed to the highest-quality work as we improve our natural gas system.”

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