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23 **NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A STIPULATED OUTCOME**

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23 The City of San Bruno ("San Bruno") opposes the Consumer Protection and Safety
24 Division's ("CPSD") motion to suspend these proceedings in order to facilitate negotiations
25 among the parties toward a stipulated outcome. It has been twenty-five months since the disaster
26 in San Bruno, fourteen months since the National Transportation Safety Board concluded its
27 investigation and issued its decision and recommendations, and twenty months since the first
28 Order Instituting Investigation commenced. We urge the California Public Utilities Commission

1 ("CPUC") to demonstrate its commitment to expedite these proceedings to reach a regulatory
2 conclusion that is in the best interests of the residents of San Bruno and ratepayers of the State of
3 California. There is simply no assurance that suspension of these proceedings will achieve a more
4 just and expeditious resolution. PG&E's support of CPSD's motion presumes that negotiations
5 will be fruitful, there is no assurance whatsoever of this.

6 The investigations have been conducted, testimony has been filed and witnesses are ready
7 for cross examination. These proceedings are close to an adjudicated conclusion.

8 San Bruno has participated in these proceedings in good faith for almost two years in the
9 belief that a just and reasonable outcome which is transparent and in the public interest will be
10 achieved. We have followed the lead of the CPUC and we have coordinated closely with the other
11 parties. Although this is our first experience with the CPUC, San Bruno has a strong and vested
12 interest in a process and in a result that holds PG&E and CPUC accountable for the tragedy of
13 September 2010. The motion to suspend the hearings is without basis and it is a last minute
14 change in direction that shows this process is flawed.

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