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Symposium Deliverable-DRAFT

Objective-To craft a Symposium jointly sponsored by the CPUC and Industry (Regulated Gas Utilities in the State of California) that will address Public Safety Metrics which will serve to measure Utility Performance in the area of Gas Utility Public Safety in the State of California. The metrics chosen for discussion by the Symposium Participants will be collaboratively derived. They (the measures ultimately selected for discussion at the symposium) will;

1. Be metrics that measure Public Safety Performance consistently across the utility companies and can be verified by the CPUC.
2. The CPUC representatives will participate in the discussion of metrics and performance measures.
3. After discussion of metrics by the utility companies and the CPUC representatives participating in the symposium, a list of metrics will be identified as those that provide the best measures of public safety performance.
4. From the list of metrics identified at the symposium as the best measures of public safety performance, the utility companies and the CPUC shall agree on a final list (at a later date and process) and the final list shall be limited in number (6-10).
5. The final metrics shall be reported by the utility companies to the CPUC on an annual basis (possibly included in the annual report), made public, and available for consideration and use in the rate making process.

It is the intent of the parties to this first Symposium, tentatively scheduled for May 2013, that this initial Symposium will represent the first of an ongoing series of Symposiums between the CPUC and California's regulated Gas Companies. Topics to be addressed will be defined collaboratively by a to be established Council of Member Companies and the CPUC-however, the purpose of all future Symposium's will be designed to further the cause of communication and focus on topics of mutual interest to the benefit of public safety.

It is understood that the Members and the CPUC may desire to include other regulators (PHMSA for example), non-regulated companies in or outside the State of California and such other professionals, experts, consultants, elected public officials or other parties as may be deemed beneficial to the purpose of the Symposium. It is finally understood that the costs of each Symposium shall be shared by all sponsoring parties to the Symposium in a fashion agreed to by the Council of Member Companies and the CPUC.

Finally, there is no expectation that the Symposium itself is intended to produce a final work product relating to the Symposiums topic-rather the Symposium is intended to provide a forum for understanding and discussion-the work product of any Symposium shall be the responsibility of the Council of Members and the CPUC subsequent to the Symposium.