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Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”) hereby provides a brief status update on PG&E’s Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (“MAOP”) validation efforts.

As discussed in the courtesy report filed on October 14, 2011, PG&E committed to completing MAOP validation for gas transmission pipeline segments in urban, populated areas (known as High Consequence Areas or HCAs), any segments necessary for immediate pressure restoration, and segments that have changed in class location from the June 2011 study (from Class 1 or 2 to Class 3 or 4). These segments amounted to 2,088 miles that PG&E committed to complete by January 31, 2012. In this courtesy report, PG&E confirms that, as of January 31, 2012, it completed the 2,088 miles.

On February 1, 2012, PG&E started the MAOP validation work for its remaining non-HCA gas transmission pipelines (approximately 4,660 miles) as described in its Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP). This work is scheduled to be completed in early 2013. Priority for these miles will be based on pipelines with the highest system operational impact and consistent with the pipe modernization decision tree included in the PSEP. Going forward, PG&E will report MAOP progress under the PSEP reporting requirements.

Respectfully Submitted,

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