

March xx, 2013

Honorable Deborah A. P. Hersman
Chairman
National Transportation Safety Board

Dear Chairman Hersman:

On behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission and California's public utilities I would like to thank you for confirming your intent to speak at our May 7, 2013 symposium, "Forging a New Vision of Safety in California." The first in a series of safety symposiums, "Safety in California" will address key issues and explore solutions to public safety concerns in California's public utility sector. We hope that through this event and subsequent working meetings we will be able to better define, create and sustain a safety-first culture for public utilities in the State of California.

The symposia will allow both industry leaders and government representatives to convene, discuss and make recommendations that will help to create a more purposeful safety-first culture across California. This will be achieved through interactive workshops, panels and presentations, designed to share best practices for public safety. We will help foster understanding of safety expectations and the consequences of failure, and assert that safety, with respect to human life and property, is non-negotiable. Our goal is to collaborate across industry and government to help dramatically improve the safety of our public utility systems.

As you plan for participation, I suggest we arrange a time to review logistics and ideas for your remarks. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me directly at [EMAIL/PHONE]. On behalf of the CPUC and our state's public utility companies, thank you very much for playing such an integral role in helping us kick off our first of a series of symposiums.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Peevey
President
California Public Utilities Commission