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

On behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission, 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 symposium will allow industry leaders, government representatives, and members of the public 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, government, and the public 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 Carol Brown directly at (415) 703-3703 or [carol.brown@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:carol.brown@cpuc.ca.gov). On behalf of the CPUC, thank you very much for playing such an integral role in helping us kick off our first of a series of symposiums.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Peevey".

Michael R. Peevey  
President