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Brigadier General Jack Hagan, Director  
Safety and Enforcement Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2205  
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Re: CPUC Resolution ALJ-274 Self-Identified Non-Compliance Notification  
Late Hazardous Leak Repair– City of Bakersfield, Kern County

Dear Brigadier General Hagan:

Pursuant to Resolution ALJ-274, PG&E is providing notification of a self-identified non-compliance issue regarding a late hazardous leak repair on distribution facilities within a district pressure regulator station in the City of Bakersfield, Kern County.

On April 27, 2013, a leak surveyor was performing a routine leak survey at what was initially identified as the "east pit". This is part of the District Regulator and tap (DREG) 102, off of Transmission Line 142S. The leak surveyor detected a hazardous leak. Per PG&E's Utility Procedure TD-4110P-09, "Leak Grading and Response" this constitutes a Grade 1 leak. A Transmission & Regulation (T&R) technician was called to immediately repair the leak. The surveyor who located the leak directed the technician to the identified "east pit" and left the site. When the technician was investigating the identified "east pit", a leak could not be detected.

On April 30, 2013, it was discovered that the leak surveyor incorrectly specified the leak being in the "east pit". The T&R technician immediately investigated the leak in the correct location, the "west pit," verified it was a hazardous leak and repaired the leak by replacing the rubber goods on the regulator.

On June 10, 2013, the event was brought to the attention of Kern Division Engineering and on June 13, 2013, it was determined that PG&E failed to promptly repair a hazardous leak which is a violation of 49 CFR 192.703(c).

PG&E will evaluate this issue to identify and address the pertinent safety and compliance risks on a longer term or system-wide basis, as warranted.

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Furthermore, PG&E will notify the appropriate local authorities for the City of Bakersfield and Kern County of this issue and will provide confirmation of notification as a supplement to this letter.

Please contact [Redacted] at [Redacted] or [Redacted] for any additional questions you may have regarding this notification.

Sincerely,



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