

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Own Motion to Adopt New
Safety and Reliability Regulations for
Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution
Pipelines and Related Ratemaking
Mechanisms.

Rulemaking 11-02-019
(Filed February 24, 2011)

NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communications. DRA representatives met with the following persons at the dates and times listed:

1. Monday, July 29, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. with Julie Fitch and Jennifer Kalafut, both advisors to Commissioner Carla Peterman;
2. Monday, July 29, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. with Charlyn Hook, an advisor to Commissioner Mark Ferron; and
3. Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. with Carol Brown, an advisor to Commissioner Michael Peevey.

At all three meetings took place at the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. At all three meetings, DRA was represented by Joe Como, Acting Director, Traci Bone, Attorney, and Tom Roberts, Senior Utilities Engineer. DRA initiated all of the communications, which were oral.

The DRA representatives discussed DRA's July 8, 2013 Motion for a ruling directing Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to provide quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) plans for the development and implementation of its pipeline safety plan (PSEP). Copies of the motion were provided to several of the attendees. The DRA representatives reiterated the points set forth in DRA's Motion, and in the handout attached hereto, which was provided to Charlyn Hook and Carol Brown. In summary, the DRA representatives explained what a QA/QC Plan should contain. They then observed that while PG&E's response to the DRA Motion reflects that PG&E appears to be performing some level of QC on an *ad hoc* basis

on some aspects of its PSEP work, it has thus far failed to provide a comprehensive QA/QC Plan, which is essential to a project of the magnitude of the PSEP.

DRA also provided copies at each meeting of the attached letter from PG&E to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission dated August 2, 2012. DRA explained that this letter demonstrates that at least some divisions within PG&E know what a real QA/QC Plan is.

The DRA representatives urged the advisors to support DRA's request for the Commission to order PG&E to develop a QA/QC Plan for the PSEP work.

Respectfully submitted,

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DR-Prepared Handout

August 2, 2012 Letter from PG&E to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission