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Brigadier General Jack Hagan, Director
Consumer Protection and Safety 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
Gas Distribution System Over-pressure Event in Glenn County

Dear Brigadier General Hagan:

Pursuant to Resolution ALJ-274, PG&E is providing notification of a self-identified non-compliance issue regarding an over-pressure event that was discovered on August 8, 2013, at the Giesbrecht District Regulator Station in Glenn County.

On August 8, 2013, a PG&E crew was installing a new distribution service line. The crew gauged the pressure at the riser and found the pressure was 80 pounds per square inch – gauge (psig), which exceeded distribution system's Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) by more than 10 percent. This is in violation of 49 CFR § 192.621(a). The affected distribution system is served from the Giesbrecht District Regulator Station.

Upon discovery, PG&E reduced pressure at the district regulator station from 57 to 45 psig, and performed a special leak survey of the distribution mains and services served from Giesbrecht District Regulator Station, on August 8, 2013. No leaks were detected during this survey. The regulator station was briefly taken out of service for maintenance, and normal operation was restored on August 8, 2013.

The over-pressure event at Giesbrecht District Regulator Station is believed to have been caused by debris contamination in the regulator and monitor. This event is not related to the over pressurization event that occurred at Giesbrecht Regulator Station on December 6, 2012, which was a result of inadequate placement of the odorizer.¹ The odorizer has since been moved, and is operating correctly.

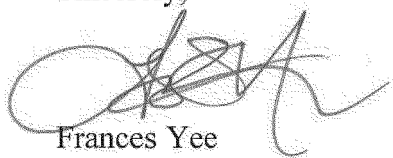
¹ Refer to ALJ-274 Notification Report dated December 19, 2012; [Redacted]
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PG&E will notify the local authorities in Glenn County of this issue and will provide confirmation of notification as a supplement to this letter.

Please feel free to contact Redacted for any additional questions you may have regarding this notification.

Sincerely,



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