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Mr. Thomas Allen, Director
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SUBJECT: Kern Power Plant August 3, 2013 Incident

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for PG&E's cooperation during the CPUC Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) staff's visit to the Kern Power Plant on August 3 and 4, 2013, to investigate the August 3, 2013, power plant implosion incident that resulted in injury of bystanders.

Consistent with verbal discussions between staffs of SED and PG&E, SED requests that PG&E:

1. Provide a root cause analysis (RCA) for the implosion incident, including recommended corrective actions. The scope of the RCA and corrective actions must not be limited to contractor corrective actions, and must include corrective actions for PG&E.
2. Preserve evidence required to conduct a thorough RCA of the implosion.
3. Make use of any third-party RCA experts, or demolition or other experts, as appropriate, to obtain an adequate RCA.
4. Not resume demolition of the boiler until SED has reviewed the root cause analysis and corrective action plan.
5. Not resume demolition of the boiler until an officer from PG&E provides a letter to SED which certifies that PG&E has adequately investigated the implosion, and that all project plan hazards, including the possibility of undetonated explosives, have been adequately mitigated.

SED requests copies of the following documents:

1. Copies of all permits, licenses, or notifications that were required, requested, or obtained by PG&E, contractors, and/or subcontractors involved in the Kern Power Plant demolition.
2. Copies of works plans prepared and followed for the demolition involving explosives.

SED will request additional documents next week and will continue to request information for the ongoing investigation of the incident as appropriate.

Please send or email the requested documents as soon as reasonably possible, but no later than September 6, 2013, to:

Chris Parkes
California Public Utilities Commission
Safety and Enforcement Division
Phone: 415-703-1975
Email: cjp@cpuc.ca.gov

If you are unable or unwilling to provide the documents requested, please identify those documents and the reason why the documents cannot be provided, in writing, by August 23, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Parkes.

Sincerely,



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