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CPUC ORDERS PG&E PIPELINE IN SAN CARLOS OUT OF SERVICE UNTIL COMPLETION OF CPUC STAFF INVESTIGATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8, 2013 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today said its Safety and Enforcement Division has directed Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to keep its natural gas pipeline number 147, which runs through the City of San Carlos, out of service until CPUC staff verifies the safety of the pipeline.

The CPUC's Safety and Enforcement Division has initiated a staff investigation to determine whether any immediate safety concerns are posed by the pipeline. This investigation will result in public findings, required corrective action if necessary, and citations for any violation of law or regulation. PG&E is not authorized to re-energize the pipeline until the investigation is complete and CPUC staff determines the line may be operated safely.

In addition, CPUC Commissioner Mike Florio today ordered PG&E to submit to the CPUC by Oct. 11, 2013, an updated Safety Certification for line 147. A Safety Certification forces PG&E to provide a comprehensive statement, incorporating any new information, about the integrity and safe operation of the line. This information will be considered as part of the CPUC staff investigation. This Assigned Commissioner Ruling is at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M077/K832/77832560.PDF>.

“We are committed to ensuring that PG&E is operating pipelines safely. We will not

compromise safety,” said Commissioner Florio.

The CPUC has worked closely with the City of San Carlos since late last week when new community concerns about line 147 were raised. Jeff Maltbie, City Manager of San Carlos, said, “We appreciate the CPUC’s acting quickly to keep this line shut down, and we look forward to continuing to work with the CPUC to resolve the community’s safety concerns.”

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