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Mr. Michael Robertson
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Safety and Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission
320 West 4th Street Suite 500
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Re: Courtesy Notification Regarding Class Operation Discovery on Transmission Pipeline L-210C in the City of Vallejo

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Please find attached a courtesy notification regarding Pacific Gas and Electric Company's investigation into an out of operation on L-210C discovered during a recent in-line inspection.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: Dennis Lee, CPUC
Aimee Cauguiran, CPUC
Sunil Shori, CPUC

Line 210C Out of Class Discovery

An in-line inspection (ILI) of Line 210C conducted in September 2013 revealed an approximately 80 foot section of pipe that appears to be operating out of class. The location is in the City of Vallejo, Solano County, and is in a class 3 area. The ILI indication was for a location along Line 210C at roughly MP29.96 where the wall thickness and grade may be different than what was previously believed to be installed. Per engineering records, Line 210C at this location is expected to be 24-inch OD 0.3125-inch WTX-52 DSAW pipe. Per the results, the roughly 80-foot section of pipe may be 24-inch OD 0.250-inch WTX-52.

The results of the ILI were provided to PG&E contractor on October 2013. On October 18, 2013, during the analysis of data gathered from the in-line inspection, the condition described was discovered. PG&E identified a pressure reduction the evening of October 18, 2013 from 675 psig to 364 psig. The 364 psig pressure is below 50% SMYS (appropriate for class 3) 24-inch OD 0.250-inch WT Grade B DSAW pipe. PG&E further reduced the pressure to 220 psig on October 21, 2013 to facilitate operational needs. PG&E has determined that the situation is safe and are currently no residential customer impacts. Note: core customers may be impacted.

PG&E has initiated a project to excavate and replace the 80-foot section. Replacement of the pipe is currently underway and will tentatively be completed by the weekend of October 26, 2013.

PG&E notified the City of Vallejo, and is also notifying large customers who may be impacted by the work and to residential customers in the section where the pipe is located.