

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* COMMUNICATION
OF THE OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**

Pursuant to Rule 8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) files this Notice of an *ex parte* communication.

On November 20, 2013, at approximately 5:30 p.m., ORA representative Tom Roberts had a brief impromptu conversation with Commissioner Michel Florio in the garage of the Commission's headquarters in San Francisco. The conversation lasted less than 5 minutes. Commissioner Florio initiated the communication. Mr. Roberts opined about the hearing held that day regarding the appropriate Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Line 147. Mr. Roberts stated that in this second day of the hearing, it became clear to some of the parties that the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) was evaluating PG&E's Safety Certification based on a different set of criteria than expected. Mr. Roberts also explained that his review of "as-built" drawings at PG&E's offices in Walnut Creek on November 19, 2013 allowed him to support PG&E's claim that Line 147 had been hydrotested. However, the review did not resolve conflicts within PG&E's pressure test records for Line 147, and for this reason, his testimony remains relevant.

Respectfully submitted,

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