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Re: CPUC Resolution ALJ-274 Self-Identified Non-Compliance Notification
Plastic Connections Made by Unqualified Employee in the Counties of Sutter and
Yuba

Dear Ms. Tyrrell:

Pursuant to Resolution ALJ-274, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is providing notification of a self-identified non-compliance issue regarding plastic connections performed by an unqualified employee on gas distribution facilities in the Cities of Marysville and Yuba City, and in the Counties of Sutter and Yuba.

The employee was previously qualified to perform plastic connections but missed his annual plastic connection verification test and continued to make plastic connections after his qualification period had expired on October 31, 2013. This does not comply with PG&E's Gas Standard D-34 Qualifications for Joining Plastic Pipe, which requires employees performing plastic connections to receive annual verification testing. The employee ceased performing plastic qualifications once the issue was discovered in December 2013.

Upon discovery, PG&E took the following actions:

- Identified the plastic joining projects the employee worked on since October 31, 2013. This consisted of 20 mechanical stab type plastic connections completed in Marysville, Yuba City, and unincorporated areas of Yuba County.
- Administered the annual plastic connection verification test to the employee on January 15, 2014. The plastic connections he performed for the test passed and he is now re-qualified in accordance with PG&E's Gas Standard D-34.
- On March 14, 2014, cut out, inspected, and strength tested a sample of the mechanical stab type plastic connection the employee made during the period that his qualification had lapsed. The connection passed the inspection and strength test as specified in PG&E's Gas Standard D-34 Qualifications for Joining Plastic Pipe. This is equivalent to what the annual verification test requires, and it demonstrates the ability of the employee to make successful plastic connections.

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- Performed leak surveys of the gas distribution facilities installed as part of the identified projects. The leak surveys were completed on June 2, 2014 and no gas leaks were found.

PG&E will evaluate this issue to identify and address the pertinent safety and compliance risks on a longer term or system-wide basis, as warranted.

PG&E will notify the local authorities for the Cities of Marysville and Yuba City, and the Counties of Sutter and Yuba of this event and will provide confirmation of notification as a supplement to this letter.

Please contact [Redacted] at [Redacted] or [Redacted] for any additional questions you may have regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

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