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Cc: Doll, Laura (/O=PG&E/OU=CORPORATE/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LRDD)
Bcc:
Subject: Re: [Redacted] Jobs

Sean,

Thank you for forwarding the email, and providing PG&E's side of the story on these construction jobs. As Mr. Evans points out, we met at the [Redacted] job, and he pointed out two areas where he had concerns about the boring contractor hitting something. The areas were approximately 50 feet in length each. It was my intent to point these areas out when PG&E and Exponent returned to [Redacted] to do three final digs. I've already spoken to Exponent about this. It's my understanding that PG&E is awaiting final Cal Trans permitting to do these digs.

With regard to the [Redacted] job (I assume this is the Ponderosa Job PO 30902571), the concern expressed by [Redacted] is potential quality issues with the plastic weld inspections when he was not at the job site as an inspector. It was my intent to identify the specific locations for the welding jobs, and pass that information along to PG&E and Exponent for consideration as dig locations. If [Redacted] is able to identify the specific locations of the welds, then certainly I will follow up with [Redacted]

Thank you,

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From: Kolassa, Sean [mailto:SPKA@pge.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2014 7:31 AM
To: Bruno, Kenneth; Penney, Paul A.
Cc: Doll, Laura
Subject: FW: [Redacted] Jobs

Ken and Paul – given the ongoing investigation into allegations of quality concerns with distribution installations in San Bruno and San Jose, I wanted to forward recent correspondence we received from [Redacted]. I have not responded to Steve and do not intend to at this point. However, I want to point out a few factual corrections:

1. Steve was asked to provide specific details and point out locations. He was taken out to Sneath lane right after he left that job and pointed to three specific locations which were excavated and inspected and no issues were found. Further, when asked for any documented concerns, Steve indicated that he did not document any of his concerns. Finally, Exponent reached out to him to conduct an interview, identify specific concerns and help target some of the digs, but he refused to cooperate with that effort.
2. The two employees that were involved in the dig-in referenced below were not inspectors on either of the jobs we are currently re-evaluating. We are disappointed with the line strike and we are taking this very seriously, conducting an internal investigation and we will be taking appropriate steps with the employees involved.
3. While the supervisor of the crew performing the recent excavation work was the same supervisor over the underlying contract work, that supervisor did not make the decision to have Steve perform other inspection work and not come back to [Redacted] when the job resumed activity. The regional superintendent made that determination based on the concern regarding Steve's ability to be objective given the conflicts between him and the contractor.

Additionally, we wanted to request that you provide PG&E and Exponent with the locations identified by Steve at [Redacted] in your field visit and encourage you to please take Steve to the other location in San Jose to see if he brings any other areas to your attention. We want Exponent to review these locations and incorporate those into our final dig plan as soon as practical.

Thanks and please call me with any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Best,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 9:52 PM
To: Kolassa, Sean
Cc: King, Mary K.; Speer, Francine
Subject: [Redacted] Jobs

Good Evening Sean,

Just wanted to keep you informed. I met today with Paul Penny from the CPUC out on [Redacted] to show him the area's I had concerns about. Had you ever thought to ask me any time during our talks I would have done the same for you. There were only a few area's of concern that I had and you have a lot more holes out there so I am not quite sure what you hope to accomplish.

I also am aware that you are digging holes out on [Redacted] in San Jose with Exponent and CPUC. Paul Penny ask me about that job. Based on where your crew struck and damaged the pipe yesterday (using the safe method of digging with the backhoe??) that is not near the area of concern I had if that is why you are digging at that location. If you are interested in addressing my concerns on that job I will show you where to dig where the plastic welds were not inspected properly in my opinion. I will not show Exponent or their representatives. I will do this free of charge as I am truly interested in safety and the integrity of the pipeline.

Hope you realize the two individuals that struck that gas main yesterday causing enough damage that you had to replace it were two of the inspectors that were used after I was never called back to resume [Redacted] The supervisor in charge of them yesterday when they dug into the line using a backhoe rather than a shovel was the same guy that put a different inspector on [Redacted] without even having me hand the job off properly which is what has cause all of this to transpire. Hope they inspected and supervise better than they follow the excavation rules. Now you know why it irritates me when you say safety two or three times in your emails. I hope that you realize that the things I told you about your people, practices and contractors were the truth and not made up.

Best Regards,

[Redacted]

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