Gas T&D New Product Approval Checklist

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Section 1: Introduction

Step	Step Description			Who	Date Complete
1	OBTAIN product/modification information from the su				
	PROVIDE a description, reason for submitting the promodification for evaluation, and product benefits and		product		
	Standard Reasons:				
	New technology				
	Design changes				
	Material Problem Reports (MPRs)				
	Replacement for discontinued product				
	Product substitution				
	Economics				
	Safety				
2	DETERMINE whether the new product or modification Utility Procedure TD-4001P-04 by reviewing the follows:	-			
	Criteria	Yes	No		
	a) Does the product not affect the integrity of the gas transmission and distribution (T&D) system?				
	b) Is the product part of a customized design job approved by a professional engineer?				
	c) Is the product reviewed and approved by other Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Company) departments or teams (e.g., personal protective equipment [PPE] or environmental cleanup materials)?				
	If the answer to any of the above three questions				
	Then, DISCONTINUE this procedure and OBTAI review the product from the appropriate gas tech				

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	If the answer to all of the above three questions is no, Then, REVIEW the following criteria for applicability:			
	Criteria Yes No			
	a) Is the product a standardized product that will bear gas pressure?			
	b) Does the product affect the Company's cathodic protection systems?			
	c) Does the product affect the coatings or wraps of the gas system?			
	d) Does the product affect the measurement or pressure regulation of the gas system?			
	e) Is the product an instrument used to verify code-required construction, maintenance, or operations activities?			
	Then, DISCONTINUE this procedure, and OBTAIN approval to review the product from the appropriate gas technical team. INDICATE whether the product/modification is applicable to this procedure: DOCUMENT the reason:			
3	SUBMIT the product/modification to the gas technical team for review.			
4	RECORD the gas technical team decision on whether to proceed with the product evaluation and explanations.			
	Decision:			
	Approved			
	Not Approved			
	Reasons:			

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Step Description	Who	Date Complete	
RECORD the gas technical team assigned evaluator:			

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Section 2: Evaluation

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Step	Step Description	Who	Date Complete
1	OBTAIN detailed product/modification information from the supplier: Material and technical specifications Lab tests or certifications Maintenance and operating instructions Installation instructions Samples Product demonstrations		
2	COMPARE the product features and costs with current and other products: ' Technical features ' Reliability ' Quality ' Safety ' Performance ' Material Problem Reports (MPRs) ' Service ' Supplier attributes ' Commercial reasons ' Economics		
	ATTACH a report covering the above items, as appropriate.		
3	BENCHMARK with three other users of the product and record the results. ATTACH a report, as appropriate.		

COMMUNICATE the decision to the affected supplier and initiator.

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4	PERFORM any needed shop tests to verify technical capabilities.		
5	RECORD the shop test results.		
	ATTACH a report, as needed.		
6	PERFORM any needed field tests to validate the usability of the product.		
7	RECORD the field test results.		
	ATTACH a report, as needed.		
8	MAKE a recommendation for product use at the Company:		
	Product is recommended for Company use.		
	Product is not recommended for Company use.		

Section 3: Approval (Gas Technical Team)

Step	Step Description		Date Complete
1	REVIEW the evaluation report and recommendation.		
2	VOTE on the recommendation.		
3	RECORD the vote result on the issues log, and store all documents on the team SharePoint site.	Standards Facilitator	
4	COMMUNICATE the decision and reasons for the decision to the evaluator and initiator.	Standards Facilitator	

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Section 4: Communication / Deployment

Step	Step Description	Who	Date Complete			
1	PREPARE changes to affected Company documents, and DEVELOP new documents to cover the proposed changes, following the steps in Utility Work Procedure WP4000-01, "Gas Document Development and Update Process."					
2	PREPARE an announcement (e.g., bulletin) and (conference calls, road shows, etc.) to cover the the new product deployment.					
3	ENSURE that all necessary deployment prerequi			I .		
	Activity	Yes	No			
	a) Training and operator qualified (OQ) programs are updated.					
	b) Strategic sourcing activities are completed (material codes are established, vendor's initial expected demand is met, etc.).					
	c) Required estimating programs (e.g., Fast Flow Estimating [FFE]) reflect the change.					
	d) Other computer programs (e.g., Integrated Gas Information System [IGIS]) potentially affected by the change are ready for the new product.					
4	OBTAIN approval for the timing of the announcement from the technical team.					
5	ANNOUNCE the changes, and DEPLOY the communication plan.					

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Section 5: Training

Step	Step Description		Date Complete
1	FACILITATE the development of training programs and job aids for the new product.		
2	DETERMINE the changes to the OQ plan with the personnel charged with OQ plan duties.		
3	DETERMINE training needs outside the OQ program with the Company's training personnel.		