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GI-2021-04-PGE-16-02ABC

SUBJECT: General Order 112-F Gas Inspection of PG&E's Kern Division

Dear Ms. Cowser:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission conducted a General Order 112-F inspection of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) Kern Division (Division) on April 26 – May 7, 2021. The inspection included a review of the Division's records for the period of 2018 through 2020, as well as a representative field sample of the Division's facilities. SED staff also reviewed the Division's operator qualification records, which included field observation of randomly selected individuals performing covered tasks.

SED's findings are noted in the Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings (Summary) which is enclosed with this letter. The Summary reflects only those particular records and pipeline facilities that SED inspected during the inspection. SED discovered four (4) concerns during the inspection.

Within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, please provide a written response indicating the measures taken by PG&E to address the observations noted in the Summary.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Kwan at (415) 703-5347 or by email at Andrew.Kwan@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Terence Eng".

Terence Eng, P.E.
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Enclosure: Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings

cc: Susie Richmond, PG&E Gas Regulatory Compliance
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Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings

Dates of Inspection: 4/26/2021 – 5/7/2021

Operator: PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO

Operator ID: 15007 (primary)

Inspection Systems: Kern Division distribution

Assets (Unit IDs) with results in this report: Kern Division (85404)

System Type: GD

Inspection Name: PG&E Kern Division

Lead Inspector: Andrew Kwan

Operator Representative: Jaime Hidalgo

Unsatisfactory Results

No Preliminary Findings.

Concerns

Pipeline Field Inspection : Pipeline Inspection (Field) (FR.FIELDPIPE)

Question Are meters and service regulators being located consistent with the requirements of 192.353?

References 192.351 (192.353(a), 192.353(b), 192.353(c), 192.353(d))

Assets Covered Kern Division (85404 (16))

Issue Summary (1.1) During field observation, SED noted 2 meter set assembly leaks at the following locations:

- a) [REDACTED] La Paz Ct, Bakersfield
- b) [REDACTED] Arroyo Seco Dr, Bakersfield

SED recommends that PG&E takes the appropriate corrective measure to remedy the meter set assembly leaks.

(1.2) During field observation, SED noted 4 meter set assemblies that were not protected from vehicular damage at the following locations:

- a) [REDACTED] Toluca Dr, Bakersfield
- b) [REDACTED] La Paz Ct, Bakersfield
- c) [REDACTED] La Paz Ct, Bakersfield
- d) [REDACTED] La Paz Ct, Bakersfield

SED recommends that PG&E takes the appropriate corrective measure to protect the meter set assembly from vehicular damage.

Question Are methods used for taking CP monitoring readings that allow for the application of appropriate CP monitoring criteria?

References 192.465(a) (192.463(b), 192.463(c), 192.463(a))

Assets Covered Kern Division (85404 (16))

Issue Summary (2.1) During field observation, SED noted the following low pipe-to-soil reads:

| Equipment # | Read (mV) | Corrective # |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| 41940195 | -826 | 120941432 |
| 44380646 | -823 | 120941432 |
| 44380648 | -825 | 120941432 |
| 44380649 | -821 | 120941432 |
| 44380657 | -723 | 120941432 |
| 44421547 | -510 | 120934564 |
| 44262859 | -829 | 120944399 |
| 41249939 | -636 | 120951400 |

Please update SED with the results.

Question Is proper inspection being performed for each distribution system valve that might be required in an emergency, and prompt remedial action to correct any valves found inoperable?

References 192.747(a) (192.747(b))

Assets Covered Kern Division (85404 (16))

Issue Summary (3.1) During field observation, SED noted that zone valve V-Z031 was inoperable. PG&E submitted a work ticket PM#44772890 to repair this valve. Please update SED the result of this corrective action.