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August 27, 2014

Mr. Kevin Knapp
Vice President Transmission and Distribution Operations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
245 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Performing work in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Dear Mr. Knapp,

Following a house explosion incident on March 3, 2014, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company has stopped performing all non-emergency work in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea (Carmel). Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the CPUC is concerned that important safety work, such as replacement of the Aldyl A pipe, is not being performed. In order to ensure that PG&E can safely resume non-emergency work in Carmel, SED is requesting that PG&E confirm that it will adopt the following updated procedures as its internal procedures to be followed at least in Carmel going forward. At a minimum, please include information on the following:

- Enhanced safety measures and work procedures, such as a field verification process, to help crews confirm the information on maps and records with the assets in the ground.
- Procedures that leverage advanced technologies to detect inserted plastic in steel pipes, as appropriate.
- Quality Control processes to verify consistent adherence to the enhanced safety measures and work procedures.
- Procedures to train and equip crews to address emergencies in the field.
- Plans and procedures to engage and coordinate with the Carmel city staff to ensure all work is being performed in accordance with the city requirements.
- Processes that improve PG&E's emergency response time through enhanced coordination with Carmel's first responders.

Please provide all relevant information to SED by September 8, 2014. These commitments are necessary for PG&E to go forward with its replacement work in Carmel, and should not be interpreted in any way against SED's ongoing investigation into possible safety violations in the past. If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-703-2274 or elizaveta.malashenko@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizaveta Malashenko".

Elizaveta Malashenko
Deputy Director
Safety and Enforcement Division