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April 4, 2022,

Non-DOT completed in Q1- 2022

Mr. Rodger Schwecke
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Dear Mr. Schwecke:

SUBJECT: Notice of Non-DOT Gas Incident Violation for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) submits the following Notice of Probable Violations (NOPV) for Non-DOT reportable incident investigation completed in Q1 of 2022. This letter serves as notification to you that as a result of our investigation, SED found SoCalGas in violation of the following:

1. **General Order (G.O.) 112-F, Reference Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 192, §192.605(a) states in part:**

“(a) General. Each operator shall prepare and follow for each pipeline, a manual of written procedures for conducting operations and maintenance activities and for emergency response. For transmission lines, the manual must also include procedures for handling abnormal operations.....”

2. **G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.614(c)(5) states:**

“(c) The damage prevention program required by paragraph (a) of this section must, at a minimum:

(5) Provide for temporary marking of buried pipelines in the area of excavation activity before, as far as practical, the activity begins.”

The summary of the identified violation is listed in Attachment A of this letter. Please provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of this letter indicating the measures taken by SoCalGas to address the violation noted in the “Attachment A” of this letter.

Thank you for cooperation in this investigation. If you have any questions, please contact M. Mohammad Ali, Senior Utilities Engineer (Supervisor) at (916) 928-2109 or by email at ma5@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mahmoud Intably".

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Attachment

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Attachment A
Incident with Probable Violation

PUC ID	Date	Address	Utility	Third Party Entity	Investigative Finding	Code Violation(s)
G 20210714-3240	7/14/2021	Intersection of Washington Street & Shrimp Lane, in Winchester, Riverside County	SoCalGas	Pauley Construction	On July 14, 2021, at approximately 0805 hours, a third-party contractor, Pauley Construction, struck a SoCalGas 2-inch plastic gas main line with a mini excavator, resulting in damage to the gas main and a release of natural gas into the atmosphere. SED's investigation found that the incident was caused by SoCalGas failing to provide temporary marking for the gas main line as required by a valid USA ticket prior to excavation. Therefore, SED found SoCalGas in violations of G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §§ 192.605(a) and 192.614(c)(5).	G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §§192.605(a) and 192.614(c)(5).