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February 23, 2023

Non-DOT completed in Q2-2022

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 Violation (NOPV) for an additional Non-DOT reportable incident investigation completed in Q2 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, §192.614(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 20210923-3273	9/23/2021	28332 Camino Capistrano, Laguna Niguel, CA County: Orange	SoCalGas	JFL Electric Inc	On September 23, 2021, at approximately 0955 hours, a third-party contractor JFL Electric Inc. struck SoCalGas' 4-inch steel gas main while boring. This resulted in damage to the SoCalGas' 4-inch steel gas main release of gas, and service interruption to 11 customers for 22 hours. There were no injuries, fatalities, or third-party damage reported as the result of this incident. This incident was reported to the CPUC due to release of natural gas and service interruption. SED's investigation found that this incident was caused by SoCalGas failing to locate and field mark its subsurface installations (4-inch steel gas main) within the area of excavation. Therefore, SED find SoCalGas in violation of GO 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, Section 192.614(c)(5).	G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.614(c)(5).