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Non-DOT completed in Q2-2022

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SUBJECT: Notice of Non-DOT Gas Incident Violation for San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)

Dear Mr. Schwecke:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) submits the following Notice of Probable Violations (NOPV) for 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 SDG&E 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 in part:

- (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 the Attachment A of this letter. Please provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of this letter indicating the measures taken by SDG&E to address the violation noted in the “Attachment A” of this letter.

Thank you for your 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: See Attachment A

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Attachment A
List of Non-DOT Gas Incident with Probable Violation

PUC ID	Date	Address	Utility	Third Party Entity	Investigative Finding	Code Violation(s)
G20220428-3374	4/28/2022	4020 44th St., San Diego, CA County: San Diego	SDG&E	Schilling Paradise	On April 28th, 2022, at approximately 1245 hours, SDG&E was notified of a third-party contractor, Schilling Paradise, struck a 0.75-inch steel gas stub with a mini excavator at 4020 44th St, San Diego, San Diego County. This resulted in release of gas into the atmosphere, service interruption, and damage to the gas lines. There were no injuries, fatalities, or third-party damage reported as a result of this incident. This incident was reported to the CPUC due to release of gas and major media coverage. Based on the investigation, SED found that Schilling Paradise had a valid USA ticket at the time of the incident and SDG&E failed to locate and field mark its subsurface installation (0.75-inch steel gas stub) within the area of excavation activity before the start of excavation. Therefore, SED found SDG&E in violation of G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, § 192.614(c)(5).	G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.614(c)(5)