

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Mr. Jerry Schmitz, Vice President  
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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Gas Incident Probable Violation for Southwest Gas Corporation in Q-1 2023

Dear Mr. Schmitz:

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 first quarter of 2023 (Q1-2023). This letter serves as notification that SED's investigations found Southwest Gas Corporation (SWG) in probable violations of the following:

**1. Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, §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.”*

**2. Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192, §192.603(b) states in part:**

*“(b) Each operator shall keep records necessary to administer the procedures established under § 192.605.”*

**3. General Order 112-F, Subpart B – Reports, § 122.2(b)(2) states in part:**

*“(b) In the event of an incident listed in 122.2(a) above, an Operator shall go to the Commission's website, select the link to the page for reporting emergencies and follow the instructions thereon. If internet access is unavailable, the Operator may report using the backup telephone system.*

*2. If the Operator is notified of the incident outside of its normal working hours, the report should be made as soon as practicable but no longer than 4 hours after the Operator is aware of the incident and its personnel are on the scene.”*

The summary of the identified probable violation is listed in Attachment A of this letter. Please provide a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter indicating the measures taken by SWG to address the probable violations.

For any questions, please contact Mohammad Ali at (916) 928-2109 or by email at ma5@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT: Incident with Probable Violations

**Attachment A**  
**List of Incident with Probable Violation(s)**

CPUC ID	Date	Address	Utility	Third Party Entity	Investigative Findings	Code Violation(s)
G20211213-3146	11/11/2021	17830 Bascom St. Hesperia, CA County: San Bernardino	SWG	N/A	<p>On December 11, 2021, at approximately 1220 hours, a Southwest Gas (SWG) service line was inadvertently isolated resulting in a service interruption. SED’s investigation found that the incident was caused by inaccurate mapping per SWG’s procedure, inadequate records which were provided to contractor crew, and an inadequate site review per SWG procedure. Furthermore, SWG failed to report the incident timely in accordance with General Order (GO) 112-F. Therefore, SED finds that SWG is in probable violation of G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 192, §§192.603(b), 192.605(a), and GO 112-F, §122.2 (b)(2).</p>	<p>49 CFR §192.605(a) §192.603(b)(3) GO 112-F §122.2(b)(2)</p>