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Non-DOT NOPV in Q3-2023

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 Non-DOT reportable incident investigation completed in Q3 of 2023. 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.”

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.

Thank you for your cooperation in this investigation. If you have any questions, please contact M. Mohammad Ali, Senior Utilities Engineer (Supervisor) at (415) 471-9289 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 20230217-3497	2/17/2023	964 Calimesa Blvd., Beaumont, CA County: Riverside	SoCalGas	N/A	On February 17, 2023, at approximately 0921 hours, SoCalGas received multiple customer calls of gas pilot outages due to an under-pressure event affecting 165 customers for approximately 78 hours. SED's investigation found that the incident was caused by SoCalGas' failure to develop an adequate procedure/plan articulating the downstream valves positions, to maintain gas supply to the customers served by its transmission pipe, L2000 via regulating station, ID 1343E, during pressure restoration activities on L2000. Therefore, SED finds SoCalGas in violation of General Order (G.O.) 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.605(a) for failing to prepare an adequate written procedure/plan for the maintenance activities on its L2000 prior to the incident.	GO112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.605(a).