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Dear Mr. Schwecke:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) conducted a **General Order (G.O.) 112-F comprehensive and full review inspection of San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E)'s Operation & Maintenance Procedures and Emergency Plan (OME Procedures Inspection)** on January 23 through 27 and January 30 through February 1, 2023. SED staff reviewed SDG&E's written OME procedures pursuant to G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 191 & 192, and used the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Inspection Assistance (IA) as a reference guide to conduct this inspection.

SED staff did not identify any probable violations of G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Parts 191 & 192, but noted seven (7) areas of concern within the Transmission and Distribution Procedures, which are described in the attached "Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings" reports.

Please provide a written response within 30 days of your receipt of this letter indicating the measures taken by SDG&E to address the concerns noted in the "Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings".

Thank you for your cooperation in this inspection. If you have any questions, please contact Gordon Huang, Utilities Engineer, at (213) 266-4728 or by email at ghg@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terence Eng".

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Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings

Dates of Inspection: 1/23/2023 – 2/1/2023

Operator: SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC CO

Operator ID: 18112 (primary)

Inspection Systems: OME Procedures

Assets (Unit IDs) with results in this report: SDG&E's Main Office Inspection - Distribution (88390)

System Type: GT

Inspection Name: 2023 SDG&E Transmission OME Procedures

Lead Inspector: Gordon Huang

Operator Representative: Edwin Baires

Unsatisfactory Results

No Preliminary Findings.

Concerns

Assessment and Repair : Repair Methods and Practices (AR.RMP)

Question Title, ID Safety While Making Repairs, AR.RMP.SAFETY.P

Question 1. Does the process ensure that repairs are made in a safe manner and are made so as to prevent damage to persons and property?

References 192.605(b)(9) (192.713(b))

Assets Covered SDG&E's Main Office Inspection - Distribution (88390 (53B))

Issue Summary Following review of SDG&E Gas Standard (GS) G8365 - Respiratory Protection Program, SED recommends incorporating considerations for ensuring PPE is worn and checked with fit test compatibility during employee fit testing on the part of supervisors and employees.

SDG&E clarified its process in DR-19 (received 1/31/2023) and proposed its revised procedural language. SED requests that the revised procedures be submitted for review after SDG&E has completed its revisions.

Maintenance and Operations : Verification of Materials Properties (MO.RECONFMATV)

Question Title, ID Material Verification - Line Pipe Program, MO.RECONFMATV.PROGRAM.P

Question 1. What is the process (or program) for determining and collecting material verification records for line pipe to meet the requirements of §§ 192.619(a)(4), 192.624, 192.607, and 192.712?

References 192.607 (192.613, 192.619, 192.624, 192.632, 192.712)

Assets Covered SDG&E's Main Office Inspection - Distribution (88390 (53B))

Issue Summary SED's review of SDG&E Gas Standards (GS) G7002 - Material Traceability for High-Pressure Systems prompted multiple inquiries regarding SDG&E's Material Traceability process and program, organizational tasks and responsibilities, and other minor documentation observations. These inquiries were relayed under DR-05 sent on 1/23/2023. As of 2/1/2023, SDG&E's response remains pending.

SED requests that its inquiries be responded to and addressed by SDG&E, with procedural revisions where necessary, within a timely manner.

Time-Dependent Threats : External Corrosion - CP Monitoring (TD.CPMONITOR)

Question Title, ID Cathodic Protection Criteria, TD.CPMONITOR.MONITORCRITERIA.P

Question 1. Does the process require CP monitoring criteria to be used that is acceptable?

References 192.605(b)(2) (192.463(a), 192.463(c))

Assets Covered SDG&E's Main Office Inspection - Distribution (88390 (53B))

Issue Summary SED's review of SDG&E Standards (GS) G8002 - 100mV Polarization Criteria found minor instances where its written procedure did not align with its intended work processes:

1) In §5.5.3.7, the procedure discusses taking measurements of the depolarized read to confirm the 100 mV criteria and requires that this be "repeated yearly".

2) In §§5.3.6.1 and 5.6.1, the procedure state close interval survey (CIS) may be performed on Transmission Lines, Distribution Supply Lines, and Storage Lines while establishing a 100mV polarization criteria. However, in §5.6.2, the procedure then requires a CIS to be performed for these pipeline facilities.

SDG&E clarified in DR-15 (received 1/26/2023) the process incongruities and proposed its revised procedural language. SED requests that the revised procedures be submitted for review after SDG&E has completed its revisions.

Generic Questions : Generic Questions (GENERIC.GENERIC)

Question Title, ID Generic Question, GENERIC.GENERIC.GENPROCEDURE.P

Question 1. Generic question - please provide context in result notes.

References N/A

Assets Covered SDG&E's Main Office Inspection - Distribution (88390 (53B))

Issue Summary SED recommends revising the following SDG&E Gas Standards

1) Please consider incorporating the following references to the Gas Standards:

i) 49 CFR §192.453 for §2 of GS G8001

ii) SDG&E GS G8029 in §6 of the GS G8001 (similarly to SDG&E GS G8003).

2) Please consider defining the following terms in the Gas Standards:

i) "Pigtail" in GS D7247

3) Please consider the following process-specific revisions in the Gas Standards:

i) Specify the minimum distance between the service valve and bypass connection in GS D7247

ii) Replace or revise Figures 1 and 2 in D7247 to emphasize the 1-inch elevation between the manufacturer red line from the final grade in GS D7247

4) For 49 CFR §192.313 - Bends and Elbows, §192.313(a)(1) states "a bend must not impair the serviceability of the pipe". SDG&E Gas Standard (GS) G7821 §1.5.1 mentions verifying that pipeline serviceability shall not be impacted during roping operations. This Code requirement includes field bends produced by roping, but is also broader in scope beyond roping. SDG&E acknowledged SED's finding (2/1/2023) and, per DR-22, proposes to revise the procedural language to better align with §192.313(a)(1). SED requests that the revised procedures be submitted for review after SDG&E has completed its revisions

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Design and Construction : Construction Welding Procedures (DC.WELDPROCEDURE)

Question Title, ID Miter joints, DC.WELDPROCEDURE.MITERJOINT.P

Question 4. Does the process prohibit the use of certain miter joints as required by 192.233?

References 192.303 (192.233(a), 192.233(b), 192.233(c))

Assets Covered SDG&E's Main Office Inspection - Distribution (88390 (53B))

Issue Summary SED's review of SDG&E Gas Standard (GS) G7821 - Angles and Bends in Steel Piping prompted several inquiries and recommendations to better align SDG&E's process with §192.233 requirements (DR-22, 26).

1. SDG&E GS D7247 -Service Risers for Polyethylene (PE) Installations §4.10.2.2 allows transition fittings to be mitered 45 degrees to fit field conditions as a last resort. The Figure 9 appears to depict a 90 degree joint. However, the verbiage does not explicitly prohibit the miter joint to deflect the pipe more than 90 degrees per §192.233. SED recommends SDG&E to revise GS D7247 to include this requirement.
2. In addition, SED recommends SDG&E to include references to §192.233 in D7247 per Section 4.10.2.2.

Time-Dependent Threats : External Corrosion - CP Monitoring (TD.CPMONITOR)

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