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CPUC PROVIDES INFORMATION ON PG&E NATURAL GAS PIPELINES

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20, 2010 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today said that at the request of Governor Schwarzenegger and the CPUC, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has made available to the public the company's current Long Range Gas Transmission Pipeline Planning Input Top 100 Segments.

"I want to assure the public that the list is not of pipelines that are at risk or dangerous. The list is a tool used by PG&E to prioritize maintenance, repair, or monitoring of its gas pipelines," said CPUC Executive Director Paul Clanon. "The CPUC will review the list to ensure that PG&E is monitoring their system effectively. We will also ask the state's other regulated natural gas utilities to provide us with similar planning lists."

Also today, the CPUC released audits it conducted of PG&E's Peninsula Division in 2008 (a 2010 audit is being finalized) and the Hollister/Milpitas District in 2008, as well as PG&E's responses to the audit findings. PG&E was cited for not complying with the minimum gas safety requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 192, and for not maintaining adequate documentation and inspecting their gas facilities within the required time intervals. These violations were not considered hazardous to the public, but were in violation of pipeline safety regulations. The CPUC conducts audits of selected sections of each investor-owned utility's gas transmission and distribution system approximately every two years.

The CPUC also made available today two letters sent by PG&E in response to the CPUC's Executive Director requesting a variety of information related to the San Bruno explosion.

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Those two letters, the 100 segments list, and the two CPUC audit reports are available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/events/sanbruno.htm.

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