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John Hagen
Program Manager, Transmission Compliance
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT: Audit of PG&E's Sacramento Headquarters – Electric Transmission

Dear Mr. Hagen:

On behalf of the Electric Safety and Reliability Branch (ESRB) of the California Public Utilities Commission, Ivan Garcia, Ryan Yamamoto, and Raymond Cho of my staff conducted an electric transmission audit of PG&E's Sacramento Headquarters from April 1 - 4, 2014. The audit included a review of PG&E's records and field inspections of PG&E's facilities.

During the audit, my staff identified violations of one or more General Orders. A copy of the audit findings itemizing the violations is enclosed. Please advise us no later than August 15, 2014, by electronic or hard copy, of all corrective measures taken by PG&E to remedy and prevent such violations.

If you have any questions concerning this audit please contact Raymond Cho at (415) 703-2236 or raymond.cho@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fadi Daye".

Fadi Daye, P.E.
Acting Program and Project Supervisor
Electric Safety and Reliability Branch
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Enclosure: Audit Findings

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Raymond Cho, Utilities Engineer, CPUC
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Audit Findings

Company: PG&E – Sacramento Headquarters
Transmission Audit
Date: April 1 to 4, 2014

Violations

A.	Location:	PG&E – Sacramento Headquarters
	Date Visited by CPUC:	4/1/2014 – 4/4/2014
	Explanation of Violation(s):	
	<u>GO 165, Section IV, Transmission Facilities, states:</u> <i>Each utility shall prepare and follow procedures for conducting inspections and maintenance activities for transmission lines.</i> On October 1 st , 2013, PG&E implemented a revised Priority Code system that no longer included “F” as a priority for all Line Corrective (LC) notifications. In the “Created Tags Report,” CPUC staff found LC notification #107207269 that was categorized as a priority F on October 28 th , 2013.	

The following violation that SED engineers discovered during the field audit was not documented and addressed by PG&E during its last detailed inspection as required by its maintenance program:

B.	Circuit:	Del Mar – Atlantic #2
	Structure No.:	2/68
	Previous Visit by Utility:	3/17/13
	Date Visited by CPUC:	4/4/14
Explanation of Violation(s):		
<p><u>GO 95, Rule 56.7-B, Anchor Guys, states in part:</u></p> <p><i>In order to prevent trees, buildings, messengers, metal–sheathed cables or other similar objects from grounding portions of guys above guy insulators, it is suggested that anchor guys be sectionalized, where practicable, near the highest level permitted by this Rule.</i></p> <p>Vegetation was in contact with the guy wire above the insulator.</p>		