

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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July 8, 2016

Lee Schavrien
San Diego Gas & Electric Company
488 8th Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: Reducing Pressure on Line 1600

Dear Mr. Schavrien:

The Commission has received information in response to the Safety and Enforcement Division's and the Energy Division's data requests regarding SDG&E's Line 1600 in connection with Application (A.) 15-09-013. Line 1600, which was constructed in 1949, currently operates as a transmission line. To ensure the safety of the public and the safe operation of San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) natural gas transmission Line 1600, while maintaining reliability of natural gas delivery to SDG&E's customers, I direct SDG&E to do the following:

- Reduce pressure on Line 1600 to 512 psig, which represents a 20% reduction from design-based maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP),
- Perform In Line Inspections (ILI) of Line 1600 using identical technologies as in your previous ILI run and compare the results with the 2012-2015 ILI data,
- Replace segment from Engineering Stations "17-131" on Line 1600; and
- Perform Quarterly Instrumented Leak Surveys on the entire transmission Line 1600.

These directives are effective immediately. Please confirm in 4 working days that SDG&E will implement these as expeditiously as possible. If SDG&E believes that complying with these directives may pose any risk to maintaining service reliability for its customers, it should provide supporting information within 4 working days to my office.

In addition, please provide a timeline for submitting the quarterly leak survey results and a plan in advance of the ILI work as well as the design and construction plan of the segment replacement for Engineering Stations 17-131 to the Safety and Enforcement Division. We plan to bring this action before the Commission as soon as possible for ratification in a manner that provides an opportunity for comment.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Deputy Executive Director Maryam Ebke at (415) 703-2271.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy Sullivan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "T".

Tim Sullivan
Executive Director