

**CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**Safety and Enforcement Division**  
**Gas Safety and Reliability Branch**  
**Gas Engineering and Compliance Section**

Incident Investigation Report

**Report Date:** 03/05/2023

**Incident Number:** G 20220613-3390

**Utility:** Pacific Gas and Electric PG&E

**Date and Time of the Incident:** 6/13/2022, 3:25:00 PM

**Location of the Incident:** Manning Ave San Joaquin, Fresno  
San Joaquin ,CA  
County: Fresno

**Summary of Incident:**

On June 13, 2022, at approximately 1350 hours, PG&E was notified of a third-party contractor damage to its underground pipeline at the intersection of Manning Ave & James Bypass, San Joaquin, Fresno County, that resulted in a release of gas. PG&E's crews arrived at the scene, and closed a valve upstream of the damaged pipeline. PG&E estimated that 1,200 customers were impacted and placed on temporary CNG service. Permanent repairs were made on the 4-inch steel gas transmission line by June 14, 2022. There were no injuries, fatalities, or fire as a result of this incident. There was no General Order 112-F violation by PG&E.

**Casualties:** *Fatalities:* 0 *Injuries:* 0

**Property Damage:** \$298,067.00

**Utility Facilities involved:**

Pipe Material = Steel, Pipe Size = 4 (inches), MAOP = 585 (psi), Operating Pressure = 563 (psi)

**Witnesses:**

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Phone</i>
1	Angel Garcia	CPUC Investigator	N/A
2	██████████	Sr Gas Engineer	(415) 418-9046
3	██████████	Gas Operations, Reg Comp	(510) 298-7063
4	██████████	Foreman, Viking Const	(916) 500-8661

**Evidence:**

	<i>Source</i>	<i>Description</i>
1	PG&E	Initial and Final 420 Reports
2	PG&E	Response to Data Requests
3	PG&E	Submitted PHMSA Form 7100

**Observations and Findings:**

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On August 16, 2022, PG&E stated in response to SED's data request that the damaged 4-inch steel gas transmission pipeline was struck by a bulldozer with a ripper attachment. The USA ticket was current and covered the delineated area. This incident was reported to the DOT (#1338665/1338875) and CPUC (220613-15187) once estimated damage cost was confirmed to be at least \$122,000.

SED interviewed ██████████ the foreman for the third-party contractor on June 14, 2022. Mr. ██████████ indicated that all USA tickets were current and that PG&E had come out and marked the pipe. According to Mr. ██████████, the bulldozer operator, ██████████, decided to grade the area over the pipe and eventually punctured the transmission main. Mr. ██████████ also indicated that the third-party contractor was grading the area for a bridge project but the work around the pipe had been completed.

There were no injuries, fatalities, or fire as a result of this incident. The 4-inch steel gas transmission line had a MAOP of 650 psig and an operating pressure of 563 psig. The estimated cost to repair the property damage and emergency response was \$294,654.

**Preliminary Statement of Pertinent General Order, Public Utilities Code Requirements, and/or Federal Requirements:**

None

**Conclusion:**

Based on the investigation, SED found that incident was not caused by PG&E's activities but the activities of a third-party contractor. SED did not find any General Order 112-F violation by PG&E.