

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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July 5, 2023

Non-DOT completed in Q1-2023

Mr. Rodger Schwecke  
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Dear Mr. Schwecke:

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Non-DOT Gas Incident Violation for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) submits the following Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) for an additional Non-DOT reportable incident investigation completed in Q1 of 2023. This letter serves as notification to you that as a result of our investigation, SED found SoCalGas in violations of the following:

**1. G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.739(a) states:**

*“(a)Each pressure limiting station, relief device (except rupture discs), and pressure regulating station and its equipment must be subjected at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year, to inspections and tests to determine that it is ...”*

The summary of the identified violation is listed in Attachment A of this letter. Please provide a written response within 30 days of receipt of this letter indicating the measures taken by SoCalGas to address the violation noted in the “Attachment A” of this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation in this investigation. If you have any questions, please contact M. Mohammad Ali, Senior Utilities Engineer (Supervisor) at (916) 928-2109 or by email at [ma5@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ma5@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mahmoud Intably".

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Attachment

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**Attachment A  
Incident with Probable Violation**

<b>PUC ID</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>Third Party Entity</b>	<b>Investigative Finding</b>	<b>Code Violation(s)</b>
G 20210806-3251	8/6/2021	6780 E 7th St., Long Beach, County: Los Angeles	SoCalGas	N/A	On August 6, 2021, at approximately 0028 hours, an over-pressurization event occurred on SoCalGas' natural gas transmission pipelines, L1021 & L1022 at downstream of SoCalGas' Los Alamitos Pressure Limiting Station (The PLS) that supplies natural gas to a single large volume customer, AES Los Alamitos power generating plant. The Over-pressure was caused by the failures of regulators on the Low-Flow regulation run, which is one of three pressure regulation runs at the PLS. There was no impact or service interruption to the customer as the stepdown regulators, downstream of the PLS, regulated the pressure to the customer. SoCalGas' investigation revealed oily liquids in pilot control gas lines of service and monitor regulators on the Low-Flow run. SED's investigation found that SoCalGas did not add the Low-Flow regulators to the MAXIMO, the SoCalGas' computerized maintenance management system since they were replaced with new Mooney regulators in August 2017. Consequently, SoCalGas missed annual compliance inspections and tests on those regulators. Therefore, SED finds SoCalGas in violations of General Order (G.O.) 112-F, Reference Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR), §192.739(a) for not performing inspections and tests of the Los Alamitos PLS's Low-Flow regulators at intervals not exceeding 15 months, but at least once each calendar year for 2018 to 2021.	G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49 CFR, Part 192, §192.739(a).