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City Manager Niroop Srivatsa
3675 Mount Diablo Boulevard #210
Lafayette, CA 94549

Dear Ms. Srivatsa,

Thank you for your continued partnership with PG&E on our Community Pipeline Safety Initiative in the City of Lafayette. I am reaching out to you to provide an update on our plans for this work.

Community Pipeline Safety Initiative in Lafayette

We understand how important trees are to the Lafayette community. They are important to us, too. That's why we've done such detailed reviews with our gas safety experts and the independent, third-party experts hired by both PG&E and the City.

We continue to learn more about our facilities as technology advances and better information is available. Since launching the Community Pipeline Safety Initiative, we have gathered more comprehensive details about the pipelines that run through the Lafayette community, including understanding what specific factors increase the risk of an underground pipeline. This includes factors such as the pipeline operating stress and specific surrounding site conditions.

To ensure we are addressing the highest risks to the gas pipeline, as more information is available and conditions continue to evolve, we continually improve our processes and procedures to maximize the safety of our customers and communities.

In addition, the US Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration recently clarified the definition of a gas transmission pipeline. Based on this clarification, many of the pipelines in the Lafayette community have been reclassified as distribution pipelines. Our Community Pipeline Safety Initiative is focused on gas transmission pipelines.

With this adjustment and our improved assessment of the trees impact to the transmission pipelines, we confirmed all trees originally identified through the Community Pipeline Safety Initiative can remain in place with ongoing monitoring.

Next steps

Safety will always be our most important responsibility, and we are focused on ensuring our communities' on-going safety. To help keep the gas system safe, we will regularly inspect the area above and around the gas pipelines to identify new concerns and ensure the current trees do not develop into a safety concern.

As we learn more about specific trees or if site conditions change, we may need to remove select trees to keep the community and the pipeline safe. If a tree is identified for removal, we will work with the

City of Lafayette to obtain any necessary encroachment permits and ensure the local residents are notified.

Thank you again for your continued partnership on our gas safety efforts. We look forward to working together with the City of Lafayette to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of gas service for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marvin Nushwat".

Marvin Nushwat
Government Affairs Principal
Pacific Gas and Electric Company