



CALIFORNIA'S PIPELINE SAFETY RULEMAKING TIMELINE

Following the 2010 natural gas pipeline rupture in San Bruno, a city just south of San Francisco, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) launched a pipeline safety rulemaking proceeding. The intent of the proceeding is to adopt new safety and reliability regulations for natural gas pipelines, based upon lessons learned.

As part of the proceeding, the CPUC ordered the state's four natural gas transmission pipeline operators – Pacific Gas & Electric, Southwest Gas and San Diego Gas & Electric, as well as Southern California Gas Company -- to develop plans to replace or pressure test all natural gas transmission pipelines that have not been tested to modern standards. Regulations specifying pressure testing were implemented after many of the transmission pipelines were installed.

In response, SoCalGas has submitted to the CPUC a Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan in which we propose to conduct, over the next several years, pressure testing on approximately 360 miles and to replace approximately 246 miles of our 3,640-mile transmission pipeline system. This will further enhance SoCalGas' pipeline system safety.

Below is a timeline of the major milestones in this proceeding.

September 9, 2010	Pipeline rupture in San Bruno, Calif.
September 23, 2010	CPUC approves establishment of Independent Review Panel to study San Bruno explosion
January 3, 2011	National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issues recommendations to Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to identify pipeline segments that do not have documentation of post construction strength test for additional analysis and testing
January 3, 2011	CPUC orders SoCalGas and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) to review the NTSB recommendations made to PG&E and conduct a similar review of its transmission system
Feb. 1, 2011	SoCalGas/SDG&E submit response to Jan. 3, 2011 CPUC directive
Feb. 24, 2011	CPUC opens rulemaking to set new rules for safe, reliable operation of state's natural gas pipelines
March 1-3, 2011	NTSB hearings on San Bruno investigation
April 15, 2011	SoCalGas/SDG&E respond to CPUC directive re: NTSB safety recommendations

May 6, 2011	CPUC educational symposium on hydrostatic testing of natural gas pipelines
May 12, 2011	CPUC holds public hearing in Los Angeles
June 9, 2011	Independent Review Panel releases report
June 9, 2011	CPUC orders all California natural gas transmission operators to submit plans to test or replace pipelines not previously pressure tested
June 22-23,2011	Technical workshop to provide input on development of utility implementation plans
June 24, 2011	CPUC educational symposium on in-line inspection of natural gas pipelines
June 24, 2011	SoCalGas/SDG&E update CPUC on actions taken in response to NTSB recommendations
July 7, 2011	CPUC elevates pipeline safety with creation of new risk assessment unit and more inspectors
August 26, 2011	SoCalGas and SDG&E file Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan
August 30, 2011	NTSB Report on San Bruno Investigation
December 2, 2011	SoCalGas and SDG&E file amended Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan
May 2012	SoCalGas and SDG&E receive CPUC approval to set up memorandum account and begin preliminary work on Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan
August 2012	Evidentiary Hearings on Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan
Second Qtr, 2013	CPUC decision anticipated on Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan