BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION







ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES JESSICA T. HECHT and MARCELO POIRIER, co-presiding

Order Instituting Investigation on)	EVIDENTIARY
the Commission's Own Motion into the)	HEARING
Operations and Practices of Southern)	
California Gas Company with Respect)	
to the Aliso Canyon storage facility)	
and the release of natural gas, and)	
Order to Show Cause Why Southern)	
California Gas Company Should Not Be)	
Sanctioned for Allowing the)	Investigation
Uncontrolled Release of Natural Gas)	19-06-016
from its Aliso Canyon Storage)	
Facility. (U904G))	

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5	RODGER SCHWECKE,
6	resumed the stand and testified further as
7	follows:
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9	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE POIRIER: We
10	will be on the record. Good morning. These
11	are the evidentiary hearings for
12	Investigation 19-06-016, the Investigation
13	into Aliso Canyon gas leak. We are
14	continuing with evidentiary hearings. When
15	we left off yesterday, Mr. Gruen of SED was
16	crossing Mr. Schwecke. We are going to
17	continue with that.
18	Please go ahead, Mr. Gruen.
19	MR. GRUEN: Thank you your Honor.
20	CROSS-EXAMINATION RESUMED
21	BY MR. GRUEN:
22	Q Good morning, Mr. Schwecke.
23	A Good morning.
24	Q Wanted to be sure you could hear me
25	okay. Okay. Continuing on from yesterday,
26	do you recall yesterday that you mentioned a
27	hydrate plug was blocking the tubing during
28	the incident?

1	A Yes, I do.
2	Q And the hydrate plug was identified
3	after the first well-kill attempt; correct?
4	A I believe it was identified during
5	the first well-kill attempt.
6	Q Thank you. Mr. Schwecke, did you
7	observe the cross-examination of Mr. Dan
8	Neville?
9	A Parts of it.
10	Q Okay. Do you recall that
11	Mr. Neville testified that during a 2007
12	maintenance activity SoCalGas could put a
13	Wireline plug in the tubing below the SSSV,
14	or subsurface safety valve, in Well SS-25?
15	A I do not recall that from
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1	page 2055, lines 19 through 26.
2	We see here question starting on
3	line 19:
4	QUESTION: Okay. And was the
5	wireline plug that was installed
6	in the tubing below the subsurface
7	safety valve?
8	ANSWER: It would be below the
9	subsurface safety valve. It
10	doesn't say that here, but it
11	that profile for which wireline
12	plugs are set in this well is
13	below the subsurface safety valve.
14	Do you see that?
15	A I see those statements.
16	Q Do you agree with Mr. Neville's
17	explanation that a Wireline plug would be
18	placed below the SSSV in Well SS-25?
19	A It's hard for me to state an
20	opinion with regard to this without being
21	able to see basically the entire transcript
22	that led up to this statement.
23	Q Okay. Fair enough. Let's go on,
24	then, just with this statement in mind.
25	Yesterday, if you recall, I asked you about
26	the apparent decision on October 24, 2015,
27	not to install a Wireline plug in SS-25 to
28	stop the flow of gas.

Do you remember that? 1 2. A Generally, yes. And that's -- I'm asking at 3 0 Okay. a general level, so thank you for the answer. 4 Let me ask you, if you know, what is a Camco 5 safety nipple? 6 I do not know specifically that 7 Α defined term, but it's part of the Camco 8 9 system that was in place when there was a 10 subsurface safety valve installed in that 11 profile or whatever you want to call the 12 configuration that was in the well. 13 Thank you, Mr. Schwecke. That's 14 probably adequate for our purposes. Appreciate that. And, in fact, SoCalGas 15 16 could not install the Wireline plug during 17 the incident below the Camco safety nipple in 18 SS-25 on October 24, 2015; is that correct? 19 Again, I do not know specifically 2.0 that we could not, but we had a situation that was very dynamic. We did not have 21 22 perfect information, so we did not know the 23 condition of that particular area, and an 24 attempt to set a Wireline plug could actually 25 cause more damage, could cause more harm and 26 prevent future well-kill operations. 27 Okav. Let's look at Exhibit 2.8 SED-323, which was served this morning before

1	9 a.m. If we go to the Bates number, we see
2	there the Bates number is
3	AC_CPUC_SED_DR_33_0000060. If we scroll up
4	to the top, we see here let me ask you
5	just to lay a foundation. Are you
6	familiar
7	MS. PATEL: Your Honor, can I your
8	Honor, may I interject here? Can the witness
9	please have a moment with this exhibit. It
10	was served, as Mr. Gruen said, before 9 a.m.
11	this morning which is well past the 1 p.m.
12	deadline that was set by your Honors. If he
13	could just have a moment to review the
14	document.
15	MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, no objection,
16	but I might note this is served as an
17	impeachment exhibit in compliance with your
18	Honors' instructions. So with that, we have
19	no objections to the witness reading the
20	exhibit.
21	ALJ POIRIER: We'll go off the record
22	for a brief moment and let the witness look
23	at the document, so off the record.
24	(Off the record.)
25	ALJ POIRIER: We'll be back on the
26	record.
27	Mr. Gruen, please continue.
28	MR. GRUEN: Thank you.

1	Q Mr. Schwecke, are you familiar with
2	this document as part of SoCalGas' response
3	to SED's Data Request-33?
4	A No, I am not. I did not see this
5	document until it was presented this morning.
6	Q Okay.
7	Well, your Honor, we need an
8	opportunity to lay foundation with someone
9	who can confirm this document. This was part
10	of the issue that we raised when we filed a
11	motion that SoCalGas' witnesses they
12	identify which witness could indeed
13	authenticate and help us lay foundation for
14	each document, and now we seem to be back to
15	that problem again that we identified in our
16	motion.
17	MS. PATEL: Your Honor, I don't think
18	that we're disputing the authentication. I
19	see that it has a Bates number on it.
20	MR. GRUEN: Would SoCalGas stipulate to
21	this document going into the record?
22	MS. PATEL: No, your Honor, I'm saying
23	that we're not disputing its authenticity.
24	ALJ POIRIER: Mr. Gruen, why don't you
25	go ahead and ask the questions that you would
26	like to ask and we'll go from there.
27	MR. GRUEN: Okay.
28	Q Mr. Schwecke, if we go to the top,

this is an e-mail from Thomas Egbert to Todd 1 Van de Putte at 9:33 a.m. on October 24, 2015; correct? 3 That's what it says, yes. 4 5 0 Thank you. If we go to the second paragraph, Mr. Egbert says, "Here is a quick 6 7 summary events and current status of the SS-25 well kill." 8 9 Do you see that? 10 A Yes, I see that. 11 0 Mr. Schwecke, do you recall me 12 asking yesterday whether you were involved in the initial decisions or well-kill attempts 13 14 before November 11, 2015? 15 A Yes. 16 And your answer was you were not; 17 is that correct? 18 А That is correct. 19 So the information in this 2.0 well-kill update shown in this e-mail here 21 was made before you were involved in the initial decisions or well-kill attempts; 22 2.3 correct? A That is correct. It was obviously 24 on the morning after the leak was discovered. 25 26 Were you apprised of this 27 information once you came on board? 2.8 A Generally, yes.

1	Q Okay. Looking at the first bullet
2	in this e-mail, it says Alan Fortenberry is
3	managing all well-kill operations.
4	Do you see that?
5	A I see that statement.
6	Q And the second bullet states:
7	Western Wireline is on-site but on
8	standby should we decide to set a
9	plug. Due to the configuration of
10	the tubing hardware below the
11	packer, we are not certain
12	Wireline it is possible to set a
13	stable plug below the empty Camco
14	Safety Nipple (communication port
15	between casing and tubing below
16	the packer).
17	Do you see that?
18	A Yes, I do.
19	Q So in this e-mail, Mr. Egbert
20	confirms that Western Wireline was there, but
21	was on standby to set a plug; correct?
22	A Yeah, Western Wireline was on-site
23	to assist in the kill operation and that
24	included setting the plug if it was
25	determined to be feasible.
26	Q And in the next sentence,
27	Mr. Egbert says, "Due to the configuration of
28	the tubing hardware below the packer."

Do you see that? 1 That's what this e-mail -- which I 2. A would say it appears to be a draft e-mail 3 that he provided to Todd Van de Putte for 4 Todd's edit and forwarding if he wanted to. 5 6 So the configuration of the tubing 7 hardware below the packer was causing a problem for setting a plug; correct? 8 9 No. I don't think Tom is saying 10 I think it could be causing a problem 11 because we didn't know the circumstances that were occurring downhole basically 12 hours 12 after the leak was found. So it's really 13 14 saying that we may not be able to set a plug 15 because we just don't know. 16 Okay. Isn't the packer below the 17 SSSV, or subsurface safety valve, in 18 Well SS-25? 19 The packer is below it, yes. A 2.0 So he says in the e-mail, "We are 21 not certain Wireline it is possible to set a 22 stable plug below the empty Camco safety 2.3 nipple"; correct? 24 Yeah, that's what he says in his 25 e-mail. 26 Okay. Just to further clarify the 27 general explanation of the Camco safety 28 nipple here, that's part of the subsurface

1	safety valve; correct?
2	A Yeah, that's my understanding, but,
3	you know, Dan Neville is really the expert
4	with regard to wellbore diagrams so
5	Q Understood. Thank you,
6	Mr. Schwecke. And at the end of the sentence
7	in parentheses, he refers to "communication
8	port between casing and tubing below the
9	packer."
10	Do you see that?
11	A I see that statement.
12	Q Why is the communication port below
13	the packer significant in trying to put a
14	plug below the Camco safety nipple?
15	A Mr. Neville would probably be able
16	to address it, but I don't believe the
17	communication port was below the packer. In
18	order for it to work as a communication
19	between the tubing and the annulus, it would
20	have to be above the packer.
21	Q Understood. Thank you,
22	Mr. Schwecke.
23	Your Honor, that's the extent of
24	this line of cross-examination. We still
25	have our foundation concern and the concern
26	about this exhibit going in the record, but I
27	would note that we think this e-mail shows an
28	inconsistency between what Mr. Neville

testified to and what's shown here, and so 1 the record should show that. We think we've adequately laid this. This is -- we received 3 this as part of Data Request-33 from 4 SoCalGas. 5 I don't know what else we have to 6 7 do in order to get this exhibit into the record, but I'm concerned that we're going to 9 move it in and SoCalGas will object on 10 grounds such as laying foundation at this 11 point. Mr. Gruen, I think it's 12 ALJ POIRIER: premature to have this discussion now. Your 13 14 concerns are noted for the record. I'll let 15 Ms. Patel have a word, but we won't be moving 16 this exhibit until later. 17 MS. PATEL: All right. Your Honor, the 18 only thing I was going to say at this time is 19 that I don't know why we are having this 2.0 discussion right now. ALJ POIRIER: Mr. Gruen, why don't you 21 22 go ahead and move on to your next line. 2.3 Understood, your Honor. MR. GRUEN: Ι 2.4 will. 25 Mr. Schwecke, I want to ask you general questions about the well-kill 26 27 operations meetings as you understood them 2.8 and as you participated in them.

So can you describe at a high 1 level, general level, the meetings that 2. SoCalGas had related to well-kill operations? 3 Well, that's a very broad question 4 Α because we had a variety of meetings, which 5 included get-togethers where -- we had with 6 7 Boots & Coots, Bret Lane, myself, and others, and talk about the well-kill plans going 9 forward, and we had those on a continuous basis because the situation was 10 11 ever-changing, and if something had changed from the time of the last discussion -- the 12 last one, so those were current, really, on a 13 14 day-to-day basis. 15 And we also had our morning 16 meetings -- and you can call them safety 17 meetings or operation meetings -- where we 18 had not only ourselves, but the agencies, the 19 CPUC, DOGGR, in a later day, it was the fire 2.0 department where we would go over well-kill 21 plans, go over the operations for the day. So there's a lot of different 22 2.3 meetings occurring; so to say it was just one 24 particular one, you'd have to be a little 25 more specific. 26 Perhaps, I misstated the question. 27 I did mean to ask meetings in the plural form, not just one. So you've answered the 2.8

question. Thank you, Mr. Schwecke. 1 2. Was Boots & Coots present at any of 3 these meetings? Boots & Coots was present at all 4 those meetings. 5 Was anyone keeping notes of these 6 7 meetings? A I believe when we had meetings that 8 9 were specific, that we arranged with DOGGR, 10 as a separate briefing for DOGGR, which 11 included Boots & Coots, included occasionally It included some of the other 12 CPUC, SED. 13 agencies. Those were documented and meeting 14 notes were prepared and drafted. 15 Q Okay. 16 And, I think, when you look at some 17 of the other conversations, they were more 18 verbal in nature and not necessarily 19 documented because they were just general 2.0 discussion that would occur continuously 21 throughout the day on the situation and what 22 the thoughts were on the next day because, 2.3 again, things were changing day to day, especially after a well kill, things changed 24 25 dramatically, and you had to assess it. And what we could do to further 26 27 assess it everyday was part of the 2.8 discussion: How do we get more information?

Because we didn't know everything because, 1 2. again, it was below surface. We really couldn't tell what was happening --3 So I'm understanding from part of 4 5 your answer that there were some meetings that excluded agencies related to well-kill 6 operations, but included SoCalGas personnel 7 and Boots & Coots personnel. 8 9 Did I understand that correctly? 10 A I wouldn't put it that way. Those 11 were impromptu meetings. I mean, they were discussions. We sat in the same trailer 12 together first starting on SS-9, which was 13 14 probably, you know, 100 feet below the leak of the well. 15 16 So we were in those trailers on a continuous basis and conversations were 17 18 occurring all the time. So it wasn't a 19 formal meeting, but those discussions were 2.0 occurring at all times. Okay. Understood. I appreciate 21 the clarification. 22 2.3 And the impromptu meetings or 24 discussions between SoCalGas and Boots & 25 Coots were maybe more broadly the impromptu 26 meetings that excluded agencies. Regarding 27 those, were there notes kept of any of those? 2.8 You know, Mr. Gruen, I get A

concerned when you say "excluded" because 1 2. that means purposely. I mean, they were just discussions. If we were having that 3 discussion on the SS-25 well pad, they were 4 5 not found. They weren't on the site at a given time. We had those discussions as 6 7 we're looking at the well, but those impromptu discussions, we didn't include and 9 see the need to have written documentation of 10 those meetings because ultimately what came 11 out of those meetings was the kill plan that 12 was going to be used for the next kill 13 attempt or what the next operational steps 14 were going to be performed the next day. 15 Okay. Let's pull up MR. GRUEN: 16 Exhibit SED-218. 17 Your Honor, at this point, I might 18 just flag for everyone -- given the cadence of this, we may go a little bit shorter in 19 2.0 our cross than we initially anticipated; so, 21 you know, plus or minus, we may be an hour 22 out, perhaps, we'll go to lunch, depending, 2.3 but I did want to flag that for everyone. 24 ALJ POIRIER: Thank you, Mr. Gruen. 25 Just keep us posted. Again, we'll try to break about the hour mark. So let me know if 26 27 you hit a point where it's a natural place to 2.8 break.

1	MR. GRUEN: Understood. Thank you,
2	your Honor.
3	Q So we have Exhibit 218 in front of
4	us, and if we go to the bottom just for
5	purposes of reading the Bates stamp:
6	AC_CPUC_SED_DR_16_0023727, and if you scroll
7	to the top of the e-mail.
8	Mr. Schwecke, are you familiar with
9	this document?
10	A Yes, I am.
11	Q Thank you.
12	And this is an e-mail from Jim
13	LaGrone to Hilary Petrizzo, dated December
14	27, 2015 at 4:07 p.m., cc-ing a number of
15	individuals from Boots & Coots, I believe,
16	including Arash Haghshenas. Does this
17	comport with your understanding?
18	A Yes. There were individuals from
19	Boots & Coots and Halliburton, along with
20	Hilary on the e-mail.
21	Q If you go to the first page of this
22	document your Honor, can we go off record
23	for a moment.
24	ALJ POIRIER: Off record.
25	(Off the record.)
26	ALJ POIRIER: Back on the record.
27	Please, go ahead.
28	MR. GRUEN: Yes. Thank you, your

Honor.
Q So here it says, "Arash" if you
look where the curser is, just from the third
line from the bottom, it shows:
Arash modeled a large casing
section to simulate two large
voids, and they showed a good
correlation to what was taking
place on the last few kill jobs.
Do you see that?
A I see that statement.
Q And so that's referring to modeling
that occurred in preparation for the relief
well; correct?
A Yeah. The discussion here was
focused on a situation that could occur that
had to be addressed during the drilling of
the relief well.
Q Thank you.
Okay. Let's go to the next
exhibit. Bear with me a second.
ALJ POIRIER: Off the record.
(Off the record.)
ALJ POIRIER: Back on the record.
We're going to take five-minute break until
10:30. Thank you. Off the record.
(Recess taken.)
ALJ POIRIER: We'll be back on the

1	record, returning from a short break.
2	Please continue, Mr. Gruen.
3	MR. GRUEN: Thank you.
4	Q I'd like to introduce Exhibit
5	SED-313. If we could go to the Bates number
6	at the bottom, the Bates number on the first
7	page of the exhibit,
8	AC_CPUC_SED_DR_16_0020036.
9	And if we scroll back to the top of
10	this first page, I will ask you,
11	Mr. Schwecke, just to lay foundation, this is
12	an e-mail dated February 6, 2016, shown at
13	the top; do you see that?
14	A Yeah, I see that. Yes.
15	Q Okay. And it's from Bret Lane to a
16	number of individuals from Boots & Coots, and
17	it includes yourself and Todd Van de Putte;
18	is that correct?
19	A That is correct.
20	Q And are you familiar with this
21	document, Mr. Schwecke?
22	A Generally, yes.
23	Q Okay. Thank you.
24	And the subject line shown there is
25	potential communication between P-39A and
26	SS-25 through WSO; correct?
27	A That's the subject line, yes.
28	Q Okay. And P-39A, I think we've

1	covered this, but just to be sure, that's the
2	relief well that was used to successfully
3	kill the target well, Well SS-25; correct?
4	A That is correct.
5	Q "WSO" in the subject line refers to
6	Water Shutoff Operations?
7	A I believe so.
8	Q And Bret Lane forwarded an e-mail,
9	as shown below, to Morten Haug Emilsen;
10	correct?
11	A Yes. That was attached to Bret's
12	e-mail.
13	Q Okay. And that's from also the
14	same day, February 6, 2016?
15	A Yeah. Looks like a couple minutes
16	after Bret forwarded it.
17	Q And just for the record,
18	Mr. Emilsen is author of the February 16,
19	2016, Dynamic Solutions Report; correct?
20	A Yeah. I believe that's the name of
21	the report. I would refer to it as the Add
22	Energy Report.
23	Q Okay. Very good.
24	And on the page here if we scroll
25	down Yeah. That's good. On the same page
26	that we've been looking at, the February 6
27	e-mail from Morten Haug and Emilsen that we
28	just noted, it says here in the second

1	paragraph, second sentence towards the end
2	starting I'm sorry. Second line of the
3	second paragraph, starting at the end, it
4	says:
5	Even if we lose mud though only
6	one of the WSO perforations, the
7	resulting rate is sufficient to
8	kill the well.
9	Did I read that correctly?
10	A Yes. You read that correctly.
11	Q Okay. If we look at another
12	exhibit, if we go to Exhibit SED-314, and if
13	we go to the Bates number at the bottom of
14	the first page here. So the Bates number is
15	shown as JM0005, and if we scroll up to the
16	top, for purposes of laying foundation, this
17	is an e-mail from James Mansdorfer to
18	Mr. Lane, Mr. Rick Phillips, to yourself, and
19	Mr. Jimmie Cho, all at SoCalGas; is that
20	correct?
21	A That is correct.
22	Q Okay. And, Mr. Schwecke, are you
23	familiar with this document?
24	A Yes. I have seen this document.
25	Q Okay. And this is dated
26	November 20, 2015, correct?
27	A That is the date on the document,
28	yes.

All right. And you can review it, 1 0 2 if you like, but just for the record, the Bates numbers of the entire document are 3 JM0005 through JM0007, just noting the Bates 4 And we can scroll through for the 5 numbers. 6 screen shares just to identify them. That's 7 05, that's 07, and there's 06. So that's just the entirety of the document. 8 9 If we go back to the first page, in 10 the body of the e-mail, it starts at the 11 first paragraph, it says: 12 I was responsible for the storage 13 wells for over 20 years and always 14 was aware that a subsurface leak 15 could occur and have previously --16 says in parenthesis -- and so have 17 given it a lot of thought and 18 studied all papers and published 19 accounts of subsurface blowouts 2.0 that I could find. I have offered 21 my assistance to Scott Ferguson 22 and Phil Baker to help solve this 2.3 problem starting at Lee's house on 24 that first Saturday, but they have 25 not shown any interest. 26 Do you see that? 27 I see where Jim says that. Α 2.8 Q Turning to the last page Okay.

1	JM0007, if we go to the last there's the
2	Bates number. And if we go to the last
3	paragraph, he says:
4	I would be happy to discuss these
5	recommendations and participate in
6	solving the problem if it is
7	desired by the company.
8	Correct?
9	A That's what the e-mail says.
10	Q Mr. Schwecke, to your knowledge,
11	did SoCalGas reach out to Mr. Mansdorfer to
12	discuss his observations for recommendations
13	related to this e-mail?
14	A Yes, we had conversations with
15	Mr. Mansdorfer.
15 16	Mr. Mansdorfer. Q At approximately what point in
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16 17	Q At approximately what point in time?
16 17 18	Q At approximately what point in time? A I can't recall, but it was probably
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1	Q Okay. Let's go to another exhibit,
2	Exhibit SED-315. And this exhibit, if we go
3	to the Bates number again, this exhibit, the
4	Bates number at the bottom, the data request
5	one that we have been using is
6	AC_CPUC_SED_DR_27_0003219. And if we scroll
7	down just to establish all the Bates number,
8	it continues with the same prefix and ends in
9	3220, and the last page of this three-page
10	document continues with same prefix ending in
11	3221.
12	And if we scroll to the top of this
13	again, this is an I will ask you: This is
14	an e-mail, again, from Mr. Mansdorfer to
15	yourself to and cc'ing Mr. Todd
16	Van de Putte, dated this one is dated
17	January 23rd, 2013. Do you see that?
18	A Yeah. Yes. That is correct. That
19	was the period of time in which Jim worked
20	for me in storage.
21	Q And are you familiar with this
22	e-mail?
23	A Yes, I have reviewed the e-mails.
24	Q Okay. If we go to the last page,
25	since this is I believe an e-mail thread and
26	it's in therefore reverse chronological
27	order, on the page with Bates number ending
28	3221, at the top, it appears you say there:

1	We need to talk about GRA and what
2	well integrity plans, if any, is
3	planned for this year. There
4	appears to be some additional
5	capital, and Bret thought we might
6	be able to use it for moving
7	forward on our integrity plans.
8	Do you see that?
9	A I see that statement, yes.
10	Q And if we scroll up, continuing
11	showing the response. So now we are at the
12	page ending with Bates stamp 3220. It shows
13	that statement was part of an e-mail from you
14	to Jim Mansdorfer, dated January 22, 2013,
15	correct?
16	A That is correct.
17	Q Okay. And continuing up on this
18	page, we see that Mr. Mansdorfer responded
19	via e-mail to you on January 23, 2013. Do
20	you see that?
21	A Yes, I do.
22	Q And in that e-mail, Mr. Mansdorfer
23	says in the second paragraph, starting on the
24	first line toward the end:
25	We are talking about the program
26	to go through all storage wells
27	and run casing inspection log and
28	pressure test casing, refresh

wellhead seals and valves and at 1 Aliso run a deep set SSSV. 2. 3 Do you see that? Yeah, I see that statement. 4 Α 5 And scrolling up to the next page, 6 we go to Bates number ending in 3219, and we 7 see on January 23rd, 2013, then you respond here on this page to Mr. Mansdorfer; is that 9 correct? 10 Δ Yes. This is my response to Jim's 11 comments on his ability to perform additional 12 work, on the prior e-mail --(Crosstalk.) 13 14 Yes. 0 15 -- what can be done. Δ 16 Yes. Understood. And you say, 0 17 first paragraph, last sentence, "What amount 18 of annual commitment do you think we would 19 need?" Do you see that? 2.0 A That's what the e-mail says. 21 Continuing up on this page, we see 22 Mr. Mansdorfer responds to you again via 2.3 e-mail on January 23rd, 2013, correct? 24 A Yes. This is Jim's response to my e-mail. 25 26 And on the second line, he says, 27 "We are not installing deep set SSSVs at 2.8 Aliso, but that is something we need to start

doing research on." Do you see that? 1 2. A Yeah. He says that and he follows 3 up in the next sentence saying that, "We've had bad luck on the SSSV that was installed 4 5 in Goleta and thereby causing us to wonder about the reliability of those valves." 6 7 So, in other words, he's trying to recommend to you that SSSVs be installed at 8 9 Aliso, but that there are issues with doing 10 that. Would that be another fair way to 11 characterize it? 12 No. I wouldn't say it that way. 13 Part of the suggestion was that could we look 14 at SSSVs, but because we are having the reliability concerns, I would -- in 15 16 discussing with Jim, he was not recommending 17 that we install them because we have 18 reliability concerns. 19 Okay. Let's turn to another 2.0 exhibit, Exhibit SED-316. And if we -- let's 21 go to the Bates number first, if we can, at 22 the bottom. This is Bates number SED-316.001, and if we go to the top of the 2.3 24 document, Mr. Schwecke, are you familiar with 25 this document as a SoCalGas Response to 26 SED-Data Request 27? 27 Yes. I have looked at this A 2.8 document.

Okay. And turning to the page with 1 0 the Bates stamp SED-316.012, which is the next page, this is -- there's 316.012, we see 3 Ouestion 36H, which asks: 4 We'd asked SoCalGas to provide 5 information about the subsurface 6 7 safety valves at SoCalGas storage facilities. 8 9 Correct? 10 That's what the question Δ Yes. 11 talks about. 12 Okay. And then SoCalGas responds 13 to Question H, as well as B through H, says 14 toward the -- I'm looking the 5th line down. 15 It starts in the middle of the page after the 16 Bates number there. 17 In addition, SoCalGas previously 18 provided the CPUC with a copy of a 19 data request response to DOGGR. 2.0 That data request response 21 included a narrative regarding 22 SoCalGas' experience with deep set 2.3 SSSVs at SoCalGas storage fields 2.4 in correspondence that SoCalGas 25 had in its records regarding 26 SSSVs. Please see electronic 27 documents with Bates range. 2.8 And it provides a range there.

1	AC_CPUC_SED_DR_27_0000431 to same prefix
2	ending in 3343. Do you see that?
3	A I see that.
4	Q Let's introduce Exhibit SED-317.
5	And if we go to the Bates page, the Bates
6	number here, AC_CPUC_SED_DR_27_0003207 and
7	this continues on to the Bates number at the
8	bottom, same prefix, but ending in 3208. I
9	am going back to the first page then.
10	And I'll ask you with that
11	background, Mr. Schwecke, are you familiar
12	with this document?
13	A Yes. I have looked at this
14	document.
15	Q Okay. And this is a document from
16	Mr. Mansdorfer Jim Mansdorfer, just for
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17	the record, M-a-n-s-d-o-r-f-e-r, to Rudy
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17	the record, M-a-n-s-d-o-r-f-e-r, to Rudy
17 18	the record, M-a-n-s-d-o-r-f-e-r, to Rudy Weibel, W-e-i-b-e-l. Do you see that?
17 18 19	the record, M-a-n-s-d-o-r-f-e-r, to Rudy Weibel, W-e-i-b-e-l. Do you see that? A Yes, I do.
17 18 19 20	the record, M-a-n-s-d-o-r-f-e-r, to Rudy Weibel, W-e-i-b-e-l. Do you see that? A Yes, I do. Q Dated April 23rd, 2009, correct?
17 18 19 20 21	the record, M-a-n-s-d-o-r-f-e-r, to Rudy Weibel, W-e-i-b-e-l. Do you see that? A Yes, I do. Q Dated April 23rd, 2009, correct? A That's the date of the e-mail.
17 18 19 20 21 22	the record, M-a-n-s-d-o-r-f-e-r, to Rudy Weibel, W-e-i-b-e-l. Do you see that? A Yes, I do. Q Dated April 23rd, 2009, correct? A That's the date of the e-mail. Q Okay. Do you know who Rudy Weibel
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17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	the record, M-a-n-s-d-o-r-f-e-r, to Rudy Weibel, W-e-i-b-e-l. Do you see that? A Yes, I do. Q Dated April 23rd, 2009, correct? A That's the date of the e-mail. Q Okay. Do you know who Rudy Weibel is? A Yes, I do. He was the Q Go ahead. I am sorry.

1	Q Understood. Okay. Let's turn to
2	the 5th paragraph of this page starting at
3	the first line where it says a little bit
4	into the first line, it says:
5	I recommend that we put together a
6	case for a program to install deep
7	set safety valves in all Aliso
8	Canyon wells. We would pull
9	tubing, run a casing inspection
10	log, pressure test the casing and
11	rebuild the wellhead seals prior
12	to running excuse me prior
13	to running excuse me prior
14	to re-running tubing with the
15	safety valve.
16	Do you see that?
17	A Yes, I see that statement.
18	Q Okay. And if we go to the third
19	paragraph scrolling slightly up,
20	Mr. Mansdorfer advises here starting at the
21	beginning:
22	Casing corrosion, landslide
23	movement or fault movement are all
24	potential causes of a major
25	subsurface casing leak. Depending
26	on the cause and the number of
27	wells affected, it may be possible
28	to control the well by pumping

kill fluid into it, but if a 1 subsurface blowout gets out of control and craters to the 3 surface, it would probably require 4 a relief well to control it. 5 6 one of those happening could have 7 severe consequences for the company's imagine. 8 9 Do you see that? 10 Α Yeah, I see that, and, you know, my 11 belief is Jim's really concerned about the 12 geological issues on the fault movement. My conversations with Jim has been around that 13 14 and that's been his primary concern from the 15 time he started working for me in 2011, up 16 until more recent conversations. 17 Understood. 0 18 Your Honor, at this time SED has no 19 further questions on cross-examination for 2.0 Mr. Schwecke. 21 Mr. Schwecke, thank you very much.] ALJ POIRIER: Okay. Let's go off the 22 2.3 record. 24 (Off the record.) 25 ALJ HECHT: We'll be back on the 26 record. We'll be taking a 15-minute break 27 until 11:05. At that point Cal Advocates 2.8 will begin with its cross-examination of

1	Mr. Schwecke. Thank you. We'll be off the
2	record.
3	(Off the record.)
4	ALJ POIRIER: We will be on the record
5	returning from a morning break. We are now
6	starting with the cross-examination of
7	Mr. Schwecke by Cal Advocates.
8	Ms. Bone, please go ahead.
9	CROSS-EXAMINATION
10	BY MS. BONE:
11	Q Good afternoon, Mr. Schwecke. How
12	are you doing?
13	A Good morning. I'm doing fine,
14	thank you.
15	Q I hope that we'll get through this
16	pretty quickly and you'll be done today.
17	A That would be great.
18	Q We've just put up Exhibit SED-323.
19	That is that October 24, 2015, e-mail from
20	Tom Egbert to Todd Van de Putte. Do you
21	recall seeing that e-mail this morning?
22	A Yes, I do.
23	Q Did you review that e-mail before
24	Mr. Gruen cross-examined you?
25	A Yes, I did.
26	Q Do you know Mr. Egbert?
27	A Yes, I know Tom.
28	Q And does he still work for

1	SoCalGas?
2	A Yes, he does.
3	Q Was he working on the well-kill
4	efforts for SS-25?
5	A Tom was one of the storage
6	engineers at Aliso Canyon, so when the leak
7	was discovered, he basically participated in
8	the initial well-kill operation.
9	Q So you mentioned that he was
10	involved in the initial well-kill operation.
11	Was he involved in later well-kill
12	operations?
13	A Tom was a source of information
14	with regard to the well, the field, and what
15	history we had with respect to the
16	information on operation, not only SS-25, but
17	the entire field. So Tom was a resource that
18	was used.
19	Q Do you have any idea how long Tom
20	has worked for SoCalGas?
21	A I do not know.
22	Q Is it more than 10 years?
23	A I would think it's probably at
24	least more than 10 years, but again, I do not
25	know specifically.
26	Q You said that you relied on him for
27	information about the Aliso Canyon facility
28	as well as Well SS-25; is that correct?

1	A Yeah, the storage field. Tom's
2	role was, as we would go on injection and
3	withdrawal, identifying which wells that
4	would be on injection and which wells would
5	be on withdrawal managing the work such as
6	Wireline activity on temperature surveys.
7	So Tom was very familiar with the
8	wells and the work on the wells. He was less
9	familiar with the surface activity as far as
LO	the plants, on the compressors, on the
L1	dehyds, and well equipment. It was about the
L2	wells themselves.
L3	Q Do you consider Tom to be a good
L4	engineer whose advice is reliable?
L5	A I consider Tom to be a good
L6	engineer.
L7	Q The e-mail stated, "We plan to
L8	remotely kill the well without setting a
L9	plug"; is that correct?
20	A That's what the e-mail says.
21	Q Did SoCalGas attempt to kill the
22	well without setting a safety plug?
23	A Yes, I think we've all seen that
24	the first well-kill operation was to pump
25	fluids without setting a Wireline plug or
26	attempting to set a Wireline plug. We
27	also this says "remotely." Ultimately we
28	connected directly to the wellhead and did

not use the remote kill piping that was 1 available because it was not needed and connecting directly to the wellhead is a much 3 better situation when you're attempting to 4 kill a well. 5 6 How many people at Boots & Coots were working on the well-kill efforts? 7 Maybe you can give me a time frame? 8 9 Did it vary over time? 10 A Yes, it did. Initially there was 11 three, then very quickly there was four 12 individuals. And then you had others that 13 basically showed up that included Jim LaGrone 14 and Rolly Gomez, so it changed. And then as 15 we got into the relief well, additional 16 Halliburton and Boots & Coots people showed 17 up. 18 So by the time that Boots & Coots 19 were modeling the well-kill efforts, how many 2.0 people were on-site at SoCalGas? 21 I believe at the time that, as you mentioned modeling, I think -- which I think, 22 2.3 you know, the definition of modeling -- but there was four individuals of Boots & Coots 24 25 that were on-site at the time. And how many were in Texas? 26 27 I do not know how many employees that are with Boots & Coots that are located 2.8

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Q And I believe you testified that you reviewed the results of Boots & Coots' transient models; is that correct?

A Yeah. The results for the transient model were the well-kill plans that were developed. We would basically have discussions as a group of those well-kill plans, not only to review the plan and any concerns we have about what effects it might have, but then also preparing for it to execute a plan in obtaining equipment and materials based on what the well-kill plan said, which is the output of the modeling and work that was done by Boots & Coots.

Q And during those discussions, were Boots & Coots employees from Texas included in those discussions?

A Those discussions, at least the original -- the initial ones, were basically with the people that were on-site so that we did not have a communication. I mean all the Boots & Coots employees were originally from Texas, but I think -- it was primarily the people who were on-site and that's where you had additional resources come in later on. They would participate in those discussions as well.

I'm confused because I got the 1 0 impression from your testimony yesterday that in fact you had also been communicating with 3 Boots & Coots' people in Texas. 4 5 Is that not accurate? I think what I've testified -- and, 6 7 if not, let me clarify -- that the Boots & Coots people that were on-site were 8 9 communicating with Houston. Those people 10 didn't participate in the conversations that 11 we were having throughout the day, throughout 12 the period with the on-site Boots & Coots 13 individuals. 14 I mean it was very difficult 15 because the remote location to have a 16 conference call was very difficult. So from 17 that standpoint, that's what I meant by 18 conversations with Houston. 19 So then as I understand it, the 2.0 Boots & Coots on-site personnel at the Aliso 21 Canyon facility were having separate 22 conversations with the Boots & Coots people 2.3 in Texas; is that correct? 24 Α Yeah, that's our expectation. 25 you look at Boots & Coots, not only do you 26 have the individuals that come on-site, but 27 you have the whole Boots & Coots, in this

case Halliburton who they're a subsidiary, in

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Houston that are resources that are drawn 1 upon by those well-control experts that are 2. on-site. 3 And when you say "on-site," what 4 5 does that mean? Was there one or two or 6 three trailers that everybody was working 7 from? So let me kind of give you a 8 9 picture of the site. You had the SS-25 well 10 pad, which had two additional wells. Just 11 below that on what is the SS -- Standard Sesnon 9 well pad, probably about a hundred 12 13 to 150 feet away from the well was another 14 pad in which we brought in trailers to use as 15 offices, use as meeting rooms that we could 16 have those conversations and still at that 17 point, if we wanted to, walk up the hill to 18 get to the SS-25. 19 We didn't want to be specifically 2.0 on the site because if something was to 21 happen, we wanted to be sufficient distance 22 away. So those trailers were brought in to 2.3 create that shelter because, again, you had a 24 lot of weather issues on wind and rain and 25 cold that we basically had those trailers brought in for that purpose. 26

working in those trailers on a regular basis?

And who were the primary people

Α Primarily it was the SoCalGas 1 2. employees such as Bret Lane, myself, a few others, and then the Boots & Coots 3 individuals that were on-site. It was dedicated for them, but we would have 5 6 visitors on a regular basis. 7 And were you at the well-kill site in these trailers on a daily basis? 8 9 Α I was at -- once I was brought up 10 as the deputy operations chief, I was there 11 approximately about 90 days during the 12 111-day leak. So I was on those locations, 13 on those sites every day. 14 I was -- one of the roles I had was 15 that as DOGGR personnel or CPUC personnel, 16 who typically came on the site on a daily 17 basis, was to take them and escort them as 18 they would go up and walk up to actually view 19 the SS-25 leak because they were looking at 2.0 it from a visual perspective preparing their 21 daily reports that would report to DOGGR, you 22 know, who is the primary regulator for 2.3 underground storage activities, communicate to the Sacramento office, which I think in 24 25 turn was communicated to the governor's office. 26 27 And how often was Mr. Walzel there? 0 2.8 Α He was there every day that he was

1	there, and I think that lasted from the time
2	they arrived on October 25th, I believe,
3	until he left sometime in December.
4	Q So he left before the well-kill
5	efforts were successful; is that correct?
6	A He left before the relief well. He
7	had less role in the relief well. Those were
8	some of the other individuals from Boots &
9	Coots of Halliburton that came on-site that
LO	specialized in relief wells like John
L1	Hatteberg, the Sperry individual, Jim
L2	LaGrone, Rolly Gomez.
L3	Those were the individuals that
L4	were focused on it, and as we got closer and
L5	closer to the intercept, less requirements.
L6	And they basically just like you do with
L7	any other incident, you have to replace your
L8	people with new, fresh people because after a
L9	period of time, you become you're
20	concerned about fatigue. So that was the
21	time that Danny Walzel could go home.
22	Q I believe you testified that you
23	reviewed the results of the Boots & Coots
24	transient models; is that correct?
25	A I think what I talked about was the
26	results that came out, which were the
27	well-kill plans.
28	O So how would vou be informed of

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those results? For example, did you get them in a hard copy, a paper, or did you get an e-mail or something else?

A Typically it was presented during a meeting, which was a hard copy of what the printout would be of the well-kill plan. We would walk through step-by-step of what each of those are, check off which materials we needed, which equipment we needed, a timing in which it would occur.

I mean when you talk about materials, you're talking about kill fluids and how much kill fluids do you expect, need, what is expected pump rates. So that was the discussion that took place during primarily hard copies as we walked through them. And then if any adjustments were made, then we'd get a second version as we went through it.

Q When did you become aware that Boots & Coots was actually doing transient modeling for the well-kill efforts?

A Actual transient models? I think it was probably -- when I became officially aware of it was when Danny Walzel in his deposition defined a transient model.

We had always assumed that as a well-control expert, Boots & Coots was doing what they would typically do. They would

basically model kill jobs, calculate fluid 1 densities, calculate fluid rates and pump 2. rates. And that's what they were doing at 3 all times in development of the kill plans. But the term "transient model" really came up 5 6 for Boots & Coots when Danny Walzel testified 7 in his deposition. So you were aware that Mr. Walzel's 8 9 laptop was stolen; is that correct? Yes, I found that out. 10 A 11 0 And do you know where the theft 12 occurred? I can't recall specifically but it 13 A 14 was in Texas, I believe. You testified, I think, that 15 16 Mr. Walzel and other Boots & Coots staff were 17 communicating with Boots & Coots' Texas 18 offices; is that correct? 19 A That's my understanding. 2.0 And was Mr. Walzel's deposition \bigcirc 21 after the last top-kill effort? 22 Α Yes, I believe so. 2.3 And did you understand that 24 Mr. Walzel was running the modeling on his 25 own laptop? 26 You know, during the period of time 27 when we talked about those trailers, 2.8 Ms. Bone, Danny would basically go into the

trailer to perform his analysis and we knew 1 he was working through it. The assumption you can only make is that he was using his 3 laptop. You know, everyone had those 4 technical devices that they would use. 5 6 to run any modeling, you'd typically use some 7 type of computing device. Would you have expected anyone else 8 9 at Boots & Coots to be assisting Mr. Walzel 10 with the modeling? 11 A Boots & Coots was a well-renowned 12 well-control expert. I would expect them to do what they do. If their process is to have 13 14 Danny, who was the defined engineer on the 15 project -- because they had the defined 16 engineer, they had a safety expert, they had 17 another -- a well-control specialist, then 18 they had their senior control well 19 They all took roles in that. specialist. Ιt 2.0 would not -- it does not surprise me that 21 Danny, as the engineer on the site, was the 22 one responsible for running any modeling that 2.3 was done. 24 So it would make sense to you that 25 he was not coordinating with anybody else at 26 Boots & Coots on this modeling? 27 Well, when you say coordinating, I think he was, you know, doing the 2.8

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calculations, but I think when you're looking 1 at -- obviously when he'd take it and he'd share it with the organization what was 3 coming up and give thoughts on it just like he did with us and then go back, was his 5 6 assumptions correct? You know, was he 7 assuming the right reservoir pressure? Was he assuming X, Y, or Z? Those assumptions 8 9 are critical in any modeling.

So he would share that with everyone that had any visual representations of the well and what was occurring and what information they had. So collaborating was occurring, you know, throughout the process.

Q So then as I understand it, the results of the modeling that you would see would also identify the assumptions that Mr. Walzel relied upon?

A Well, I talked about the well kill, but I think, you know, part of the discussion up front is not the results of the model but, you know, what are the assumptions that are going in? You know, what is the reservoir pressure? I mean the well configuration didn't change dramatically unless we found some additional information that gave us an idea where the hole -- I mean it was a dynamic situation.

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We didn't know where the hole was.

We didn't know that the casing was parted or not, whether it was split or not. We didn't know the flow path. So as you develop these, each time you build on a prior well kill, then you had additional information you had to use and Danny would use that information.

That was observed by all the individuals who were there.

Q So I take it that you understand

Q So I take it that you understand that having accurate assumptions in order to do the modeling is important?

A Well, you rely on the information that you have on the time. And whether it's accurate or not, you have to assume that's what the information is, but accuracy was very difficult. One, I mean, the well -- you could not see the leak, right, so you can't really describe the leak. You're going by what other information -- you can't tell how much gas is actually coming out of the ground, so you have to make assumptions.

In any modeling you have to make assumptions because if you knew the perfect scenario, you know -- for example, you know, with the root cause analysis, they had all the information because they were able to pull the well out of the ground so you have

to use assumptions. The accuracy of those 1 2. assumptions are based on your best available 3 information you have when you make them. Mr. Schwecke, you still haven't 4 answered my question, which is did you review 5 those assumptions when you were sitting down 6 7 with everybody to discuss the well-kill efforts? 8 9 Yeah, I think we had -- we had 10 discussions with regard to what the 11 assumptions were during the review. I think 12 what you asked is did the output show the 13 assumptions. I can't recall if they actually 14 showed them, but we would have discussions 15 that we're assuming a well pressure of this, 16 we're assuming this, we're assuming that. So 17 it was part of the discussion. 18 So it was part of the discussion, 19 but nobody actually saw the modeling that 2.0 showed exactly which assumptions were being 21 used? 22 I can only speak for myself. don't know if other Boots & Coots individuals 2.3 24 saw the modeling and the assumptions that 25 were put in. I can only speak for what I 26 saw. 27 Wouldn't you expect Boots & Coots to have someone other than Mr. Walzel 2.8

involved in assuring that the assumptions 1 were being run appropriately? And I expect they did. I mean 3 Boots & Coots being the world-renown 4 well-kill expert and in also what I believe 5 was conversations with Houston, you know, the 6 7 senior control well specialist, I'm sure was aware of what the assumptions that Danny was 9 using in his modeling effort. 10 And how would those assumptions 11 have been communicated to Boots & Coots? Because Boots & Coots was on-site 12 13 taking reads and taking information 14 themselves. They went through the process of 15 diagnostics the day they got there until the 16 day they left. They would basically, you 17 know, take pressure reads, they -- their 18 observations, they'd look at the well files. 19 They were basically looking at all the 2.0 information the same time we were. 21 Yet as I understand it, when 22 Mr. Walzel's laptop was lost, there's no 2.3 other evidence of the modeling that was run, 24 and apparently nothing is at Boots & Coots' 25 facility to show us what functions were used. 26 Am I misunderstanding that? 27 Α Well, again, I don't know what Boots & Coots', you know, policies are but, 2.8

you know, if the information is being run on 1 a laptop and stored on the laptop and that laptop is stolen, that's, you know, what 3 happened and what occurred. 4 But for Mr. Walzel to share his 5 6 functions and his modeling with people at 7 Boots & Coots, wouldn't he have had to send it to a mainframe or the cloud or in an 9 e-mail to someone else at Boots & Coots? How 10 would they be able to look at his work? 11 Well, I think they'd do it 12 through -- via hard copy or verbal Because they were right on-site, 13 discussion. 14 it's a lot easier. And I think this last 15 year and a half with regard to the 16 pandemic and so on, sometimes it's a lot easier to have that face-to-face conversation 17 18 and talk about those things and not 19 necessarily e-mail it to someone that may not 2.0 be checking their e-mail because they may be 21 standing next to a leaking well. 22 Right, but then there would be hard 2.3 copies that we'd be able to look at that 24 would show the modeling and would show the 25 assumptions, yet we haven't seen any of those 26 either. 27 Not necessarily, because it could

have just been verbal conversations.

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So which SoCalGas staff 1 0 I see. 2. would have provided information regarding the 3 appropriate assumptions to Mr. Walzel? Well, ultimately with regard to the 4 incident command structure, it was Bret Lane 5 would approve the well kill, which also would 6 7 approve the assumptions that were used. So would you expect that Mr. Lane 8 9 would have hard copies or some information 10 that actually listed what assumptions were 11 being used as part of the modeling? 12 I would expect Mr. Lane to 13 basically have those verbal conversations 14 with Boots & Coots on what assumptions they 15 were going to use, on what assumptions they 16 used during the modeling effort. Again, we 17 all had the same data whether it was the 18 pressure data of the well, the reservoir 19 pressure. 2.0 So we'd all have those assumptions 21 so I don't necessarily know whether he would 22 have a hard copy, but my expectation is the 2.3 conversations and that tied directly into the 2.4 conversation we had with the well-kill plans 25 and what came out of the model. 26 Thank you, Mr. Schwecke. 27 I have no further questions. 2.8 Let's go off the record. ALJ POIRIER:

1	(Off the record.)
2	ALJ POIRIER: We'll be back on the
3	record. We are going to take a break at this
4	time. We will take a break until 12:50. We
5	will return and start with the redirect of
6	Mr. Schwecke by SoCalGas.
7	While off the record, I also
8	indicated that we will not be allowing the
9	use of demonstrative exhibits during the
10	redirect. With that, we will be off the
11	record.
12	(Off the record.)
13	ALJ POIRIER: Let's go quickly back on
14	the record and just confirm that we will be
15	taking a break until 12:50 for lunch.
16	Off the record. Thank you.
17	(Off the record.)
18	(Whereupon, at the hour of 11:34 a.m., a recess was taken until 12:52
19	p.m.)
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1	AFTERNOON SESSION - 12:52 P.M.
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3	RODGER SCHWECKE,
4	resumed the stand and testified further as
5	follows:
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7	ALJ HECHT: We'll be back on the
8	record. We are coming back from our lunch
9	break today. It is May 19th, and we have, I
10	think, finished the cross-examination by SED
11	and the Public Advocates Office of Witness
12	Schwecke; so we are going to continue this
13	afternoon with redirect done by Attorney
14	Patel. We also I will note have a
15	different attorney representing the Public
16	Advocates Office with us, rather than Traci
17	Bone, we have now Caryn Mandelbaum.
18	With that, I think we can continue.
19	If your ready, Ms. Patel?
20	MS. PATEL: Yes, your Honor. Thank
21	you.
22	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
23	BY MS. PATEL:
24	Q Good afternoon, Mr. Schwecke.
25	A Good afternoon.
26	Q A little while ago, Ms. Bone from
27	the Public Advocates Office asked you about
28	location, where you worked with Boots & Coots

and the other experts that you spoke about 1 2. yesterday and today. We're going to pull up CPUC Exhibit 1000, which is the Main Blade 3 Root Cause Analysis Report that's been 4 5 admitted into the record, and we're going to 6 go to page 37. 7 Mr. Schwecke, do you recognize this 8 as a portion of the Aliso Canyon Storage 9 Facility? 10 A Yes, I do. 11 0 Can you describe what we are 12 looking at. Well, these are two different views 13 14 of the SS-25 well pad in the vicinity and 15 taken at different times. If you look at the 16 one on the bottom that was taken after the 17 well was sealed, so that showed that the 18 SS-25 location up at the top, and then it 19 showed, as I mentioned with Ms. Bone, SS-9, 2.0 which was a staging area, as it's listed 21 here, but it actually was a location in which we had trailers on -- that we worked on. 22 23 And if you go back up, the one on 24 the left, if you see in the lower, left-hand 25 corner, you can see a couple buildings and 26 trailers. That one building that has the 27 gray roof, that was actually one of the trailers we used. 2.8

And you can see across the other 1 side of the road, the quard shack that we used to control access there and that was 3 under the control of the PUC. 4 You can see that and I think it's 5 very difficult to look beyond that on the 6 7 picture to the right. You can't really -you can barely see those same tanks that were 8 9 on that SS-9, but I think if you see off 10 farther in the distance, how far the 11 community is away. 12 But you also see what could be hard 13 to identify, but just -- I like to use the 14 clock term. Not digital clock; the old hand 15 clock. If you look at about 11:30 or 11:00, 16 you'll see an area that has a white building. 17 That's actually SS-39 well pad. That's where 18 relief well was drilled. So that kind of 19 gives you a perspective, and it also shows 2.0 winding roads that we have at Aliso Canyon. 21 MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, if I --22 ALJ HECHT: Mr. Gruen. 2.3 If I may, this seems to be MR. GRUEN: 24 straying very close to what the -- how shall 25 I put it -- demonstrative exhibits maybe were 26 showing and straying right on the cusp of 27 what the answer to Ms. Bone's question was.

The objection is that the answer should stay

1	within the scope of Ms. Bone's questions
2	about the communications and the location of
3	them.
4	ALJ HECHT: Ms. Patel.
5	MS. PATEL: Yes, your Honor. I believe
6	that we are well within the scope of the
7	cross-examination that was conducted both by
8	SED and Cal Advocates. I would add that this
9	exhibit is in the record.
10	ALJ HECHT: Thank you.
11	Mr. Gruen, briefly.
12	MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, it's not the
13	exhibit. It's the testimony describing it,
14	and the testimony is starting to stray well
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Mr. Schwecke, I apologize if this 1 0 is a little redundant, but where did you spend the majority of your time during the 3 incident? 4 Well, you know, the majority of the 5 А time, I mentioned the trailers. We spend a 6 7 lot of time in trailers, but we also spent a lot of time at other locations, you know, 9 actually on the SS-25 well pad. We spent 10 time on the PS-20 well pad, which was a 11 relief well too; SS-1, which was the observation area above, and the alternate 12 So there's a lot of different 13 pump site. 14 locations. 15 And, actually, as the incident 16 transitioned to the relief well, we moved our 17 trailer down closer to the relief well to be 18 closer and across the road from that so we 19 could have easy access to what was going on 2.0 at the relief well and the work that 21 Halliburton and Sperry were doing in drilling 22 the relief well. 2.3 When you say that you moved closer, 24 do you mean that trailers were brought into 25 the location? 26 Yeah. We brought additional 27 trailers in, had to clear a location on what would be the south side of the road before we

could set these trailers. I mean, they're 1 like double-wide trailers, using that 2. terminology; running the fiber optics, so we 3 had communication; you know, making sure we 4 had badge-access only in those buildings. 5 6 We had to put those in so we were 7 across the road from the drilling rig so we 8 have easy access. 9 And did you indicate earlier today 10 that you were working with Boots & Coots in 11 one of those trailers? Yes, I did. When we were on SS-9, 12 that was the trailer that we, basically, 13 14 would huddle in every day that we meet in the 15 morning and the afternoon and all day long. 16 Likewise, when we moved the trailer 17 down to -- closer to the relief well, not 18 only did we have Boots & Coots, but we had 19 the Halliburton people in there; we had the 2.0 Sperry people, which was doing the drilling diagonals. We had the other -- the other 21 experts: We had John Wright; John 22 2.3 Shackelford; when Arash was there, that's 24 where he would sit. So we were all in this 25 trailer collaborating continually through the 26 day. 27 Thank you. 0 Okay. 28 Now, Mr. Gruen asked you a number

of questions implicating the reporting 1 structure of the incident command structure. 3 What is the purpose of the incident command structure? The incident command structure 5 6 falls out of FEMA's Emergency Response 7 System, an Incident Command System. And what it does is, it creates a hierarchy of 9 reporting relationships, along with 10 functional relationships in response to an 11 incident. 12 That system established by FEMA 13 allows it to contract and expand based on the 14 size of the incident. I mean, we use our 15 Incident Command System every single day we 16 have an incident. If it's just a small leak 17 on a pipeline system, we have an Incident 18 Command that's established that manages that 19 leak, manages the resources. 2.0 And if it expands, like it did here 21 with this leak, you add resources, you add 22 people, whether you have -- you know, you add 2.3 your PIO office. You establish the section 24 chiefs, like operations, regulatory liaisons, 25 logistics all working together, reporting in 26 through an Incident Commander, where the 27 ultimate decisions are made across all the areas of the Incident Commander. Each of the 2.8

1	section chiefs, basically, makes their
2	decision on their areas in consultation with
3	the Incident Commander.
4	Q Understood. Is this the same
5	incident management structure that FEMA uses?
6	A Yes. I mean ICS or Incident
7	Command Structure is what all agencies use.
8	Cal Fire uses it if they are responding to a
9	fire incident. LA City uses it when they
10	respond to a fire. I mean, any time there is
11	an emergency the Incident Command Structure
12	is typically used to establish hierarchy,
13	especially when you have multiple agencies.
14	If you have multiple agencies, you need to
15	know and communicate within the same channel
16	the same information.
17	And that's where you'd take
18	multiple agencies, and then you'd establish
19	Unified Command, where you have actually,
20	the Unified Command is a team of Incident
21	Commanders that would respond; so it's a
22	typical system that's used throughout
23	emergency management.
24	Q Did SoCalGas implement a Unified
25	Command System at some point during the
26	incident?
27	A Yes. When we had Department of
28	Public Health and LA County Fire come more on

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site, then we, basically, moved to a Unified 1 2. Command System where you had LA County Fire 3 and DPH were part of that process, and they met on a daily basis. 4 You have command staff meetings, 5 6 which is the higher levels of the staff, all 7 the way down to each of the organizations or each of the functions. Like, we would do on 9 the operations side, we would have our 10 operation section meeting on a regular basis, 11 which would include parties from LA County 12 Fire, for example. 13 Okay. Now, Mr. Gruen asked you 14 about your experience with well kills. Were 15 you at Aliso for all of Boots & Coots 16 well-kill attempts? 17 I was at the Aliso Canyon site. 18 was not up on the well for the kill attempt, 19 the first kill attempt on November 13th, but 2.0 I was on the Aliso Canyon site, and from a 21 distance viewed what was transpired. I was 22 down the hill, so I could not see the actual 2.3 site. 24 And so you were involved in all of 25 Boots & Coots well-kill attempts expect for 26 their first one; is that correct? 27 That is correct. A

Okay. And then yesterday, you were

also asked about SoCalGas's procedure for 1 2. routine and emergency well kills. Are you familiar with the gas standard that was in 3 place for well kills at the time the incident 4 occurred? 5 6 Α Yes, I was. And we have a company 7 standard. Well, we have a lot of company standards that govern all our activities, and 8 9 these in particular, govern well-kill 10 operations. That company standard addressed 11 both the issue of routine well kills versus 12 emergency well kills. 13 Practically they are the same, but 14 when you go to emergency, you're going to 15 have to factor in more and more of what 16 actually is transpiring at the given time. 17 Whereas, a standard one, where you don't 18 have -- you're just killing the well for 19 maintenance, there is no issue, that's much 2.0 more of a standard procedure. 21 You have to adjust that procedure 22 based on the situation that's occurred, and 2.3 that's what the engineer does before they 24 kill a job -- or kill a well. 25 Okay. Now, you also were asked a 26 lot about the modeling that Boots & Coots did 27 and their assumptions. Can you, please,

explain what you meant by "assumptions"?

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that.

So when I talk about "assumptions," 1 Α 2. it's talking about those things that vary within the incident: Reservoir pressure. 3 Αt the first one, it's really the wellbore diagram and the well schematics; it's also 5 those type of items that change more general 6 7 in nature. I wasn't referring to assumptions, 8 9 engineering assumptions, that were made within the model that is used on how it's 10 11 calculated. Whether they're assumptions or 12 they're engineering factors, I don't know, but I was referring to those areas that you 13 14 have a change because from one kill to the 15 next kill, the reservoir pressure changed, 16 for example, and then the output is the 17 well-kill plan. 18 Okay. And in the same discussion, 19 you were asked about Mr. Lane providing 20 approval. And what would Mr. Lane have 21 approved? 22 Mr. Lane would, ultimately, approve 2.3 the well-kill plan, which was the output of 24 the model, and said: This is what we're 25 going to execute. This is the well-kill plan 26 that we're going to follow and execute, and 27 then we would go out and be prepared to do

And we're going to pull up 1 0 Okav. Exhibit SoCalGas-09, which is the Attachment to Reply Testimony of Bill Abel. 3 He testified previously and this exhibit is in 4 the record. 5 6 Do you recognize this as a well-kill plan? 7 Yes, I do. 8 Α 9 With respect to the modeling, do 10 you have any reason to doubt Boots & Coots 11 sworn testimony that they conducted transient 12 modeling? 13 Α No, I do not. I mean, as a 14 world-renowned well kill, that travels the 15 world to do just that. They are an expert in 16 the industry. They do what they know how to 17 do and based on their experience, what it 18 takes. They are experts, and those experts 19 will do what's best based on the information 2.0 they have and their experience as they are 21 on-site. 22 So this really is a kill program, 2.3 which lays out step by step the process we're going to go through. I mean, this one that 24 25 you're showing on the screen really says, first of all, you start with mixing the LCM; 26 27 right? And then you pump down a certain

amount of GEO Zan in this case, and it's a

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step-by-step process, barrel by barrel, on how you, basically, will execute the plan. So it's very clear what are the steps you're going to take one after the other before you start the process.

Q Understood. Thank you.

Now, yesterday, Mr. Gruen asked you extensively about the slots where the SSSV was in SS-25 and whether the existence of these slots was disclosed to Boots & Coots as well as other experts such as Add Energy, who were at Aliso assisting with the well-control operation. What do you understand slots to be?

A Well, in this case the slots are, you know, they've been called "cross-over ports"; they've been called "ports," but they are what is manufactured into the housing that would allow that gas flow from the tubing into the casing.

So that's my understanding when you use "slots." You can call it "ports"; you can call it "cross-over ports," but it is just a space that was manufactured in the housing -- in the tubing that allowed for gas to flow from the tubing into tubing-casing anulus.

O And are those slots or cross-over

ports different from the perforations that 1 Mr. Gruen has referred to from time to time? Well, I think when you look at what 3 perforations are, there's a couple different. 4 There's ones that are down in the reservoir 5 that are perforations in the casing that 6 7 allow gas to flow from the reservoir into the casing and then up into the tubing and then 8 9 out those ports or you can look at what the perforations were that occurred after the 10 11 plug was set in the tubing to create a flow 12 path for kill fluids from the tubing into the 13 2-7/8-inch and 7-inch anulus. 14 Okay. And with respect to slots, 15 again, the experts that we talked about --16 Boots & Coots, Add Energy, others who were 17 assisting in this effort -- were they aware 18 that there were slots where SSSV used to be 19 in SS-25? 2.0 A Absolutely. There was no question 21 in my mind that they were fully aware of the 22 configuration of the well and communication 2.3 path from the tubing into the casing. 24 And do you believe that any of the 25 experts believed that there was still an SSSV in SS-25? 26 27 A No. I do not believe that at all. 2.8 How do you know that? 0

Α Well, it's pretty clear in the well 1 file that that hadn't been removed. anyone that read the well file -- I think it 3 is '79 or '80 -- that valve was removed and 4 not replaced. 5 If a well has slots or 6 Okav. 7 perforations, do you consider that well to be leaking? 8 9 Well, can you define where that is? 10 If you're talking about slots or 11 perforations in the tubing that is within the casing, no. I do not consider that to be a 12 leaking well. That is a known path of gas to 13 14 move from the tubing into the casing anulus. 15 And then I'll ask the same question 16 about slots and perforations: If a well has 17 slots and perforations, can it still be 18 killed by a top kill? 19 Yes. I mean, we do that every time 2.0 today. In fact, when you look at it, that 21 actually helps facilitate a kill job because you're able to circulate fluids and not just 22 2.3 try to push down on the pressure of the 24 fluid. So being able to do that, it allows 25 for the kill jobs today. 26 0 Okay. Thank you. 27 Now, you were also asked about 2.8 whether the various items we just discussed

were reflected in any well schematic 1 pertaining to SS-25. Are you the person 2. 3 testifying in this hearing on behalf of SoCalGas who is most familiar with well 4 schematics? 5 I would not be the one that's 6 A No. 7 most familiar. I think Dan Neville would be the one that is most familiar with wellbore 8 9 schematics, and I think he testified 10 extensively on it. 11 Okay. Now, you were also asked 12 yesterday whether SoCalGas had prepared any document analyzing the causes of the failure 13 14 of SS-25. You indicated that SoCalGas had 15 not because the CPUC prohibited it. 16 Was it any particular entity within 17 the CPUC? 18 A Yes. Once the well was certified 19 by DOGGR, you know, the agency that basically 2.0 was certifying the leak had stopped --21 because that is their agency 22 responsibility -- SED, the CPUC's Safety and 2.3 Enforcement Division, basically, then took 24 control of the site, and then actually had us 25 cordon off -- and I mentioned the guard 26 shack -- but, actually, had cordoned off by 27 the use of ropes, I think it was, approximately a 300-foot circle bounded by 2.8

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the roads, anyways, on the two sides, with 1 2. rope, which clearly delineated the area, 3 which they had taken responsibility for and control over. So it was SED that instructed 4 us to do that. 5 6 Okav. And so when you say that you 7 were prohibited from doing such an analysis, would it be fair to say that it would not 8 9 have been feasible or practical given these limitations? 10 11 Yeah. It would not be feasible. Τ 12 mean, we were instructed, one, not only to 13 create the area, but no disturbing any of the 14 evidence; no destruction of any of the 15 materials. I mean, we were, basically, 16 hands-off. And we were there to support 17 18 Blade's effort because Blade had been 19 contracted to do the Root Cause Analysis. We 2.0 were not to interfere with their activity, 21 only to support them in getting to completion 22 of their report, which I think everyone knows 2.3 took quite a while to do. 24 Okay. Now, this morning you were 25 shown a demonstrative of a small portion of

shown a demonstrative of a small portion of Mr. Dan Neville's testimony from May 5th, and, Mr. Moshfegh, if you could pull that up. Perfect. Thank you.

And I believe you were shown a very 1 2. specific line in it, and you indicated that in order to answer the questions you were 3 asked, you would need to review the portion that came before that. Have you now had the 5 6 opportunity to review the discussions 7 surrounding that one excerpt? A Yes, I have. 8 9 Okay. Is it your understanding 10 that Mr. Neville is referring here to setting 11 a plug during routine well maintenance back in 2007? 12 According to Dan's testimony, 13 A Yes. 14 this referenced the ability to set a plug in 15 2007 during a time when it was -- gas was not 16 flowing; in other words, it was not a leaking 17 well. We were going to perform some 18 maintenance on the well. So it's a 19 completely different situation than what was 2.0 being addressed on Tom Egbert's e-mail in 21 which we had a situation where you had a 22 leaking well, and our procedures and 2.3 standards provide that you have the option, 24 if you can -- if you believe you can set a 25 Wireline plug, but if you can't, you go to kill fluid. 26 27 And that is a game-time decision.

That is a decision that's made based on the

engineering site and what information they 1 have. So unlike the 2007 where there was no 2. gas flowing; here we had gas flowing. 3 So from that standpoint, the decision was made 4 to go right to kill fluids. 5 6 0 Okay. Thank you. 7 And I think I heard Ms. Bone refer to such a plug as a safety plug. Is that an 8 9 accurate description? 10 A I think you can see the part No. 11 here, it's a Wireline pluq. We call it a "plug," "Wireline plug." I've never heard it 12 13 referred to as a safety pluq. 14 Now, I would say it provides safety 15 because it provides a barrier between the 16 reservoir and the surface, but "safety plug" 17 is not a term I've heard. 18 Thank you. 0 19 Okay. And, Mr. Moshfegh, if you 20 could please go back to the Exhibit 1000. 21 Thank you so much. And, you know, I asked you earlier 22 2.3 about SED taking over a portion of the site. 24 Can you generally describe where that was on 25 this image. Yeah. Actually, if you could go to 26 27 the lower diagram, it might be easier to

start with. If you see that dotted line,

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that's kind of the roadway. So on the 1 2 right-hand side, which would be the eastern side, that's basically where we used the road 3 as a delineating factor, which would be on 4 the downhill side of the road. 5 Then we would 6 run -- and ran up above where it says 7 "collection" --Uh-huh. 8 0 9 -- up above that location. 10 And maybe you could go to one of 11 the other diagrams. I think if you were to 12 look at the diagram to the right, you could 13 see how you delineate where the road was on 14 the bottom of the hillside, and it would 15 extend up past what looks to be a tree kind 16 of on the left-hand side. I wish I could 17 point to it. I'm pointing to it with my 18 finger, but you can't see where I'm pointing 19 to, but it would run up a hill, and you have 2.0 to think of a 300-foot circumference around 21 the well, was the defined area of control by 22 SED. 2.3 Q Okay. Thank you. 24 And you said that was for purposes 25 of collecting evidence for Blade? 26 Yes. You know, I think one of the

was looking at the surface material, and I

first then steps they went through in the RCA

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don't know if we had Blade, but we had Randy 1 Holter of the CPUC was there, you know, going through the materials and the soil that was 3 on-site to see if there was any materials 4 that could be found. 5 A lot of times when you look at a 6 7 pipeline incident, then you could find things that sit on the surface. This, obviously, 8 9 was occurring at 890 feet, but they did go 10 through that process of looking and taking 11 samples, so... You said, "taking samples." 12 was the evidence taken? 13 14 Well, any evidence that was taken, 15 was then taken by Blade, and it was then 16 taken as -- they maintained control of the 17 evidence. We provided evidence trailers, but 18 they're the only one that had keys for, and 19 they basically cataloged and logged 2.0 everything and kept all that information 21 along with taking -- I wouldn't venture, you 22 know -- tens of thousands of pictures 2.3 throughout the process. 24 Okay. And then you also said that 25 SED was on the site. Were they on the site 26 frequently during this time when the evidence 27 was being collected?

I would say SED was on-site even

1	before evidence was being collected. I think
2	we had a lot of our safety morning
3	meetings, SED was present. There was many
4	days that, you know, that I would have to
5	provide an escort, Randy, for example
6	Randy Holter, for example, up to do a visual
7	inspection of SS-25 while it was leaking,
8	from our trailers on SS-9. So they were
9	there quite often, and, obviously, they were
10	there even more often, when they started
11	their Root Cause Analysis.
12	ALJ POIRIER: Excuse me. It looks like
13	there is a side chat. Mr. Stoddard, you're
14	sending chats to the whole service list?
15	MR. STODDARD: Yeah, your Honor.
16	Sorry. I was telling the court reporter
17	asked a question for clarification and I just
18	asked her to raise it on the record, instead
19	of chatting with me about it, if she couldn't
20	understand something Mr. Schwecke said.
21	ALJ POIRIER: Okay. Thank you.
22	ALJ Hecht, do you want to address
23	that now?
24	ALJ HECHT: Yes. Let's address that
25	now. What was the clarification that was
26	needed?
27	MR. STODDARD: The court reporter, and
28	I can let her ask, but Ms. Ross asked about

1	some names that Mr. Schwecke had referenced
2	that she couldn't catch because he was
3	speaking too quickly.
4	Do you want Ms. Ross, do you want
5	to identify the names you had issues that
6	you couldn't understand?
7	ALJ HECHT: If Ms. Ross is speaking, we
8	cannot hear her.
9	REPORTER MENDEZ: Hello. This is Carol
10	Mendez. We switched court reporters. She's
11	no longer on.
12	REPORTER S. ROSS: Your Honor, it was
13	Andrea Ross, and for some reason or we can
14	just check that later. I don't think she
15	meant for this to be an interruption.
16	ALJ HECHT: That's fine. We'll address
17	it later. And this is an object lesson in
18	why we speak slowly and especially carefully
19	around names that have not yet been
20	introduced to the record.
21	So, let's see. Are we on or off the
22	record?
23	REPORTER MENDEZ: On.
24	ALJ HECHT: We are on the record, which
25	is good. So we can just continue, Ms. Patel.
26	BY MS. PATEL:
27	Q Mr. Schwecke, I will just ask you,
28	can you please spell Randy Holter? I believe

you referred to his name a few times. 1 2. I believe his last name is spelled H-o-l-t-e-r. 3 4 0 Thank you. And I will attempt to talk slower. 5 Α 6 I apologize. 7 ALJ HECHT: It's a common problem. It's not unusual at all. BY MS. PATEL: 9 10 Mr. Moshfegh, I apologize. 0 I had 11 one last question regarding that visual. 12 Mr. Schwecke, you had indicated that SED was on-site during evidence 13 14 collection. And did SED have a trailer at 15 Aliso during that time period? 16 Α Yeah. During the root cause 17 analysis, we provided trailers to not only 18 Blade, Blade wanted their own trailers, but 19 we also provided to SED. And if you take a 2.0 look at the picture on the right, and if you 21 could blow that up, it might be easier to 22 Just down below where I think you see see. those trailers to -- almost there. 2.3 Well, anyways, if you follow the 24 25 road in the bottom just before it turns left the second time, right down there, is our 26 27 SS-3 well pad in which we located numerous trailers during the incident and after the 2.8

incident, the root cause, and that's actually 1 where we had most of our morning meetings. That was our point of congregation to get 3 together in the mornings before anyone would 5 go up on-site, because during a leak, it was 6 Boots & Coots that would go on-site to check 7 for safety before anyone else and we would be located down on SS-3. 9 And Blade's trailer was in the same 10 area? 11 A Well, Blade had a couple of 12 different locations. They had one in that 13 area, but they also had one down in the main 14 offices because they need a lot of space for 15 the number of people they had, the amount of 16 materials they gathered. The also had a 17 trailer that was on PS20, which was the relief well, the second relief well site. 18 19 That's where they moved all the tubulars that 2.0 they took out of the well to that location 21 for inspection. Okay. And did you have access --22 did SoCalGas have access to the Blade and SED 2.3 2.4 trailers? 25 We did not. А No. 26 Okay. And the evidence that was 27 taken by Blade, was that evidence taken back

to Houston to Blade's headquarters?

1	A Yeah. I believe the majority of
2	that Blade wanted to take back to do any of
3	the laboratory analysis on was moved back to
4	Houston. I think it still sits in Houston.
5	Q Today it still sits there?
6	A I believe so.
7	Q All right. Thank you.
8	Mr. Moshfegh, if we could please go to
9	Exhibit SED-323.
10	Mr. Schwecke, this morning you were
11	questioned about this e-mail, particularly
12	the second bullet point. Do you have
13	anything you would like to add?
14	A Yeah. I think Tom, when he drafted
15	this, and again this was drafted for Todd
16	Van de Putte to use in an e-mail
17	communication that he was going to do or
18	possibly do. And I think Tom probably
19	mistakenly identified that the casing of
20	tubing below the packer, the communication
21	ports below the packer, I don't think he was
22	correct
23	MS. MANDELBAUM: Your Honor. Excuse
24	me. I'm sorry. This calls for speculation.
25	I believe that Mr. Schwecke is speculating
26	about Tom's meaning in this e-mail.
27	MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, if I may add to
28	that, I echo that objection and add this is

hearsay in the extreme. This is a witness 1 that now SoCalGas has not offered and Mr. Schwecke is going to testify as to what 3 his understanding is about Mr. Egbert's 4 e-mail. 5 ALJ HECHT: Ms. Patel, do you have a 6 7 response? MS. PATEL: Sure. I think that clearly 8 9 SED and maybe Cal Advocates also were trying 10 to make a point as to what this e-mail says 11 and Mr. Schwecke is testifying as to what his 12 understanding is. We are not speculating as 13 to what Mr. Egbert may have meant. 14 Mr. Schwecke is noting a correction. 15 ALJ HECHT: All right. Let's stick 16 with what this witness knows himself and 17 avoid hearsay. Please continue. 18 BY MS. PATEL: 19 Mr. Schwecke, let me clarify here. 2.0 The second bullet point here, do you know this to be accurate or inaccurate? 21 22 The statement made here is Α 2.3 inaccurate because it defines, you know, below the packer, the communication ports 24 25 below the packer. We know that those 26 communication points were above the packer, 27 which is the only way you can create a 2.8 communication path where tubing is into the

fault.

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1 casing. So -- and I would also like to 2. point out the time this was done. 3 (Inaudible) was at 9:30 in the morning, which 4 most of these gentleman, Tom in particular I 5 6 think, was probably up all night, or at least 7 most of the night, but the statement he has down there is inaccurate based on my 8 information. 9 10 All right. Thank you. Okay. Now, 11 you were also questioned this morning about 12 Exhibit 317, which is an e-mail from Mr. Mansdorfer to Rudy Weibel in 2009. 13 14 You mentioned in the context of 15 that questioning that you had had some 16 earlier discussions with Mr. Mansdorfer. 17 Could you please elaborate on those? Well, I think when I talk about 18 19 earlier discussion, it was discussion in the 2011 time frame, which was actually after the 2.0 21 e-mail when I was director of storage and Jim 22 worked for me. Jim's e-mail in 2009 laid out what 2.3 24 the potential issues could be for a casing 25 Jim typically had expressed concern to 26 me about the seismic concerns and I think he 27 mentioned in that e-mail is the Santa Susana

1	Jim, with his geological
2	background, was concerned that you could have
3	a slippage of the Santa Susana fault, which
4	could cause a sheering of the wells and
5	basically have multiple wells where you have
6	an incident. And that's where Jim was
7	looking at it. And part of his thought about
8	subsurface safety subsurface safety valves
9	related to that.
10	I think there was another e-mail we
11	talked about where Jim kind of changed his
12	opinion with regard to deep set subsurface
13	safety valves after our experience with
14	Miller 4 Well and then SSSV.
15	Q Thank you. Were you saying
15 16	Q Thank you. Were you saying sheering?
16	sheering?
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MS. PATEL: Mr. Schwecke is discussing 1 2. matters that are directly in the exhibit that is SED's exhibit. 3 ALJ HECHT: I do recall mention of 4 landslides, though it was in a slightly 5 different context. And this is referring to 6 one of the exhibits. So I am going to 7 overrule the objection and please continue. 8 9 MS. PATEL: Thank you, your Honor. Mr. Schwecke, I believe you were 10 11 interrupted. I had wanted to clarify you had said "sheering." I wasn't sure if it was 12 sheering or sharing. 13 14 Α Sheering. If you think of the 15 Santa -- Jim's concern is, you know, as 16 expressed, if the Santa Susana fault was to 17 shift and you had a well that ran through it, 18 you could have sheering of that well or 19 bending of that well that could affect its 2.0 integrity. So that's what -- Jim mentions all 21 22 the items, but in particular I think in the 2.3 first paragraph he talks about the Santa 24 Susana fault and that had been his concern 25 that he had expressed to me over the period of time in which he worked for me. 26 27 And Mr. Mansdorfer also refers to the 2012 rate case in that e-mail. Did the

recommendations he made in the e-mail make it 1 into the 2012 rate case? We didn't. You have to 3 A No. remember the 2012 rate case was being looked 4 at, but also during that period of time, this 5 6 was post the San Bruno incident and there was 7 a Commission proceeding which was for filing or Pipeline Safety Enhancement Program, our 9 PSEP. That program we were looking at filing 10 not only with regard to our horizontal 11 transmission pipelines, but looking at 12 including our storage wells as part of that inspect or test program, because PSEP related 13 14 to pressure testing or replacing pipelines. The Commission came out with a 15 16 scoping ruling that focuses solely on the 17 pipelines. So at that point in time, we 18 looked at development of our integrity 19 management program related to storage or 2.0 SIMP, which we ultimately filed. 21 MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, if I may, this 22 is going well beyond the scope of cross. We're not -- the cross didn't focus 23 24 with Mr. Schwecke about SIMP or pipelines. 25 This is exceeding the scope of cross. 26 ALJ HECHT: I think, at this point, it 27 is exceeding the scope of cross. Ms. Patel,

you should try another line.

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1	MS. PATEL: Your Honor, may I respond
2	to that?
3	ALJ HECHT: Yes, you may.
4	MS. PATEL: So the 2009 e-mail, and
5	maybe it would be helpful if we could
6	actually bring it up, but in that e-mail, it
7	discusses certain practices, and Mr. Schwecke
8	is talking about the evolution and those
9	practices going into a program in the general
10	rate case. These are matters that are
11	directly discussed in the e-mail.
12	ALJ HECHT: If you can tie it to the
13	e-mail specifically, then we will allow a
14	question that is tied to that.
15	MS. PATEL: Thank you, your Honor.
16	Mr. Moshfegh, could you please
17	scroll up? You know, I apologize. I
18	apologize. We have moved on to a different
19	exhibit. This would be Exhibit 315. Sorry,
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20	Mr. Moshfegh. All right.
21	
	Mr. Moshfegh. All right.
21	Mr. Moshfegh. All right. Q And up here, it's this first
21 22	Mr. Moshfegh. All right. Q And up here, it's this first sentence. So, Mr. Schwecke, do you see where
21 22 23	Mr. Moshfegh. All right. Q And up here, it's this first sentence. So, Mr. Schwecke, do you see where it says:
21222324	Mr. Moshfegh. All right. Q And up here, it's this first sentence. So, Mr. Schwecke, do you see where it says: Yes, we do the casing inspection,
21 22 23 24 25	Mr. Moshfegh. All right. Q And up here, it's this first sentence. So, Mr. Schwecke, do you see where it says: Yes, we do the casing inspection, pressure testing, wellness seal

1	A Yes. That's what the e-mail says.
2	Q And do you recognize those
3	practices as part of an initiative at
4	SoCalGas?
5	A Yes. I mean casing inspection and
6	pressure testing and valve replacement when a
7	rig is on a well is part of our Storage
8	Integrity Management Program.
9	Q And so did the Storage Integrity
10	Management Program eventually make its way
11	into a rate case?
12	A The storage integrity program which
13	we developed was somewhat similar in
14	following the Transmission Integrity
15	Management Program that had been in place for
16	some time, was filed in 2014 for our 2016
17	GRC.
18	Q Thank you. With respect to this
19	same e-mail, Mr. Gruen had asked you about
20	SSSVs and you indicated there were issues
21	with reliability. Can you please elaborate
22	on what you meant by reliability?
23	A Yeah, I think when you think about
24	reliability, there's actually two areas; one
25	is the actual valve reliability and being
26	able to have that valve work. If it doesn't
27	work and doesn't perform the function that
28	it's supposed to, it's unreliable.

1	The other issue it could translate
2	to reliability from a deliverability
3	standpoint. If the valves were to close
4	suddenly without notice, that would impact
5	deliverability on a storage field which
6	ultimately could impact the reliability of
7	gas service to customers.
8	Q All right. Thank you.
9	Mr. Moshfegh, if we could now go to
10	Exhibit SED-314.
11	And this is an e-mail from
12	Mr. Mansdorfer to certain SoCalGas personnel,
13	including you. When was this e-mail sent,
14	Mr. Schwecke?
15	A The date on the e-mail is
16	November 20, 2015.
17	Q And was that during the well
18	control incident?
19	A This is a period during the leak of
20	the SS-25.
21	Q And what was Mr. Mansdorfer's
22	involvement in the incident at the time he
23	wrote this e-mail?
24	A Jim was not involved in the
25	incident, or incident management at all, on
26	November 20th.
27	Q And Mr. Moshfegh, could you scroll
28	down, please, second page?

And Mr. Mansdorfer provided you 1 with what he entitled "Solutions." Do you see the first solution, "reduce reservoir 3 pressure in the vicinity of the well?" 4 5 Α Yes, I see that. Did you consider this solution? 6 0 7 Α At the time we received the e-mail, we had already executed this approximately 8 9 nine days earlier and started that process of 10 reducing the reservoir pressure in the vicinity of the well. We began withdrawals 11 on November 11th. 12 And Solution 2 where it says, 13 14 "start a relief well ASAP," did you consider this solution? 15 16 We were already executing on Α 17 planning the relief well, at the time this 18 e-mail was sent. We started it very close 19 after the incident. And the first well kill 2.0 that was performed by us was unsuccessful. 21 As a contingency, we started planning, 22 knowing that it would take some time to plan a relief well. 2.3 24 And Solution No. 3, "pumping into 25 SS-25," did you consider this solution? 26 Yes. I mean these were the kill 27 jobs, and part of that was bringing Boots & 2.8 Coots on board with their expertise in

1	developing of kill plans on how to kill a
2	well. So this was something that we were
3	looking at, and by this time had already
4	executed three different well kills.
5	Q Thank you. So moving on,
6	Mr. Moshfegh, if you could please pull up
7	Exhibit SED-276. And this is the CoreLab
8	report.
9	While we are waiting on the
10	exhibit, Mr. Schwecke, do you know why the
11	CoreLab report was prepared?
12	A At the request of Boots & Coots, we
13	wanted to get additional information on
14	SS-25, and once the hydrate was removed from
15	the tubing, we basically had CoreLab run
16	their tools. I think Western Wireline
17	actually ran the tools for them, so, for them
18	to give us analysis to provide more
19	information on what was happening on the well
20	itself, once the hydrate was cleared.
21	Q And Mr. Moshfegh, could you go to
22	page 6, please?
23	Now yesterday Mr. Gruen asked you
24	about the reference to a cooling anomaly at
25	about 890 feet?
26	A Yes.
27	Q And does this report say that it's
28	referring to the surface casing?

Yes, they referred it to the 1 Α surface casing at 890 leak. And is the surface casing distinct 3 from the production casing? 4 Yes, it is. The production casing 5 6 sits inside the surface casing. 7 Okay. Thank you. And you were also asked questions about the Add Energy 8 9 report. That's Exhibit SED-281. That report 10 was prepared by Mr. Mort Emilsen. You walked through that yesterday. Who is Mister --11 maybe it's Dr. Emilsen? 12 I like to use just his first name, 13 Α 14 He was basically a well modeling 15 expert, probably one of the best in the world 16 to come in that we brought in to assist us 17 primarily with regard to the relief well. 18 mean at this point in time, we were looking 19 at gathering a complete brain trust of 2.0 individuals that had a wide range of 21 experience and technical capabilities. 22 he was brought in to assist in looking at 2.3 contingencies and well kills, primarily for 24 the relief well. 25 And do you know why he prepared 26 that report? 27 I think in looking at the relief well, he wanted to look at the circumstances 2.8

1	which transpired up until that point.
2	Looking at those gives a better idea what
3	circumstances might be and what contingencies
4	you have to look for, as you're looking at
5	putting together a kill plan for the relief
6	well. And I think we talked about it. Some
7	of these potential washouts or cavities, flow
8	through the WSOs. Those were all
9	contingencies, because if you indulge me a
10	little bit if you're drilling a relief
11	well, in the drilling process, you're
12	circulating drilling mud through that
13	process. And you're circulating wanting to
14	create lubricant but also to pull the
15	cuttings from the drilling up back to the
16	surface. If you were to be drilling and
17	suddenly hit a cavity, you would have a
18	sudden loss of fluid that would just flow
19	into that cavity, and any time you have fluid
20	loss, you have to try to make it up at
21	surface. And if you're unable to make it up
22	and you drill into a cavity, you could have
23	potential for gas flowing back up your
24	drilling hole to the drilling well where you
25	have a BLP to protect you, but it may kick
26	out something. So you have to prepare for
27	that contingency and have sufficient fluids,
28	that if you do hit something like a cavity,

you're prepared to respond to it. So I kind 1 of -- a little long-winded there. I'm sorry. It's okay. So it sounds like 3 Q No. this possible cavity area was important for a 4 relief well. Was it similarly important for 5 a top kill? 6 7 Α Well, the top kill, as I mentioned this was in the drilling operations, not 8 9 necessarily the kill. If you're trying to do 10 a kill, you're actually trying to intercept 11 the well from the relief well. But on top 12 kill, you're not basically going into the 13 formation. You're really pumping down the 14 tubing out through either the ports or 15 perforations to fill up the annulus with 16 fluids. You're not coming in from the bottom 17 and having a cavity that you would hit. 18 Okay. Thank you. Now, you were 19 also asked yesterday by Mr. Gruen about the 2.0 SS-25 well records that Boots & Coots asked 21 for. Were documents provided to Boots & Coots before they arrived at Aliso? 22 23 A Yeah. In order to get Boots & 24 Coots up to speed as fast as possible, we 25 basically -- I don't know if we faxed it to them. We sent electronic versions of key 26 27 portions of the well file to them so they could review it on their flight out. Then 28

once they got here, we provided the full well 1 file for their use throughout the incident, and I think I mentioned it was kept in our 3 operational trailer. 4 Who worked at the well file 5 Okav. during this time at Aliso? 6 7 A I think that the well file was looked at by all the individuals. You know, 9 you want to pull it up and look at to jog 10 your memory or you want to -- or just to confirm something. 11 So whether it was the SoCalGas, myself, Bret Lane and others, or 12 whether it was the Boots & Coots individuals, 13 14 whether it's the Halliburton, whether it was 15 Don Shackelford, John Wright; anyone that was 16 on-site used that file. And, you know, I 17 will say that not once did I hear any of 18 those individuals express concern about the 19 information that was in that file. And if it 2.0 wasn't in that file, they would ask for 21 information, because that's only a portion of all the records associated with the well, and 22 2.3 we would go get the records that they're looking for to perform their functions, so. 24 25 When you refer to "the file," are 26 you referring to the hard copy well file? 27 Yes, the hard copy well file. Α 2.8 And all the experts have access to Q

the hard copy well file? 1 2. Yeah, because we had it in the trailer we working at so they all could 3 basically look at it throughout the day. 4 Okay. Did you ever hear any of the 5 experts say they didn't understand any of the 6 documents in the well file? 7 No. I never heard them say 8 Α 9 anything like that. 10 Did you ever hear any of the 11 experts say they wanted any kind of records that they didn't have? 12 13 No. I did not hear anything. 14 would ask for an additional record, whether 15 it was a log run or something, we would go 16 down to the files and bring it back up. 17 not once did they ask for something that we 18 didn't have. 19 Did any of the experts raise 2.0 concerns about the condition of the hard copy 21 well file? 22 Not to me, they did not. 2.3 Did any of the experts raise 0 24 concerns about the accuracy of documents in 25 the well file -- the hard copy well file? 26 I think most of them were very 27 appreciative of what we had and the documents

that we had for their availability and use.

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1	Q Did any of the experts say they
2	didn't have anything they needed for purposes
3	of a well control operation?
4	A No. They did not.
5	Q Okay. Now, Mr. Gruen also asked
6	you about communications with the various
7	persons at the Aliso facility. Were you
8	communicating with all the experts who were
9	there?
10	A Yeah. I mean we sat in the trailer
11	and we would get together and huddle and have
12	conversations throughout the day.
13	Q I was going to ask how frequently,
14	but if you say throughout the day, you mean
15	every day; is that correct?
16	A We had a meeting at least once a
17	day.
18	Q And were you communicating with
19	DOGGR?
20	A Yeah. DOGGR was on-site and they
21	would come on-site every day because part of
22	what they want to do is actually review their
23	site. They wanted to have visual inspection
24	of the SS-25 well site throughout the leak.
25	So I would escort them up to that site and we
26	would do a visual inspection of that site on
27	a daily basis.
28	Q Were you also communicating with

1 SED? 2 A There was many days in which SED was on-site asking for the same visual 3 inspection of the site. 4 I would also say that I can't 5 6 remember when we started, but we started 7 having daily calls with DOGGR and other agencies and briefing them on what was 8 9 happening and what the next steps we're going 10 to be. So we started that process and I 11 can't remember the exact date. 12 ALJ HECHT: One moment. I just want to 13 ask if you're going to come across a break at 14 some point, I'd like to take an early 15 afternoon break at some point reasonably 16 soon, but I don't want to disrupt the 17 redirect. 18 MS. PATEL: I can ask one more question 19 on this topic and we can take a break if it's 2.0 okay. 21 ALJ HECHT: That would be great. Thank 22 you very much. Please proceed. BY MS. PATEL: 2.3 24 Mr. Schwecke, these communications 25 that you were referring to, were they all 26 formal meetings or did you also have informal 27 communications with DOGGR and SED? 2.8 A Besides the formal meetings, we had

1	informal conversations with them. Any time
2	you would run across them in the field or,
3	you know, at lunch or whatever it was, you
4	obviously would have informal conversations
5	with them.
6	MS. PATEL: Okay. Your Honor, we can
7	take the break now, if it's a good time.
8	ALJ HECHT: All right. With that, we
9	will take a break until 2:05. And we will
10	return then and resume the redirect.
11	Thank you, Witness Schwecke, for
12	your patience that we're bringing you back
13	and forth.
14	We'll be off the record.
15	(Off the record.)
16	(Recess.)
17	ALJ HECHT: We'll be back on the
18	record. We just took a short afternoon break
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	and we will resume the redirect with
20	and we will resume the redirect with Ms. Patel.
20	Ms. Patel.
20	Ms. Patel. MS. PATEL: Thank you, your Honor.
20 21 22	Ms. Patel. MS. PATEL: Thank you, your Honor. Mr. Moshfegh, could you please bring
20212223	Ms. Patel. Ms. PATEL: Thank you, your Honor. Mr. Moshfegh, could you please bring up Exhibit SED-218. If you could go to the
2021222324	Ms. Patel. Ms. PATEL: Thank you, your Honor. Mr. Moshfegh, could you please bring up Exhibit SED-218. If you could go to the next page. Okay.
20 21 22 23 24 25	Ms. Patel. Ms. PATEL: Thank you, your Honor. Mr. Moshfegh, could you please bring up Exhibit SED-218. If you could go to the next page. Okay. REDIRECT EXAMINATION RESUMED

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an e-mail from Jim LaGrone of Boots & Coots
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     to Hilary Petrizzo who is a SoCalGas
     employee; is that correct?
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               I believe you're still on mute.
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           ALJ HECHT: Yes, I believe you were
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     muted.
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           THE WITNESS: That was the first time
     in two days.
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 9
           ALJ HECHT: You're doing pretty well.
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     Everybody else has done that multiple times.
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           THE WITNESS: Apologize for that.
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               Yes, Hilary Petrizzo is a SoCalGas
13
     employee.
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     BY MS. PATEL:
15
               Okay. And this e-mail is dated
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     December 27, 2015, and what was going on at
     Aliso around this time?
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               Well, you know, the primary
19
     objective, primary things going on at this
2.0
     time was drilling of the relief well.
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     is a very similar description that we had
     when we looked at the Add Energy report that
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     had the washout. So this is very similar.
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     about it, but it really just talks about the
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     same type of potential situation of having a
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     cavity or, as the Add Energy report had, a
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washout that you would have to deal with in 1 2. drilling the relief well as you became closer 3 and closer to your target point. And to clarify, this is not an 4 5 issue if you're conducting a top kill; is 6 that correct? 7 Α They are addressing it from No. the standpoint with regard to the relief well 9 and not an issue for the top-kill events. All right. And then Mr. LaGrone 10 0 11 writes, "We now have a new theory on what may 12 be happening on SS-25." How often were there new theories 13 14 about how to kill the well? 15 Well, you know, there was 16 obviously, as we were collaborating and 17 discussing, there was obviously since -- at 18 any given time we didn't know what was 19 actually happening. I mean it's buried deep 2.0 in the ground. You didn't know the path. 21 there was always discussion, so new theories or new possibilities, you know, this was more 22 2.3 a theory on what could be happening behind 24 the pipe at the wellbore. 25 They were happening on a regular 26 basis, you know. Is the leak at 800 feet, is 27 the leak at 300 feet? I mean you always had

those discussions.

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Thank you. And was the well 1 0 2. condition changing during the time -- this time period? 3 Yeah, I think I mentioned it was a 4 very dynamic situation. One, you had a leak 5 of the well, two, you had withdrawals that 6 7 were occurring so you had reservoir pressure was changing, you had prior kill attempts 9 that may or may not impact the well, the 10 wellbore did impact the flow of gas to 11 surface, you had the crater forming. 12 I mean it was an extremely dynamic 13 situation that was changing on a daily basis. 14 You'd go out there, leave one evening, come 15 back in the morning and something would have 16 changed. It may have been some projectile or 17 something come out of the crater so -- or it 18 may have sloughed off so it was obviously 19 changing. 2.0 Thank you. Now, Mr. Gruen asked 21 you yesterday why SoCalGas did not start 22 withdrawing from the reservoir sooner than 2.3 November 11, 2015. Could you --24 foundationally, could you please describe how 25 SoCalGas' system works normally under normal 26 circumstances. 27 The SoCalGas system is made A 2.8 up of main transmission lines that come in

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1	from the interstates connects to the
2	interstate pipelines at the
3	California/Arizona border or up in the San
4	Joaquin Valley and gas is the system is
5	designed to flow gas into the LA Basin with
6	declining pressures.
7	When you have your main load center
8	as the LA Basin, it also is designed around
9	the use of storage like Aliso Canyon to make
LO	up for deficiencies as your demand
L1	fluctuates. And the demand fluctuates
L2	when the demand goes up, you use if for
L3	withdrawals. When the demand goes down, you
L4	use it for injection.
L5	So it is a balancing act that
L6	occurs throughout each given day. Sixty
L7	percent of the gas that comes in our system
L8	is purchased by somebody else and not
L9	purchased by us. It's purchased by electric
20	generation customers, industrial customers.
21	So they buy gas all the way back in Texas and
22	move it across the interstate pipelines into
23	California and then have rights to move it
24	across our system.
25	Q And so with that, what has to
26	happen in order to start withdrawing gas from
27	Aliso during the incident?

The key thing is you have to have a

1	demand sync for gas for somewhere for the
2	gas to go. That means you have to have a
3	demand profile less what is being delivered
4	across the interstates to be able to move
5	that gas. And also, it has to be
6	MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, if I may I'm
7	sorry to interrupt.
8	ALJ HECHT: Go ahead.
9	MR. GRUEN: I have an objection that
10	this is new direct testimony. The
11	explanation we didn't ask questions about
12	gas going across interstate lines or where
13	the demand for it came from.
14	MS. PATEL: Your Honor, this goes
15	directly to Mr. Gruen's line of questioning
16	about why SoCalGas did not begin withdrawing
17	from the reservoir sooner than it did. The
18	system is part of why it could not withdraw
19	gas sooner.
20	ALJ HECHT: Mr. Gruen, do you have a
21	response?
22	MR. GRUEN: No response, your Honor. I
23	will stand on the objection but no response.
24	ALJ HECHT: Thank you.
25	I will note that several times over
26	the past couple of days witness Schwecke was
27	asked to keep his answers simple and that he
28	could do more explanation on redirect if

This relates to a line of 1 necessary. 2. questioning and I'm going to let it go. 3 Ms. Patel, you may continue. Thank you. You know, I 4 MS. PATEL: apologize to Mr. Schwecke. 5 He's had his 6 response interrupted twice this afternoon. 7 I don't remember where you were, Mr. Schwecke. You were explaining, I think, 8 9 what has to happen in order for you to start 10 withdrawing gas from the Aliso reservoir. Let me just -- it's a balance. 11 A All 12 right. You have gas coming into the 13 interstates, you have customer demand, so you 14 have to balance it on a daily basis and 15 utilize storage to balance it. So if you're 16 going to go on withdrawal at Aliso Canyon, 17 you have to have a demand sync that can use 18 that gas. You can't just put it into the 19 pipeline system. You have to use it. You 2.0 can't push it off into the interstates. 21 doesn't flow in that direction. So it really 22 is a balance. If you have a certain amount 2.3 of gas that's being purchased by customers 24 based on their rights to do that to meet 25 their demand, you don't have a location. 26 We tried to maximize that as much 27 as possible to reduce the reservoir pressure 28 to the greatest extent possible as early as

I think I mentioned in my previous 1 we can. 2. testimony we had to ensure the safety of the field before we actually started the 3 withdrawals and the safety of the employees. 4 5 And at some point did the Energy Division of the CPUC order you not to 6 7 completely deplete the reservoir? Yeah. You have to look at the time 8 9 frame. October -- our winter season, which 10 is a high-demand season, starts November 1st. 11 Typically our highest demands are in December 12 and January and maybe into February. So in the January time frame, the CPUC Energy 13 14 Division -- I think it actually came from the 15 director, Simon -- was to stop our withdrawal 16 activity with the inventory level of 15 bcf 17 to ensure we had gas in Aliso Canyon for 18 reliability, and that reliability being 19 system reliability to deliver to the 2.0 customers. 21 All right. Thank you. 22 Mr. Moshfegh, could we please go to Exhibit SED-219. 2.3 24 Mr. Schwecke, Mr. Gruen showed you this exhibit, I believe, yesterday, but we 25 26 didn't really walk through who the people are 27 on this e-mail. Who were the persons who are

cc'd on this e-mail? We see that it's an

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e-mail from Bret Lane to John Wright. 1 we can start with who John Wright is. All of these -- and we'll talk 3 about it -- know John Wright was an 4 individual that is a lot of experience in the 5 6 industry with a company called Wild Well He's one of the founders of that 7 Control. Pete Slagel is another individual 8 company. 9 that has a company called 1816 Drilling. I think we've talked about Morten 10 11 from Add Energy and his expertise. 12 Shackelford is probably one of the most known exotic kill designers for wells. Jim LeGrone 13 14 that shows he's from Boots & Coots, Rolly 15 Gomez from Boots & Coots, and Arash we've 16 talked a lot about. A lot of those 17 individuals actually had worked on the Gulf 18 coast incident, Macondo incident so they're 19 quite expensive. And then Wayne Courville is 2.0 another Boots & Coots individual that was there for the relief well, and then we 21 mentioned Hilary. 22 2.3 Thank you. And were the National 2.4 Labs at Aliso at some point during the 25 incident? Yeah, the National Labs came in. 26 27 think it was before the seventh well kill, and we talked through and had a meeting with 2.8

Boots & Coots and the National Labs on what 1 2. the plans were for the seventh well kill. And so with all these different 3 experts that you have at the field, did all 4 5 of these experts agree on an approach to kill the well? 6 7 Α Well, I think ultimately we ended up with an agreed-upon plan, but there was 8 9 obviously different takes, different thoughts. But ultimately, I think, we all 10 11 coalesced around what is the most appropriate 12 kill plan to perform. 13 And to the extent that there were 14 different thoughts or maybe even incomplete 15 information, was it due to the records that 16 were available? 17 No, it wasn't due to the records 18 that we have. It was just based on different 19 assumptions or different thoughts. 20 example in this e-mail, is there a 600-barrel 21 void? If there is, how does that change 22 things? Is the leak at, you know, 800 feet, 2.3 is it at 300 feet? How does that change 24 things? 25 So it wasn't necessarily -- it was more about what is the current condition 26 27 because, again, we don't know what the

current condition on the well is because you

1 can't see it. 2. Okay. And you were asked yesterday about what was going on -- and today about 3 what was going on at the field. What was 4 your primary objective during the 5 well-control operation? 6 7 Α Our primary objective from the time I got there, but even before the time I got 8 9 there, was to safely kill the well as soon as 10 possible. That was communicated to the 11 agencies, and it was impressed upon us by the 12 agencies to do that. So that was our primary 13 objective is to safely kill the well as soon 14 as possible. And I mean safely not only to 15 the people on-site, the well, but the entire 16 storage field. So that was our primary 17 objective. 18 And did SoCalGas do everything 19 possible, based on the information known at 2.0 the time, to realize this objective? I believe so. I think we took 21 Α 22 extraordinary steps throughout the entire 2.3 event to, you know, achieve our objective, 24 which in incident command, it's your 25 commander's objective and that was to safely kill the well. 26 27 I think all the things we did from,

you know, the well kills, to the bridge

1	to just everything we did, I'm just
2	thoroughly impressed. I mean I was there for
3	over 90 days and still think about it today,
4	but I look back and I am impressed. No one
5	got hurt that entire period of time.
6	Amazing.
7	We didn't have any ignition and
8	there was so many sources of potential
9	ignition from the time that F-4 plane flew
10	about 300 feet above the well because they
11	were doing an aerial mapping survey of the
12	methane. I mean at any given time there
13	could have been an incident, so I'm extremely
14	proud of the team that responded to the
15	incident.
16	Q All right. Thank you,
17	Mr. Schwecke.
18	Your Honor, that's all I have right
19	now.
20	ALJ HECHT: Thank you.
21	Do we have recross from any of the
22	parties or do you want a few minutes to
23	determine that?
24	Yes, Mr. Gruen.
25	MR. GRUEN: Yes, your Honor. May we
26	confer for a few minutes to determine the
27	answer to that question?
28	ALJ HECHT: Yes, let's do that.

1	We will take a 10-minute break
2	returning at 2:30. Thank you. We'll be off
3	the record.
4	(Off the record.)
5	(Brief recess.)
6	ALJ HECHT: We'll be back on the
7	record.
8	I will ask if SED has any recross
9	that's within the scope of that redirect?
10	MR. GRUEN: Yes, your Honor, we do.
11	ALJ HECHT: All right. Then please
12	proceed.
13	MR. GRUEN: Thank you, your Honor.
14	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
15	BY MR. GRUEN:
16	Q Mr. Schwecke, if I may, before
17	Boots & Coots arrived on-site, did I
18	understand correctly on your redirect that
19	you shared an electronic copy of the well
20	file with Boots & Coots but that they
21	preferred to look at the hard copy?
22	A What I described is
23	Boots & Coots was coming from Texas so while
24	they were on the plane, we sent them
25	electronic copy of the pertinent information
26	on the well file that they wanted to see to
27	bring them up to speed. And then when they
28	got on-site, they wanted to see the physical

1	hard copy of the well file.
2	Q Okay. And when you say you sent it
3	to them while they were on the plane, did you
4	e-mail it to them?
5	A I don't know how it was
6	communicated, whether it was e-mail, fax, I
7	don't know.
8	Q Okay. Good enough. And in order
9	to e-mail the electronic copy, you had to
10	scan all of the well file pages that you
11	shared with Boots & Coots; is that correct?
12	A Or we basically just faxed them. I
13	don't know, but it's you had to make a
14	copy of the documents in the well file.
15	Q From hard copy to electronic in
16	some fashion; correct?
17	A That's correct.
18	Q Turning to another point, do you
19	recall being asked about inspecting wells and
20	the program to do that by Ms. Patel?
21	A I don't recall specifically what
22	you're referencing, I'm sorry.
23	MS. PATEL: Your Honor, I'm going to
24	object here because that is clearly outside
25	the scope of my redirect.
26	MR. GRUEN: Okay. I can move on, your
27	Honor. It's not a concern.
28	ALJ HECHT: Thank you.

BY MR. GRUEN: 1 2. Let me just turn to another point. You said that Well SS-25 was not flowing in 3 2007 if I understood your testimony. 4 5 Did I understand that correctly? 6 Α Yes. When I reviewed the transcript from Mr. Neville, the activity 7 that occurred in 2007, that well was not 8 9 flowing any gas. It was shut in at the surface so to be able to set a plug at a 10 11 different circumstance when the well is leaking like SS-25 was. 12 13 Okay. But just to clarify, the 14 SS-25, since it was shut in at the surface of 15 the well -- let me just clarify. That's, if 16 you will, at about the Christmas tree that's at the top of the well is where it was shut 17 18 Is that approximately right? 19 Yeah. In 2007 I think you're 2.0 referring to? Yes, it --21 0 Correct. -- was shut in at the surface 22 2.3 valves. Pardon me for talking over. Just 24 25 for the record, yes, 2007 is the time period in which these questions relate. 26 27 appreciate that. So just to clarify further, 2.8 at that -- during that 2007 time period that

1	we're discussing, the SS-25 tubing and casing
2	remained pressurized; is that correct?
3	A That is correct, at the
4	Q Okay.
5	A same pressure.
6	Q Okay. And if I may, you answered
7	on redirect that no one was injured during
8	the incident; correct?
9	A That's my understanding, yes.
10	Q Are you aware that a lawsuit has
11	been brought against SoCalGas by those who
12	claim they've been injured as a result of the
13	111-day incident?
14	A I'm aware there's a lawsuit
15	pending. My reference was that to my
15 16	pending. My reference was that to my knowledge, no one on-site got injured during
16	knowledge, no one on-site got injured during
16 17	knowledge, no one on-site got injured during the event.
16 17 18	knowledge, no one on-site got injured during the event. Q Understood.
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16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	knowledge, no one on-site got injured during the event. Q Understood. Your Honor, those are all the questions we have on recross. Thank you. ALJ HECHT: All right. Thank you. Ms. Patel, anything further? ALJ POIRIER: ALJ, I think
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	knowledge, no one on-site got injured during the event. Q Understood. Your Honor, those are all the questions we have on recross. Thank you. ALJ HECHT: All right. Thank you. Ms. Patel, anything further? ALJ POIRIER: ALJ, I think MS. PATEL: Does Cal Advocates have
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	knowledge, no one on-site got injured during the event. Q Understood. Your Honor, those are all the questions we have on recross. Thank you. ALJ HECHT: All right. Thank you. Ms. Patel, anything further? ALJ POIRIER: ALJ, I think MS. PATEL: Does Cal Advocates have anything?

1	tell who that was.
2	MS. MANDELBAUM: This is Caryn
3	Mandelbaum. Thank you.
4	ALJ HECHT: Yes, go ahead. Do you
5	have I apologize. Do you have recross?
6	MS. MANDELBAUM: Briefly, your Honor.
7	Thank you.
8	ALJ HECHT: Go ahead.
9	RECROSS-EXAMINATION
10	BY MS. MANDELBAUM:
11	Q Mr. Schwecke, do you recall
12	Ms. Patel asked you about your consideration
13	before relieving pressure in the oil field?
14	ALJ HECHT: I'm going to stop you right
15	there. You're kind of echoey and I fear that
16	might create a problem for our court
17	reporter. I don't know if it does. She is
18	nodding. Is there any way that you can use a
19	different microphone, headset, something that
20	will cut down on the echo?
21	MS. MANDELBAUM: I can try. Does this
22	help at all just holding the phone close to
23	my mouth?
24	ALJ HECHT: It helps. Looks like it's
25	not perfect, but we can try it.
26	MS. MANDELBAUM: Okay.
27	ALJ HECHT: All right. Then we can
28	continue.

1	MS. MANDELBAUM: Thank you.
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2	Q Mr. Schwecke, do you recall
3	Ms. Patel asking you about your consideration
4	before relieving pressure from the oil field?
5	MS. PATEL: Objection, your Honor. I
6	think this question is vague, but it
7	certainly doesn't go I didn't ask any
8	questions about relieving pressure.
9	MS. MANDELBAUM: Your Honor, this had
10	to do with the extended pipeline and the
11	multiple customers that rely on gas and
12	balancing that pressure as one of the
13	considerations when killing the well.
14	ALJ HECHT: I will allow the question.
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15	Please stay within the scope of redirect. Go
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Please stay within the scope of redirect. Go ahead. BY MS. MANDELBAUM: Q Mr. Schwecke, do you recall Ms. Patel asking you about the consideration you had in mind when balancing the pressure of the pipeline and extended customers that received gas from the gas field?
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Please stay within the scope of redirect. Go ahead. BY MS. MANDELBAUM: Q Mr. Schwecke, do you recall Ms. Patel asking you about the consideration you had in mind when balancing the pressure of the pipeline and extended customers that received gas from the gas field? A Yeah, I recall that conversation.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Please stay within the scope of redirect. Go ahead. BY MS. MANDELBAUM: Q Mr. Schwecke, do you recall Ms. Patel asking you about the consideration you had in mind when balancing the pressure of the pipeline and extended customers that received gas from the gas field? A Yeah, I recall that conversation. Q And do you recall saying that the
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Please stay within the scope of redirect. Go ahead. BY MS. MANDELBAUM: Q Mr. Schwecke, do you recall Ms. Patel asking you about the consideration you had in mind when balancing the pressure of the pipeline and extended customers that received gas from the gas field? A Yeah, I recall that conversation. Q And do you recall saying that the safety of the personnel and the gas field

1	testimony earlier that once the event
2	happened, we had to ensure that it was safe
3	to send employees out in the field to turn
4	the wells on.
5	We also had to be concerned that it
6	was safe with regard to the reservoir, that
7	nothing had happened within the reservoir,
8	that putting it on withdrawal may cause
9	additional problems. So that was the
10	reference to safety of the field, safety of
11	the employees. That was always paramount in
12	anything we did as it related to the
13	incident.
14	Q And do you recall having said that
15	the agencies implored you to safely kill the
16	well as soon as possible?
17	A Yes.
18	Q And when the agencies referred to
19	safety, were they also referring to the
20	neighboring communities?
21	A I do not know what they were
22	referring to. Their direction was for us to
23	kill the well.
24	Q And, Mr. Schwecke, when you were
25	considering the pressure and killing the
26	well, did you consider the safety of the
27	neighboring communities?
28	A I really don't understand the

question you're asking. I'm trying to 1 2. understand the safety of the community. were looking at safely killing the well. 3 When we were looking at withdrawal, we were looking at safety of the facility, safety of 5 the employees, so I don't understand the 6 7 correlation you're making. I'll ask it another way. 8 9 Mr. Schwecke, were you concerned that the well could -- that the leak could harm the 10 11 health and safety of the neighboring 12 community? 13 MS. PATEL: Your Honor, I'm going to 14 object here. I don't really know what this 15 has to do with the balancing or withdrawal of 16 the reservoir question that we started here 17 That was supposed to be within the with. 18 scope of my redirect. This is way outside 19 the scope. 2.0 ALJ HECHT: Ms. Mandelbaum, can you explain the relationship. 21 22 MS. MANDELBAUM: Your Honor, I'm trying 2.3 to understand the scope of safety that 24 SoCalGas took under consideration when trying 25 to kill the well. Ms. Patel? 26 ALJ HECHT: 27 MS. PATEL: I do not believe there have 2.8 been any violations alleged in this

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proceeding that pertain to this line of 1 2. questioning. 3 ALJ HECHT: Is there any response to that? 4 MS. MANDELBAUM: Your Honor, this goes 5 6 to the duty of care that SoCalGas and its 7 executives has in operating the well field. ALJ HECHT: You can go ahead and ask 8 the questions and the witness can answer to 10 the best of his ability. 11 Yes, Ms. Patel. 12 MS. PATEL: I mean I think this duty of care is -- it's a legal standard that no one 13 14 has established applies here. So, again, it 15 does not go to any of the violations that 16 have been alleged in this proceeding. 17 That is a legal issue that ALJ HECHT: 18 will be addressed in briefing. I will allow 19 the question and we will move on as quickly 2.0 as we can. 21 MS. MANDELBAUM: Thank you, your Honor. 22 Mr. Schwecke, my last question for 2.3 you is did you, when you were considering 24 safety, consider the health and safety of the 25 neighboring community as you responded to the 26 agencies' demands to safely kill the well as 27 soon as possible?

I think when you look at the entire

incident and entire area, we are concerned 1 2 about the safety of the people on-site and the health and safety of the community. You 3 can look at some of the actions we took during that event such as proposing issues 5 6 with regard to an aerosol odorant killer and, 7 you know, it was ODEX. We looked at putting mister pads 8 9 across the top of the well to try to knock 10 down the oil. We basically put and tested 11 out in the community air sampling. So that was all part of our effort in considering not 12 only the safety on-site, but the entire 13 14 community that was potentially being impacted 15 by the event. 16 Thank you, Mr. Schwecke. 0 17 Those are all my questions. ALJ HECHT: All right. Now I will go 18 19 back to Ms. Patel to whom I turned 2.0 prematurely earlier. 21 Anything further? 22 MS. PATEL: I do not, your Honor. 2.3 ALJ HECHT: All right. Then I think 24 that we are done with this witness. I want to very much thank Mr. Schwecke for his time. 25 We will continue after a short break with 26 27 exhibits and then some housekeeping things towards the end of the day. 2.8

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I would like to take about a
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     seven-minute break. Before that, I will,
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     again, thank witness Schwecke and say I
     believe you are excused.
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                         Thank you, your Honor.
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           THE WITNESS:
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           ALJ HECHT:
                      Thank you.
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               We'll be off the record, back at
     2:50.
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               (Off the record.)
           ALJ HECHT: We'll be back on the
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     record.
              We took a short break in which, I
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     believe, the parties put together their lists
     of the exhibits that we addressed with this
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     witness, and I would like to start with
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     Ms. Patel.
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           MS. PATEL: Thank you, your Honor.
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               We actually reached out to SED and
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     obtained stipulations with respect to each
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     other's exhibits. You know, I apologize.
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     responded to Ms. Purchia's e-mail, but not to
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     Cal Advocates. So Cal Advocates, I don't
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     know if you would agree to stipulate to
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     SoCalGas-02, which is the Prepared Opening
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     Testimony of Roger Schwecke, dated November
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     22, 2019; SoCalGas-23, which is the Prepared
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     Sur-Reply Testimony, and SoCalGas-24, which
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     is the Exhibits to the Prepared Sur-Reply
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     Testimony.
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MS. MANDELBAUM: (Phoneline inaudible.)
(Interruption by reporter.)
ALJ HECHT: Let me call on
Ms. Mandelbaum again and ask that you hold
your phone up closer so that it will be
clearer. The question was whether Public
Advocates office will stipulate to the
SoCalGas exhibits and you can provide your
response, and then we'll go back to
Ms. Patel.
Please, go ahead.
MS. MANDELBAUM: On behalf of Cal
Advocates, we stipulate to the exhibits
Ms. Patel would like to enter into the
record.
ALJ HECHT: All right. Thank you.
Ms. Patel, I'm going to have you
repeat those exhibit numbers and the names.
I don't think that there were too many of
them. We have a stipulation so they can be
marked and identified and entered.
MS. PATEL: They are SoCalGas-02, the
Prepared Opening Testimony of Roger Schwecke,
dated November 22nd, 2019; SoCalGas-23, the
Prepared Sur-Reply Testimony of Roger
Schwecke, dated June 30th, 2020, and
SoCalGas-24, the Exhibits to the Prepared
Sur-Reply testimony of Roger Schwecke, also

1	dated June 30th, 2020.
2	ALJ HECHT: All right. Thank you.
3	Unless there's any objection, and I
4	don't think that there is because they
5	stipulated, we're going to mark and identify
6	SoCalGas Exhibits 2, 23 and 24 and enter them
7	into the record of the proceeding. Any
8	objections state it now.
9	(No response.)
10	(Exhibit No. SoCalGas-02 was marked for identification.)
11	(Exhibit No. SoCalGas-23 was marked
12	for identification.)
13	(Exhibit No. SoCalGas-24 was marked for identification.)
14	(Exhibit No. SoCalGas-02 was
15	received into evidence.)
16	(Exhibit No. SoCalGas-23 was received into evidence.)
17	(Exhibit No. SoCalGas-24 was
18	received into evidence.)
19	ALJ HECHT: Okay. Seeing none. We
20	will move on. Then I think that we will go
21	to SED, followed by Public Advocates Office.
22	Ms. Purchia I believe you're up.
23	MS. PURCHIA: Thank you, your Honor.
24	As Ms. Patel indicated, we have
25	stipulated to each other's exhibits, and we
26	have quite a few exhibits to read it. Would
27	it make sense to read them slowly just by
28	number or would you like us to also identify

1	the name?
2	ALJ HECHT: I think they were all
3	identified by name during the
4	cross-examination today; is that correct?
5	MS. PURCHIA: I don't believe that they
6	were all copied in, the name of the caption
7	was identified for each exhibit, but we do
8	have a cover page on each exhibit that
9	provides the title.
10	ALJ HECHT: Okay. Go ahead reading the
11	numbers slowly, and we will keep a record.
12	MS. PURCHIA: Okay. We have SED-218,
13	SED-219, SED-258, SED-276, SED-281, SED-310;
14	SED-312, SED-313, SED-314, SED-315, SED-316,
15	SED-317, SED-318, SED-319, SED-320, SED-321,
16	SED-322 and SED-323, and we would request to
17	move these all into the record.
18	ALJ HECHT: Thank you.
19	And I believe that you said that you
20	have stipulated to one another's exhibits.
21	Can Ms. Patel please confirm that.
22	MS. PATEL: That's correct, your Honor.
23	SoCalGas stipulates to the entry of those
24	exhibits.
25	ALJ HECHT: Then we'll mark and
26	identify SED Exhibits 218, 219, 258, 276,
27	281, 310, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318,
28	319, 320, 321, 322 and 323.

1	I think that that covers everything
2	there. So those are marked and identified
3	and since there is no objection, we will move
4	them into the record.
5	MS. PURCHIA: Thank you.
6	ALJ HECHT: Thank you.
7	(Exhibit No. SED-218 was marked for identification.)
8	(Exhibit No. SED-219 was marked for identification.)
10	(Exhibit No. SED-258 was marked for identification.)
11	(Exhibit No. SED-276 was marked for
12	identification.)
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26	into evidence.)
27	(Exhibit Nos. SED-312 to SED-323 were received into evidence.)
28	ALJ HECHT: I believe that the only

1	exhibits that the Public Advocates Office
2	referred to were from other parties, and that
3	there weren't any cross-exhibits from CalPA;
4	is that correct?
5	MS. MANDELBAUM: That is correct, your
6	Honor.
7	ALJ HECHT: Okay. So I think that
8	addresses the exhibits. So, now, I will ask
9	if there are housekeeping matters for us to
10	consider today. Do people want to take a
11	short break before we do that. I would
12	prefer to go ahead if we can since we've had
13	two recent breaks. I'm seeing some nodding
14	and no shaking of heads, so I'll just
15	continue. Thank you.
16	Mr. Stoddard, I saw you raise your
17	hand.
18	MR. STODDARD: Thank you, your Honor.
19	Yes. There are a few housekeeping
20	items, some of which I expect are fairly
21	minor, and may need to be dealt with later,
22	but the two that were deferred, which I
23	raised, I believe, this morning related to
24	our request to call back Cal Advocates
25	witnesses as well as to compel production of
26	the remaining notes that are responsive to
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	the discovery that we were permitted over the

Advocates and Blade that occurred in October 1 of 2019, so that's the first item. I'm asking for quidance to whether 3 we want to discuss that now or whether your 4 Honors prefer to deal with it separately. 5 ALJ HECHT: We can discuss that now. 6 7 Do we have comments from SED and/or Public Advocates Office. 8 9 MS. MANDELBAUM: Yes, your Honor. know that my co-counsel, Traci Bone, would 10 11 like to speak on this matter. She is not available this afternoon; so I would request 12 that we speak about it tomorrow morning. 13 14 that is not amenable for your schedules, I am 15 prepared to speak about this matter. 16 I would prefer if you ALJ HECHT: 17 address it today, and I don't think it should 18 be problematic to do that. I will call on 19 Mr. Gruen, and then we'll get back to 2.0 Ms. Mandelbaum. 21 Mr. Gruen. MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, just noting 22 that -- I believe the other matter that 2.3 Mr. Stoddard raised pertains to SED and I 24 25 would note that SED focus in preparing --26 focused on cross-examination on hearings. So 27 what we have here is a disparity in preparation, where Mr. Stoddard is, I 2.8

1	believe, prepared to offer to you make
2	certain arguments that pertain to the
3	deposition of Mr. Holter, while SED has
4	focused and concentrated on
5	cross-examination.
6	And so that we have an opportunity
7	to and I'm basing this on issues he raised
8	this morning. So that we have an opportunity
9	to prepare and think through the issues I
10	believe he mentioned relevant to
11	communications. I would ask that we have a
12	status conference, perhaps, tomorrow just to
13	give SED an opportunity to adjust and think
14	about the issues so that we can be prepared
15	for argument.
16	ALJ HECHT: I would like to address one
17	issue at a time. So I'm going to put that on
18	hold and stay with the issue of the Public
19	Advocates Office witness. Is there a
20	response on that from Mr. Stoddard?
21	MR. STODDARD: Not
22	ALJ HECHT: Let me put it this way: Is
23	there anything new that has not already been
24	argued about this issue.
25	MR. STODDARD: Your Honor, I think my
26	understanding was that Cal Advocates wanted
27	to provide a response when we last discussed
28	this, but they were in the course of

preparing for their cross-examination, and I 1 2. think it was contemplated at the time that this was going to be addressed yesterday, but 3 they haven't. 4 So I think at this point, we're 5 6 ready just, you know, to hear a decision from 7 your Honors as to whether or not we're permitted to call back their witnesses. 8 9 Again, it would be extremely limited, and I don't need to repeat the 10 11 arguments I presented previously if your Honors have reviewed them and are familiar 12 The only point of clarification 13 with them. 14 would be, again, two separate issues: One of 15 them is calling back their witnesses, and the 16 other one is getting the complete production 17 of their notes. 18 ALJ HECHT: And, I believe, Ms. Mandelbaum said she wanted to speak. 19 2.0 Could you please do that now. 21 MS. MANDELBAUM: Your Honors, thank you. Cal Advocates has given a lot of 22 2.3 thought to this pressing discovery and I've 24 been authorized to share several thoughts 25 about this. As an initial matter, Cal 26 Advocates believes it's already gone beyond 27 the call of duty in responding to SoCalGas's data requests. We responded to four data 2.8

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requests that were sent by e-mail and then a 1 2. follow-up e-mail with additional questions. We participated in a meet and confer 3 regarding that follow-up e-mail; so, 4 essentially, we have responded to six data 5 requests about this particular issue. 6 7 And SoCalGas now makes two claims to support its demand that it be permitted to 8 recross Mr. Holzschuh and Mr. Taul as well as 9 receive the remaining notes from their calls. 10 11 First, notwithstanding the fact, 12 that we have already confirmed in writing 13 twice that the notes jotted down on the 14 handwritten notes that were already produced 15 to them were nonresponsive. 16 SoCalGas insists, essentially, they 17 must receive these notes, suggesting that we 18 are lying to them, and we've already offered 19 to produce those notes in camera to your Honors, and you can determine, if you wish, 2.0 21 whether those notes are responsive or not. 22 We observed that they were not 2.3 Notwithstanding that fact, Cal responsive. 24 Advocates does not support continuing down 25 this path of discovery because we believe that this is only going to lead to further 26 27 unreasonable demands from SoCalGas and their

We note that Cal Advocates is not 1 2. the party under investigation here. Advocates posits that SoCalGas's demands for 3 these notes are nothing more than a distraction from what the real case is here, 5 which is thousands of residents in Porter 6 7 Ranch had to flee their homes because of the largest gas leak in the United States. 8 9 Second, SoCalGas claims that Cal 10 Advocates violated your Honors scoping memo 11 dated on September 26, 2019. 12 ALJ HECHT: I'm going to interrupt you 13 I think we discussed this previously, 14 and unless there is something new that 15 Ms. Bone did not already say about that, I 16 would like to move on, get any last 17 statements, and resolve this. 18 MS. MANDELBAUM: Your Honor, we had put 19 our witnesses up for cross-examination and 2.0 Mr. Lotterman and Mr. Stoddard had extensive 21 questions for SoCalGas's witness. 22 responded to those questions expressing that 2.3 beyond what their notes had provided and what they recalled, they had no further testimony 24 25 to provide regarding these two phone calls 26 with Blade and I would be happy to provide 27 you with cites to Mr. Lotterman's questions 2.8 in the transcript where he went on at length

asking our witnesses about these particular 1 2 conversations. I would be happy to, again, provide 3 the notes that have already been provided to 4 all of the parties from those conversations. 5 6 Those conversations led to data requests, and 7 those data requests were provided to all parties. 8 9 So the question really is: Why does 10 SoCalGas continue to press this issue? 11 urge your Honors to limit the scope of this 12 discovery at this point so as to stop the 13 waste of Cal Advocates and the Commission's 14 staff's time. We can only speculate about 15 further goals of SoCalGas and their 16 attorneys --17 ALJ HECHT: Do not speculate, please. 18 Let's just continue. Finish what you want to 19 say and move on. 2.0 MS. MANDELBAUM: So, your Honor, we 21 would be happy -- again, though we think it's 22 ill-advised to press this issue -- but we 2.3 would be happy to provide the back side of 24 those notes to your Honors in camera, and you 25 can decide whether they are responsive or 26 not. 27 We can ask our witnesses to come 2.8 back to the stand. Again, we believe that

Τ	this would be a waste of time and resources,
2	and we would have to consider their
3	schedules.
4	We know that Mr. Taul may be
5	available in the near term; Mr. Holzschuh
6	ALJ HECHT: This is very premature to
7	be having that discussion as we have not in
8	fact ruled on this.
9	So, again, do you have something to
10	add that is relevant to the bottom line
11	question?
12	MS. MANDELBAUM: Your Honor, I've added
13	all that I have.
14	ALJ HECHT: Is there any quick
15	response? And I mean quick. I saw
16	Mr. Stoddard and then Mr. Gruen.
17	MR. STODDARD: Thank you, your Honor.
18	First on the responsiveness and the
19	in camera review, as I noted last time,
20	SoCalGas would not object to in camera
21	review; however, given that the issue here is
22	just responsiveness, frankly, and shouldn't
23	even be necessary, Cal Advocates could simply
24	produce the notes to us and we can determine
25	the relevance.
26	Importantly, they have not asserted
27	or claimed any privilege here. Typically, in
28	camera review is preserved for reviews of

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privilege claims. In this instance, they 1 2 have not claimed privilege. Separately, in terms of why we might 3 want to recall these witnesses despite the 4 fact that we've already cross-examined them, 5 6 including in part about the conversations 7 they had with Blade, which is what -- and their answers are what led to the discovery. 8 9 The notes that we've discovered had 10 information that we didn't have at that time, 11 and it includes some notations that we would 12 like to ask questions about, including, for 13 example, a note that states -- and this is in 14 the Cal Advocates notes: 15 Previously, we were trying to find 16 all the ways we could find 17 SoCalGas could have been at fault. 18 Now, we are just focusing on the 19 least circumstantial point. 2.0 We would like to ask questions about the context of that notation. 21 There's also 22 notes about the "Blade, not judgment." We'd 2.3 like to ask questions about the context of 2.4 that notation. There's notations related to 25 conversations with Mr. Krishnamurthy related 26 to SoCalGas's knowledge of groundwater. We 27 would like to ask questions about that issue.

But, again, you know, that's a

separate issue from simply getting a complete 1 2. response to our existing data request, and although we have had meet and confers and 3 multiple rounds of discovery here, that 4 doesn't relieve Cal Advocates of their 5 6 obligation to provide complete responses to 7 the data requests we've already sent them. And, again, I can see through the 8 9 So I know that it's -- I know that the page. 10 Cal Advocates' statement that it is not 11 responsive to our request and is not relevant 12 to this proceeding, which is what they've 13 said, is simply not true. And I don't want 14 to accuse anybody of lying. It could be a 15 It's just simply not true. mistake. 16 MS. MANDELBAUM: Your Honor, if I may 17 respond? 18 ALJ HECHT: Yes. 19 MS. MANDELBAUM: Mr. Stoddard 2.0 mischaracterizes that notes on the back of 21 the page, as you may have seen, these were 22 handwritten notes on paper, and yes, there is 2.3 some transparency, you can see writing on the 24 back of the page, but our analyst has 25 testified to the fact that those notes were 26 from other meetings not relevant to this 27 proceeding. They have also testified as 2.8 witnesses that the notes we provided and

to do here.

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their testimony cover the extent of their 1 2 knowledge regarding those two conversations with Blade. 3 Thank you. We're going to 4 ALJ HECHT: resolve this. I have conferred with ALJ 5 Poirier. We do not think it would be useful 6 7 to recall these witnesses, and we are not going to compel responses at this time. 9 not making assumptions that anybody is lying. And I think I have asked before and I will 10 11 ask again that people not attribute 12 motivation to one another, please. Any questions before we move on to 13 14 the next issue, which I am quessing is going to relate to Mr. Holter? 15 16 Mr. Stoddard. 17 MR. STODDARD: Yes, your Honor. If we are not permitted to recall the witnesses, 18 19 would we -- could we ask for entry of the 2.0 notes that we've received into the record as 21 an exhibit? ALJ HECHT: Why don't you meet and 22 confer with the Public Advocates Office about 2.3 that and if we have a status conference, we 2.4 25 can discuss it at that point or if people 26 want to bring a motion for that, that can be 27 done, but that is not something we're going

MR. STODDARD: Okay. Thank you, your 1 Honor. And then separately, I understand 3 you're not compelling production of the notes 4 5 at this time; however, will your Honors take 6 the notes in for in camera review just to 7 determine responsiveness? ALJ HECHT: No, not at this time. 8 9 think we're going to move on. 10 Any other comments or questions? 11 (No response.) 12 ALJ HECHT: Okay. Thank you. We will continue with the next issue that was raised 13 14 this morning, and I think that was 15 Mr. Holter, and then we can continue with 16 whatever other housekeeping issues we need to 17 address. 18 MR. STODDARD: Yes, your Honor, thank 19 And this relates simply to the timing. 2.0 We have agreed on a tentative date for the 21 deposition for Mr. Holter in June, provided 22 that we get a document production in time, 2.3 you know, again at least five days in advance 24 of that deposition. The issue that we argued 25 last week related to the scope of that 26 document production, and, again, I am not 27 going to reargue it. I understand that we've 2.8 already presented our case, but just briefly,

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again, we, you know -- documents are critical 1 2. to a deposition, and in this instance, the 3 scope of the request was all documents in Mr. Holter's possession related to the 4 incident. 5 6 And SED -- again, SED I understand 7 has started work on collection potentially of notes and photographs, however has objected, 8 9 you know, through the argument presented last 10 week, to any sort of communications without a 11 clear basis for doing so, aside from burden. 12 ALJ HECHT: Is there anything, again, new that somebody can add to this now? I 13 14 will let you know that we do not plan on 15 ruling on this today. We will provide 16 written quidance in the near future. Ιt 17 would be helpful to know when that deposition 18 is planned for so that we have those dates in 19 mind. 2.0 So when are you hoping to have that deposition and are there anything that 21 22 anybody would like to add that have not been 2.3 discussed as yet? 24 Mr. Gruen. 25 MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, if I may. 26 understanding, we will do our best to see if

we can resolve this or at least provide the

information and inform your Honors on this.

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So my understanding of the tentative date with a number of provisos is June 10th.

And that is with the understanding that we are able to provide the notes and redact them for privilege as we discussed last time, as well as the photos. And when we say "notes," we had mentioned there are a specific set of field notes.

The other piece about this that we

The other piece about this that we understand is -- is just the -- we understand that SoCalGas has asked for the production of communications as well. We wanted to clarify if that is indeed SoCalGas' request. I had understood initially it was.

MR. STODDARD: That's correct.

MR. GRUEN: So with that understanding, just to clarify, what that is asking of SED that Mr. Holter's communications would include communications with all SED personnel working -- that worked at the Aliso facility, as well as management at the Commission.

That's the breadth of an unqualified definition of communications; in data responses that SED has provided to SoCalGas, SED has worked to provide SoCalGas with a complete list of SED personnel to date that worked, related to the Aliso incident. It's been burdensome to obtain a complete list of

personnel for several reasons, just the 1 2. personnel. And first, the first one is many personnel for SED have left since SED's 3 pre-formal investigation. 4 I'm not clear how this 5 ALJ HECHT: relates to the question of the document 6 7 production. If you could clarify that, that would be helpful. Otherwise, I would like to 8 9 move on. MR. GRUEN: It makes it difficult to 10 gather the data poles of all of the 11 communications between Mr. Holter and all of 12 the individuals, and by our estimate is about 13 14 30. So you have 30 communications 15 back-and-forth, times the amount of time that 16 SED, Mr. Holter and others were working on 17 the case. So this is -- potentially we're 18 talking about it's over many years. It would 19 take time for us to review all of those 2.0 communications to assess which ones are 21 responsive. ALJ HECHT: I think that you have made 22 2.3 your point. Please, you do not need to go 24 through that any more. In fact, we'll be off 25 the record. 26 (Off the record.) 27 ALJ HECHT: We'll be back on the 2.8 record.

While we were off the record, I 1 discussed that we do not need to have 3 arguments that have already been made 4 repeated. So I am going to ask if there is 5 6 anything new from either party, starting with 7 Mr. Gruen, and then we will, as I said earlier, take this under advisement and 8 9 provide quidance in writing, specifically That advice will be 10 about those documents. 11 provided I expect in the near future and we 12 will certainly endeavor to do so in time for document production, understanding that that 13 14 requires pulling whatever records they are, 15 potentially redacting them, turning them 16 over, examining them, preparing for a 17 deposition and having them five days before a 18 deposition. Is there any part of that that I 19 am missing? 2.0 MR. GRUEN: No, your Honor. 21 ALJ HECHT: Thank you. All right. Any other comments on this before we take it 22 2.3 under advisement? 24 MR. STODDARD: Not from me, your Honor. 25 ALJ HECHT: Okav. Thank you. With 26 that, we will provide that guidance as soon 27 as we can. And I will ask what, if any, 2.8 other housekeeping issues there are to

1 address today. Yes, Mr. Stoddard and then 2. Mr. Gruen. 3 Thank you, your Honor. 4 MR. STODDARD: And this one hopefully should be 5 6 noncontroversial. 7 We would just request leave to tie up a few loose ends from hearing following 8 9 today, including related to I think there 10 were a few exhibits, especially early on in 11 the proceeding, where there may have been 12 outstanding rulings on entries of motion -entry of exhibits, and your Honors indicated 13 14 a preference to defer it to a later date, 15 circle back. And we just want to confirm 16 that that occurred or address it if it didn't 17 occur. 18 And another item I believe here 19 where I have this concern has to do with the 2.0 admission of Mr. Carnahan's testimony as an exhibit where cross-examination of him was 21 22 Again, I don't think that should be waived. controversial and we will discuss with the 2.3 24 parties as to a stipulation, but if we can 25 deal with minor housekeeping like that 26 separately following hearings, that might be 27 best. 2.8 ALJ HECHT: Are there any thoughts on

that or concerns?
Mr. Gruen.
MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, we can talk
with SoCalGas offline about that.
ALJ HECHT: Okay. That would be great.
I thought that we had addressed the
outstanding exhibits, but it's possible that
we didn't. If we didn't, yes, please bring
that to our attention and we will address it,
similarly was Mr. Carnahan's, whose cross was
waived. Yes. All right. I think that's it
for that, unless there are any other
questions. No.
MR. GRUEN: Not on that, your Honor,
no.
ALJ HECHT: Okay. Mr. Gruen.
MR. GRUEN: Your Honor, this is
flagging for the record in light of the
evidence that was introduced that SED will be
making a motion as soon as we can to add a
violation, namely the gist of the violation
that we would add is that in violation of
California Public Utilities Code Section 451
Southern California Gas Company knew the
Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility
Well SS-25 could not be top killed and that a
relief well would be necessary to control it
dating back to the date of Mr. Mansdorfer's

1	e-mail from April 23rd, 2009 to October 23rd,
2	2015.
3	There is a safety concern here.
4	We'll elaborate on it, but just to flag it
5	for the record, the safety concern that
6	SoCalGas is operating with knowledge that in
7	the event of a blowout that they couldn't top
8	kill a well like SS-25 and would need to do a
9	relief well and that they continued to
10	operate a well like SS-25 anyways after being
11	warned that an event like SS-25 could happen.
12	There is a safety concern that SED
13	feels duty-bound to raise and the concern is
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15	ALJ HECHT: This is not I think the
16	time to raise the substance of that. You
17	have notified us that you plan
18	MR. GRUEN: Understood.
19	ALJ HECHT: to bring a motion. I
20	don't feel like I am in any position to
21	address that now and I don't feel like I want
22	to ask other parties to respond to it now.
23	If you plan to bring a written motion, please
24	bring that written motion.
25	MR. GRUEN: Understood, your Honor.
26	ALJ HECHT: Thank you. All right. Are
27	there any other housekeeping issues that we
28	should deal with before we leave, other than

the question of briefing that I planned to 1 2. bring up in a moment? MR. STODDARD: None here, your Honor. 3 Seeing none, I looked back 4 ALJ HECHT: 5 at the scoping memo. The scoping memo gave seven weeks after the end of hearings for 6 7 opening briefs and another five past that for reply briefs. We aren't completely at the 8 9 end of our process right now, given the issues with Mr. Holter. So I don't feel like 10 11 we are in a position to actually set a 12 specific date. But I wanted to acknowledge 13 that and get back to it and say, under the 14 circumstances, I expect that opening briefs 15 couldn't really be due before early July 16 because that is kind of the time frame that 17 would have been allowed originally, and given 18 everything that is going on, we would give it 19 at least that amount of time for now, and we 20 will try to get you a date for briefing once 21 we know what other process, if any, there is, 22 and it sounds to me like that is not going to 2.3 happen until after June 10th. 24 ALJ POIRIER: ALJ Hecht, this is ALJ 25 Poirier. 26 ALJ HECHT: Yes, please. 27 I want to make sure, too, ALJ POIRIER: 2.8 that we still have the outstanding

disposition on Boots & Coots that we'll be 1 2. waiting on to see, and I'd ask that SoCalGas keep us apprised of the situation by sending 3 updates to the service list. So I think I 4 just wanted to make sure that that is the 5 other big piece of how we're going to handle 6 7 that. ALJ HECHT: Yes. Thank you. Yes. 8 9 Thank you for bringing that up. 10 Are there any questions about the 11 briefing schedule or current lack of one? 12 (No response.) 13 ALJ HECHT: Okay. I'm not seeing any 14 questions about that. Okay. I just wanted 15 to give you that heads up that it's not an 16 oversight that we haven't set it. It's based 17 on there still being things outstanding. 18 Yes, Mr. Gruen. 19 Your Honor, and I wonder MR. GRUEN: 2.0 and I appreciate the question, the point that ALJ Poirier raised about Boots & Coots, is 21 there an update at this time about the timing 22 in which the court in Texas will reach a 2.3 24 decision as to whether Boots & Coots will be 25 required to testify? ALJ HECHT: I believe that the last we 26 27 heard there was a hearing scheduled for --2.8 was it June 1st? And so I did not expect to

1	hear before then, but maybe I am
2	misremembering.
3	MR. STODDARD: You're correct, your
4	Honor, that that was the date. Since that, I
5	believe that was yesterday, I am forgetting,
6	but the court has now moved the hearing date
7	to June 3rd, but the expectation is, is that
8	we would get a ruling at that hearing.
9	ALJ HECHT: All right. Thank you.
10	That gives us a timeline for getting a
11	response on that. Obviously, there will be
12	more process to figure out what to do,
13	whether or not the Boots & Coots witnesses
14	can come, either setting a date for them to
15	appear at hearings or addressing their
16	testimony and how to deal with that.
17	I think that we'll wait and we'll
18	have a status conference of some kind once we
19	have more of this information.
20	Judge Poirier, does that make sense
21	to you?
22	ALJ POIRIER: Yeah, it does. I think
23	once we have more information, a status
24	conference might be the way to go to address
25	that and any other issues.
26	ALJ HECHT: Great. So we can all plan
27	on likely having a status conference sometime
28	after June 3rd. Possibly it would wait until

1	after the date of the deposition of
2	Mr. Holter, but I don't know.
3	All right. Juge Poirier, do you
4	have anything else to add?
5	ALJ POIRIER: No. That's all for me.
6	Thank you.
7	ALJ HECHT: Okay. It's 3:30. I think
8	we are getting towards the end of today. My
9	take on this is that we do not need to have
10	hearings tomorrow because we have completed
11	the witnesses that are available now.
12	Does anybody have any alternative
13	view on that or any concerns about leaving
14	this and planning to have a status conference
15	in a couple of weeks?
16	MR. GRUEN: No, your Honor. From SED,
17	I think that's right.
18	MR. STODDARD: No, your Honor.
19	SoCalGas also thinks it makes sense to have a
20	status conference in a couple of weeks to
21	review these items.
22	ALJ HECHT: Okay. Thank you. Are
23	there any other then I think we can
24	adjourn these hearings for the time being,
25	knowing that we may be coming back for the
26	Boots & Coots witnesses or not, but at least
27	we will have a status conference about it.
28	Are there any other issues before we

1	adjourn for this set of hearings, pending
2	that status conference?
3	MS. PATEL: No, your Honor. Thank you.
4	MR. GRUEN: Not at this time, your
5	Honor, from SED. Thank you. No.
6	MS. MANDELBAUM: No.
7	ALJ HECHT: I see Mr. Stoddard shaking
8	his head, so I am going to take it that all
9	of the active parties have said no.
10	With that, Judge Poirier, one more
11	time, anything to add before we adjourn?
12	ALJ POIRIER: No. Just thank you to
13	all the parties and the staff that have
14	supported the hearings and thanks again.
15	ALJ HECHT: And I will reiterate that
16	our staff has done a very good job under
17	difficult circumstances and with resource
18	constraints. I appreciate all of their work
19	and I appreciate all of the work that all of
20	you have done that must have gone into
21	preparing this.
22	So thank you very much for your time
23	and I am sure that we will see you again at
24	the status conference in the not too distant
25	future.
26	Thank you.
27	We are adjourned. We'll be off the
28	record.

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