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PG&E to Re-Energize Natural Gas Line 147

San Carlos, CA – The Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), which operates a natural gas line along the Brittan Avenue corridor in San Carlos, announced that it has the approval of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to return Line 147 back to its maximum operating pressure of 330 psig (pounds per square inch gauge). PG&E will begin the planned two week process the week of April 16, 2018.

PG&E will increase the pressure on the line incrementally, performing leak tests at every stage. Residents may notice the increased presence of PG&E crews in the area as they work to restore the pressure of the line.

In late 2013, the City of San Carlos learned that an engineer working with PG&E expressed concern about the safety of the line. In an email, he expressed concern that Line 147 may present “another San Bruno situation”. The City immediately requested that the line be shut down until its safety could be determined. With some effort by the City, the line was shut in shortly afterward. Now, after years of work by PG&E, including inline testing and numerous repairs, the CPUC has approved PG&E’s plan to bring the line back into full operation.

Mayor Bob Grassilli stated, “Based on what we’ve learned from PG&E’s testing and repairing of Line 147, we feel confident that Line 147 is one of the safest natural gas lines in the area. We will continue to monitor Line 147 and will respond to any issues that may arise to protect our community as we have since 2013.”

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