

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
WASHINGTON D.C.**

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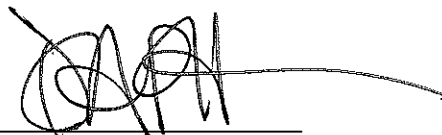
**In the Matter of the Investigation of** \*  
**Pacific Gas and Electric Company** \*  
**Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline** \* **DOCKET NO.: SA-534**  
**San Bruno, California, September 9, 2010** \*  
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**DESIGNATION OF HEARING OFFICER**

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the National Transportation Safety Board, E. Lorenda Ward, Office of Rail, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials, Washington, D.C., is hereby designated Hearing Officer to conduct a public hearing on behalf of the National Transportation Safety Board, to be held in the above matter. The said Hearing Officer is authorized to set the time and place of the hearing, to give notice thereof, and to exercise such other powers in connection with the conduct of said proceedings as authorized by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Dated this 14th day of January 2011.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Deborah A.P. Hersman  
Chairman