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INTERVIEW OF AE GARRIESERE
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Investigation of:

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PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2010 ACCIDENT

* Docket No.: DCA-10-MP-008

SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA

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Telephonic Interview of: AE GARRIESERE

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The above-captioned matter convened, pursuant to
notice.

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By Mr. Chhatre

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1 review the transcripts when they are completed.

2 Also, Mr. Garriesere, I would like to inform you that
3 you are permitted to have one other person present with you during
4 the interview.

5 MR. GARRIESERE: Okay. My wife is here with me tonight.

6 MR. CHHATRE: Oh, your wife is there?

7 MR. GARRIESERE: Yes.

8 MR. CHHATRE: Do you want her with you?

9 MR. GARRIESERE: There is no memory left.

10 MR. CHHATRE: Okay.

11 MR. GARRIESERE: No short memory at all.

12 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. Now, this person would be your
13 choice. It can be a friend, family member, or neighbor, anybody
14 of your choice. Do you understand that?

15 MR. GARRIESERE: Yeah.

16 MR. CHHATRE: And if you choose not to have anybody, you
17 have that choice also.

18 MR. GARRIESERE: I have a choice also of what?

19 MR. CHHATRE: Of picking anybody or not picking anybody
20 with you.

21 MR. JAQUES: Let me just say that he indicated earlier
22 on the call that he would like me, Dane Jaques, to be his
23 representative. Of course, he can change that, but that was
24 already represented.

25 MR. CHHATRE: When you say he, meaning not me,

1 meaning --

2 MR. JAQUES: Mr. Garriesere.

3 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. So, Mr. Garriesere, whom do you
4 want with you when you talk to us or do you prefer not to have
5 anybody? It's your choice.

6 MR. GARRIESERE: The gentleman that's with you on the
7 phone now.

8 MR. CHHATRE: Do you want him? And his name is?

9 MR. JAQUES: Dane Jaques.

10 MR. CHHATRE: Do you want to have him on the phone with
11 you?

12 MR. GARRIESERE: Yes, please.

13 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. Now, we'll go through the people
14 here. Everybody will tell who they are and with whom they work
15 for, so wait for five minutes until everybody is done. I guess
16 start with you.

17 MR. DAUBIN: Brian Daubin, PG&E. My information is on
18 the card provided to Ravi.

19 MR. FASSETT: Bob Fassett, PG&E.

20 MS. FABRY: Klara Fabry, City of San Bruno, and the
21 information is on the card.

22 MR. SHORI: Sunil Shori, California Public Utilities
23 Commission. My information is on the card provided.

24 Mr. KATCHMAR: Peter Katchmar, United States Department
25 of Transportation, Office of Pipeline Safety.

1 MR. GUNTHER: Karl Gunther, NTSB, Operations Group
2 Chair, karl.gunther@ntsb.gov. Phone (202) 314-6478.

3 MS. MAZZANTI: Debbie Mazzanti, IBEW, Local 1245, and my
4 information is on the card.

5 MR. SPERRY: Joshua Sperry, ESC, Local 20. My
6 information is on the card.

7 Mr. NICHOLSON: Matthew Nicholson, NTSB,
8 matthew.nicholson@ntsb.gov.

9 MR. CHHATRE: Ravi Chhatre, NTSB, and my phone number is
10 (202) 314-6644. My email is ravindra.chhatre@ntsb.gov.

11 MR. JAQUES: And Dane Jaques on behalf of the witness,
12 and my information has been provided.

13 MR. GARRIESERE: I didn't hear any newspaper people
14 there. I hope there are no newspaper people listening in.

15 MR. CHHATRE: There are no newspaper people, and the
16 only attorney is the one -- there are no attorneys either.

17 MR. GARRIESERE: Good.

18 MR. CHHATRE: Okay. Who wants to go first? Okay.

19 INTERVIEW OF AE GARRIESERE

20 BY MR. CHHATRE:

21 Q. Mr. Garriesere, can you tell us your background a little
22 bit, how long you worked for PG&E, from when to when?

23 A. Thirty-two years.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. Retired.

1 Q. And do you recall, when did you start working for PG&E?

2 A. It's a long time ago. I don't have the faintest idea
3 when it was.

4 Q. That's fine. Do you remember when you retired from
5 PG&E?

6 A. I've been trying to find that record here in my files.

7 Q. That's okay. If you don't remember, that's okay.

8 A. When I retired.

9 Q. Okay. Do you remember what kind of work you did for
10 PG&E?

11 A. It was gas pipelines.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. In subdivisions mostly.

14 Q. Okay. When you say gas pipelines, what did you do for
15 the gas pipelines?

16 A. I was in charge of crews installing distribution mains
17 and gas services.

18 Q. Okay.

19 A. For homes. And then later after -- that was all in
20 general construction.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I was looking up to get a job in gas operations in San
23 Francisco.

24 Q. Okay. And did you?

25 A. Senior gas engineer.

1 Q. Did you work on this gas transmission line, the big
2 pipe, 30-inch, in Bay area, the one that ruptured?

3 A. No, I was trying to search my memory. I have no
4 recollection of having been on it at all.

5 Q. Okay. On the distribution main, what is the largest
6 pipe? What is the largest pipe you worked on?

7 A. I'd say eight-inch pipeline.

8 Q. Eight-inch.

9 A. That's pretty large for distribution.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. It was two-inch, three-inch and four-inch size.

12 Q. Okay. There's no work done by you that you recall on
13 the transmission lines?

14 A. Not on the one you spoke of.

15 Q. Okay. Anything else you want to tell us that might help
16 this investigation?

17 A. Transmission jobs.

18 Q. Okay. Do you have any information that you would like
19 us to consider during this investigation of this pipe that
20 ruptured in San Bruno?

21 A. No, I didn't.

22 MR. CHHATRE: Wonderful. We want to thank you for the
23 time you have stayed with us, and sometime in the future if you
24 recall something, feel free to give me a call.

25 MR. GARRIESERE: Okay. Would you send me one of your

1 business cards or something so that I could remember the name?

2 MR. CHHATRE: Yes, I can do that.

3 MR. GARRIESERE: The number.

4 MR. CHHATRE: I'll do that. Or I can give that to your
5 attorney too.

6 MR. GARRIESERE: Okay. Thank you very much.

7 MR. CHHATRE: Thank you so much for the time.

8 MR. GARRIESERE: All right.

9 MR. CHHATRE: Off the record.

10 MR. JAQUES: Thank you.

11 (Whereupon, the interview was concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the attached proceeding before the
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