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Metrolink Derailment
Glendale, California
January 26, 2005

Pacific Energy Group Emergency Response (Pipeline)

PACIFIC ENERGY GROUP LLC



March 22, 2005

Ms. Dana Sanzo
National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Railroad, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Investigations
Human Performance and Survival Factors Division
Washington, DC 20594

Subject: Documentation of Emergency Response to
Train Derailment on January 26, 2005
Pacific Pipeline System LLC

Dear Ms. Sanzo:

This letter contains the information you requested from Pacific Pipeline System LLC (PPS) in February 2005 regarding the train derailment in Glendale, California. PPS is the owner of the pipeline and Pacific Energy Group LLC (PEG) is the operator of the pipeline (Line 2000 and Line 63).

The responses to your questions follow each of the bullet points from your letter. They are as follows:

- SCADA and controller logs during the response that show relevant events such as incident notifications and shutdown and start-up times.

See Attachment A.

- Information about recent training or disaster drills conducted with local emergency responders.

PEG performs response exercises every year. The last exercise performed in Southern California was November 6, 2003 (see Attachment B).

In addition, PEG also provides annual emergency response training with the local fire departments in Southern California. The most recent training sessions were held in April and June of 2004 with the following fire departments in attendance:



Long Beach Fire Department
Vernon Fire Department
Compton Fire Department
El Segundo Fire Department
Burbank Fire Department

Previous training was conducted on January 21st and 22nd of 2003 with the following fire departments in attendance:

Glendale Fire Department
Long Beach Fire Department
Vernon Fire Department
Compton Fire Department
El Segundo Fire Department
Los Angeles County Fire Department

- Information about standard procedures for responding to a railroad emergency along the pipeline right-of-way.

PEG uses the same procedures for responding to railroad emergencies as it would to respond to any pipeline emergency. PEG is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the State of California to develop very comprehensive emergency response manuals. Included with this response are copies of the basic procedures followed for any pipeline emergency (see Attachment C).

- When and by whom the pipeline was notified of the accident?

Our Pipeline Surveillance Supervisor, Frank Carden, heard about the accident on the radio and notified his supervisor, Bob Arellano who in turn notified the Operations Control Center (OCC). **The OCC shut the pipeline down at 06:30 am.** At the same time, a Line Rider, Genesis Miron was dispatched to the location.

- What personnel and how many responded to the accident site?

Bob Arellano, Maintenance Supervisor; Frank Carden, Pipeline Surveillance Supervisor; Chuck Wachter, Construction and Inspection Coordinator; Jimmy Garcia, Construction and Inspection Coordinator; Genesis Miron, Line Rider; Mel Durley, Director of Operations West Coast; Mark Clark, Corrosion Technician were onsite. Mark Reese, Director of Environmental & Safety remained in contact with personnel at the site. A total of 8 company personnel who were involved in managing PEG's response.

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- What actions were taken to monitor the pipeline at the accident site?

The OCC monitored the pipeline pressure after shutting down the pipeline. Personnel on scene monitored the area for signs of leaks, and monitored cleanup activities to ensure that repair crews did not dig down into the area over the pipeline. On January 28, 2005 PEG exposed the pipeline by excavation to inspect for possible damage. The pipeline was inspected by Bob Arellano, Maintenance Supervisor, Jimmy Garcia, Construction and Inspection Coordinator, and Tom Williams from the California State Marshall Pipeline Safety Division office. No damage was found to have occurred. The pipeline was returned to operation on January 28, 2005 at 2:16 am.

- How long were personnel on scene?

At least one person from PEG was onsite from 7:55 am on January 26, 2005 to 1:00 pm on January 28, 2005.

If you have any questions, or need additional information please call me at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] You can also contact Mark Reese at
[REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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