



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

February 4, 2022

Ms. Rachel Peterson
Executive Director
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-PHMSA-2020-0122
Public Utilities Commission of the State of California - Resolution M-4845 - Renewal**

Dear Ms. Peterson:

On December 29, 2021, pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60118(d), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) received a letter from the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) notifying PHMSA that the Commission extended a previous waiver, Resolution M-4845, of 49 Code of Federal Regulations §§ 192.723 (b)(1), 192.723 (b)(2), and 192.481(a), to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

The Commission's waiver extension, dated December 29, 2021, will allow PG&E to continue to adjust specified pipeline operations and maintenance survey activities due to COVID-19 public safety concerns. Resolution M-4845, page 8, Ordering Paragraphs 5 and 6, provides the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division the authority to approve or deny subsequent extension requests, such as this one, which was set to expire on December 31, 2021. On December 13, 2021, PG&E petitioned the Commission to extend the "Can't Get In" waiver for one (1) additional year, which now expires on December 31, 2022.

Pursuant to 49 USC § 60118(d), PHMSA does not object to issuance of this waiver by the Commission for PG&E pipeline facilities, provided PG&E complies with the conditions set forth in the waiver. I request that a copy of the Commission's final waiver to PG&E be forwarded to PHMSA within 30 days of issuance.

If you wish to discuss this or any other pipeline safety matter, my staff would be pleased to assist you. Please contact Sentho White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, at 202-366-2415, for technical matters.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety