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Description:	Status of Investigations of Complaints for Damages to Properties including Boats, Motor Homes and Cars, caused by alleged emissions from the Gateway Generating Station
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meeting Location: Energy Commission	
Name:	Anwar Ali, Compliance Project Manager (CPM) and Christine Root, Compliance Office Manager	DATE:	November 1, 2016 TIME: 11:30 AM
WITH: Gateway Generating Station Staff: Diana Furman, Dustin Perkins, Tim Stafford, and Windy Nettles			
SUBJECT:	Status of Investigations of Complaints for Damages to Properties (Boats, Motor Homes and Cars) caused by alleged emissions from the GGS.		

Background

On September 2, 2016, Gateway Generating Station (GGS) notified the California Energy Commission of four complaints alleging that emissions from the facility caused damages to properties including boats, motor homes and cars located in the vicinity of the project site. The complaints were filed with GGS between May 28, 2016 and June 22, 2016. The complainants alleged that particulate matters emitted from GGS equipment caused damages to their boats and other properties. To investigate these complaints, GGS retained a consulting firm to: 1) identify and characterize the product which damages to the paints of boats and other properties; and 2) determine if the product identified at the properties had originated from the GGS facility.

Throughout the course of communication with the GGS, Energy Commission was assured that GGS would submit a final report to the detailing the results of the complaints investigation.

Purpose of the Conference Call/Meeting

The conference call with GGS staff on November 1, 2016 was aimed at the following:

1. Identify the process currently in place at GGS for notification of the Energy Commission and Air Quality Management District of the complaints received by the facility.
2. To inquire about the reasons for delay in notifying the Energy Commission notification of the complaints since the first complaint was filed with GGS on May 28, 2016.
3. To find out if Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) was notified of the above complaints.
4. To inquire about the date when the final investigation report would be available to the Energy Commission.

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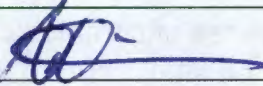


When asked about the delay in the Energy Commission notification of the complaints, Mrs. Diana Furman indicated that it was due to staff turnaround at GGS and that the limited staff available at the time were not aware of the complaints notification process. Mrs. Furman also indicated that they notified the Energy Commission once GGS had enough trained staff to handle the complaints.

With regard to the notification of the BAAQMD, Mrs. Furman confirmed that they did not notify the BAAQMD because GGS had determined that the incident identified in the complaints did not constitute any violation to BAAQMD permit conditions or requirements.

Dustin Perkins, PG&E Senior Claims Investigator, indicated that the results of laboratory tests, conducted by a scientific laboratory, for samples collected from the sites of the reported incidents confirmed that the red/brown product causing damages to paints of the boats and properties, was as an iron salt that was positively identified as ferric chloride. Mr. Perkins indicated that ferric chloride did not originate from emissions at the GGS and that the chemical product is predominately used by municipalities in the water treatment facilities. Furthermore, Mr. Perkins indicated that from among the four complaints received by PG&E; only one complainant filed a damage claim, which PG&E is currently in the process of denying the damage claim based on the findings of the laboratory testing.

Contrary to the previous GGS commitments to provide a final investigation report to the Energy Commission, Mr. Perkins indicated the laboratory test results conclude their investigation, and therefore, GGS would not provide a final investigation report to the Energy Commission for review. Instead, GGS offered to share the results of the laboratory tests with the Energy Commission. Upon request, Energy Commission received a copy of the laboratory test results on November 1, 2016.

cc:	Date:	Signed: 
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