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**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

## CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 8: Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 5, Article 17, Section 2813  
of the High-Voltage Electrical Safety Orders

**Underground Vaults - Headroom Clearance****MODIFICATIONS AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RESULTING FROM  
THE 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There are no modifications to the information contained in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

**SUMMARY AND RESPONSES TO ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMENTS****I. Written Comments**

There were no written comments received.

**II. Oral Comments and Board Members' Dialog**

There were no oral comments received from the regulated public at the September 16, 2010 Public Hearing in San Diego, California. Upon considering the proposal, a Board Member had concerns which are addressed in the following response:

Mr. Bill Jackson, Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board Member

**Comment:**

Mr. Jackson stated that the proposal incorporates by reference Sections 8051 through 8057 of the California Public Utilities Code, and only Section 8051 is included in the attachment. He asked whether the remaining sections have anything to do with occupational safety and health. Mr. Jackson expressed concern that, as the proposal refers employers out of the regulation to another document, employers may not know where to find or obtain the other sections if necessary.

Response:

That portion of the proposal containing the Public Utilities Code references which Board Member Jackson is referring to was not proposed for amendment; therefore, the comment is outside the scope of the proposal. The Board nonetheless notes that the sections referred to in Section 2813 address such matters as design criteria for underground vaults, manholes, and subways. The Public Utilities Code is readily accessible to the general public via the internet (for example, at [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)).

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON

None.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

DETERMINATION OF MANDATE

This regulation does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts as indicated in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board invited interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulation. No alternative considered by the Board would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted action.