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RE: Docket No. 15-WATER-01. Comments of Southern California Gas Company on the California Energy Commission Drought Response: Water Energy Technology Program Public Meeting.

Dear Commissioners:

The Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the California Energy Commission (CEC) Drought Response: Water Energy Technology Program (WET) Public Meeting held on June 29, 2015, to receive input on the draft guidelines and related topics. SoCalGas offers the following comments regarding the WET Program's integration with existing utility and water agency programs:

Overall, we support allocating funding for our customers to reduce their water and energy consumption. CEC programs should leverage existing utility programs, which have been helping customers save water and natural gas. If CEC funds can be leveraged with utility energy efficiency programs to provide no-cost measures, customers would upgrade old water heaters, install more high efficiency clothes washers, and take advantage of other water-energy savings measures.

For example, under its Energy Savings Assistance Program (ESA), SoCalGas maintains water measure leveraging agreements to co-fund high efficiency washers with three investor-owned utilities: Park Water Company, San Gabriel Valley Water Company and Fontana Water Company. SoCalGas also has leveraging agreements with two water districts: the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) and the Irvine Ranch Water District. The agreement with EMWD co-funds ESA program showerheads (including thermostatic shower valves, faucet aerators, and high efficiency washers. The agreement with Irvine Ranch Water District co-funds high efficiency installed at joint customer households.

Considering SoCalGas' efforts to save water and energy in Southern California, we would like to know how the WET program will be integrated and also specify how much funding has been, or will be, allocated to the Southern California region.

In closing, SoCalGas appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the CEC Public Hearing, Drought Response: Water Energy Technology Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Rasberry /s/