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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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AIA Los Angeles
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Antelope Valley Board of Trade
Apartment Association, CA Southern Cities
Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles
Arcadia Association of Realtors
Asian American Business Women Association
Asian American Economic Development Enterprises
Asian Business Association
Beverly Hills / Greater LA Association of Realtors
British American Business Council
Building Industry Association, LA / Ventura
Building Owners & Managers Association, LA
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California Apartment Association, LA
California Cannabis Industry Association
California Construction Industry and Materials Association
California Contract Cities Association
California Grocers Association
California Independent Bankers
California Independent Petroleum Association
California Metals Coalition
California Small Business Alliance
Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance
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Citrus Valley Association of Realtors
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Council on Trade & Investment for Filipino Americans
Employers Group
Engineering Contractor's Association
Entrepreneurs' Organization LA
Fixing Angelenos Stuck In Traffic (FAST)
FuturePorts
Gateway to LA
Glendale Association of Realtors
Greater LA New Car Dealers Association
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National Latina Business Women Association
Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors
Recording Industry Association of America
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.
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April 20, 2016

Mr. Robert Weisenmiller
Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-29
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Re: Comments on Docket Number 16-IEPR-02, Natural Gas

Dear Mr. Weisenmiller,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) – representing over 155 business groups with more than 273,000 business owners across our region, **we are writing to to express our concern about the implications to our economy if Aliso Canyon gas wells remain offline, resulting in electricity interruptions.**

Natural gas has become a vital part of California's electricity infrastructure. California has implemented stricter air quality rules, eliminating the burning of alternative fuels as an option for customers and thereby increasing the reliance on natural gas and renewables for electric generation. This trend has spread across the United States, as other states are also implementing stricter rules on air emissions, thereby increasing the demand for natural gas.

Southern California Gas Company has a long history of working with the electric utilities and grid operators to manage the interdependency between natural gas and electric generation. However, that important relationship depends on a constant and reliable supply of natural gas to fuel electric generation.

We are counting on you to ensure that Aliso Canyon gas wells are allowed to go back online once they are deemed safe to ensure electricity generators have the fuel they need to prevent brownouts and ensure a constant supply of reliable electricity.

Please take this threat to our economy seriously and use your power to prevent this great harm.

Sincerely,



Gilbert Ivey
BizFed Chair
Metropolitan Water District



David Fleming
BizFed Founding Chair
Latham & Watkins



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