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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc.

Southern California

December 5, 2017
California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4 Re:
Docket No. 17-IEPR-11
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: OPPOSE: Emergency Moratorium on New Gas Meters in Los Angeles Region Related to Aliso Canyon

BIASC's Comments In Response to the Aliso Canyon Winter Risk Assessment Technical Report 2017-18 Assessment

Dear California Energy Commission:

On behalf of the Building Industry Association of Southern California, (BIASC) Inc., I am writing to express our strong opposition to the potential "emergency moratorium" on all new natural gas use in new residential, commercial, and industrial developments in the Los Angeles Region served by Aliso Canyon. We only learned of the moratorium proposal this morning. A regulatory act of this magnitude would have significant unintended consequences for the region and therefore should be subject to a lengthy public review and vetting. Such a moratorium, would cause a devastating halt to all projects in the LA basin.

We are in the midst of the most serious housing crisis in our State's history. The State Department of Housing and Community Development has documented that we are over 180,000 units short of meeting demand on an annual basis. Southern California housing costs are the highest in the US other than the Bay Area. The homeownership rate is the lowest since the 1940's and more than 1/3 of LA's residents are spending more than 50% of their income on rent. Regrettably, homelessness in the region is on the increase.

BIASC is a regional trade association that represents more than 1,100 member companies within a six-county region and is comprised of Chapters in Orange, Los Angeles/Ventura, Riverside/Imperial and San Bernardino counties. Together, BIASC's members build most of the new home communities throughout the same six-county region. In this limited window for public feedback on the report, BIASC strongly urges the CEC and CPUC not to implement a new gas meter moratorium.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Balsamo', is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Balsamo,
Chief Executive Officer
Building Industry Association of Southern California Inc.