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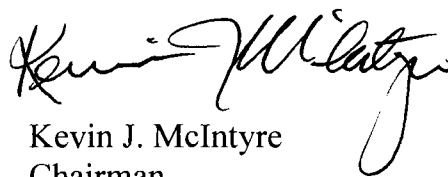
Dear Mr. Weisenmiller:

Thank you for your letter of November 13, 2017. You reference a letter sent to the Commission on October 30, 2017, by the Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas) concerning restrictions on using the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility.

The Commission is aware of the concerns about the challenges associated with meeting the demand for natural gas in southern California this winter. The Commission is reviewing the recently-released 2017-18 Supplement to the Aliso Canyon Winter Risk Assessment Technical Report, and we recognize the many efforts made in the past and planned this winter to address this problem. As you may know, the Commission recently approved the continued use of certain measures by the California Independent System Operator Corporation to address these circumstances. (161 FERC ¶ 61,232, Docket No. ER17-2568, November 28, 2017). Commission staff will continue to monitor the situation in southern California as this winter progresses. The Commission shares your interest in maintaining reliability in California.

If I can be of further assistance in this or any other Commission matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Kevin J. McIntyre
Chairman