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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

April 22, 2016

California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS 4  
Re: Docket No. 16-IEPR-02  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR IEPR 2016-04-08 WORKSHOP**

Dear Lana Wong:

Orange County Business Council (OCBC) represents nearly 300 of Southern California's largest businesses that employ over 250,000 men and women in our region and more than two million employees globally. OCBC's mission is to enhance the region's economic prosperity while maintaining a high quality of life. OCBC focuses on four initiatives: improving infrastructure, enhancing workforce development, increasing the supply of workforce housing and maintaining a robust economic climate.

Natural gas is the backbone of Southern California's entire energy system accounting for more than half of all the energy used to power homes and businesses in Southern California. In addition, since the State put in place new requirements for renewable energy, natural gas has accounted for more than half of new power capacity.

Aliso Canyon is California's largest natural gas storage facility and is an essential part of the region's energy delivery system. It serves millions of residential, commercial, and industrial customers with natural gas for a variety of thermal processes throughout Southern California. Aliso Canyon also serves 17 electric generating facilities in Los Angeles and Orange counties, operated by private and publicly owned utilities and independent generators.

As recently reported by the Technical Assessment Group (consisting of the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Independent System Operator and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power), Aliso Canyon plays an essential role in maintaining both natural gas and electricity reliability in the greater Los Angeles area. **As such, if no gas can be withdrawn from Aliso Canyon this summer, there could be 14 days with energy outages, both gas and electric, impacting millions of customers.** While this report only addresses the summer months, it is assumed that outages would also continue into the winter months. The impact of these outages translates into billions of dollars in lost economic productivity.

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As the economic engine for California and the Country, it is imperative to support the continued economic growth of Southern California. **Therefore, we ask that you work to ensure the facility is returned to service safely and expeditiously in order to ensure reliable and affordable energy for Southern California.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Starr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bryan Starr  
Senior Vice President Government Affairs