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Aliso Canyon Action Plan Comments

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The Honorable Robert Weisenmiller
California Energy Commission
1516 19th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: ALISO CANYON ACTION PLAN TO PRESERVE GAS AND ELECTRIC RELIABILITY
FOR THE LOS ANGELES BASIN
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Dear Chair Weisenmiller,

The California Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Joint Agency Workshop on Aliso Canyon Action Plan for Local Energy Reliability in Summer 2016.

The CalChamber is the largest broad-based business advocate in the state, representing the interests of over 13,000 California businesses, both large and small. Ensuring that businesses in the state have affordable and reliable energy is of the utmost importance to the CalChamber. As a result, the CalChamber is concerned with the potential curtailment of electricity and natural gas throughout the Los Angeles basin this summer and the costs associated with those curtailments.

CalChamber agrees that the first priority is the safety of the public. At the same time, energy affordability and reliability in the Southern California region is another critical issue that must be considered and addressed in concert with those efforts.

The ability to inject and produce natural gas from the Aliso Canyon facility is important to the maintenance of reliable energy supply throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties. The impacted region serves as an economic center for California. Specifically, the region features key industries where the impacts of energy curtailment would ripple through the economy, including:

- Goods movement – More than 40 percent of containerized cargo entering the United States flows through the Port of L.A. and Long Beach.
- Fuels – 60 percent of the California's refineries that provide transportation fuels for Southern California motorists, goods movement and air traffic.
- Medical – Atmospheric gasses critical to hospitals and other medical facilities throughout California and beyond.

All of these industries depend on reliable, affordable energy supplies in order to remain competitive. We risk the loss of continued economic growth by not addressing the potential impacts to these businesses.

We believe that providing natural gas supplies to Southern California for both power generation and industrial customers may be accomplished in a safe manner by allowing state regulators to permit injection when it has been deemed necessary for maintaining reliability of natural gas and electrical supplies.

Sincerely,



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