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## **Reopening of Aliso Canyon**

Good afternoon:

I am writing regarding the reopening of the Aliso Canyon storage facility. California is a cutting edge state and is viewed by the rest of the nation as a leader in so many areas. Energy reliability is critical to keeping our economy moving forward and creating an environment that promotes growth in many sectors.

The Aliso Canyon facility serves both residential and commercial customers as well as fueling gas-fired power plants that are needed to meet the regional electric demand during peak periods. In California, about 60% of the electricity generated comes from power plants that run on natural gas, and during these hot summer months, that figure increases to about 75%.

As significant as the summer use is for natural gas, the winter months are even more demanding on our natural gas supply. Aliso Canyon played a key role in meeting customer needs this past winter - and this winter that demand will most likely be as great, if not greater. So Cal Gas must have the ability to meet the needs of this growing region, supplying electric generation for hospitals, large manufacturing facilities, refineries, and our educational institutions. Without Aliso Canyon, our region will face problems that will impact all of our lives.

In preparation, So Cal Gas is providing technical support to a Joint Agency Team, similar to the summer technical assessment group, to determine potential issues in meeting the demands of winter gas use. Furthermore, So Cal Gas is working to restore injection and normal operations at Aliso Canyon, in compliance with all of the new regulations, by late summer, in preparation for this coming winter.

On a more personal level, in my city, So Cal Gas has been a terrific partner after our city faced devastating fires in the mountains above our city in June. We have many elderly people in our city, whose breathing has been impacted by the particles in the air due to the fire and the aftermath. So Cal Gas stepped up and provided our citizens, at not cost, with air purifiers. We have received many compliments directed toward So Cal Gas because of their generosity to our city. We are very grateful for their sensitivity to the good health of our community.

In summary we need the Aliso Storage field to begin operating safely again, with all of the proper safeguards in place. Our region's energy demands cannot be compromised by lack of affordable and safe energy.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

All the best, Margaret Finlay

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