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

Dear Ms. Wong:

As a Council Member for the City of South Gate, I am inclined to speak on behalf of my constituents' well-being and advocate for the reopening of the Southern California Gas Company Aliso Canyon storage facility. The facility plays an important role in the overall reliability of energy resources throughout California, particularly within Los Angeles County. It is essential that our residents, communities, and businesses that rely on SoCalGas' energy can be assured that there is no risk of being affected by natural gas curtailments stemming from keeping the Aliso Canyon facility closed.

About 60 percent of electricity that is generated in California comes from natural gas power plants, and by keeping one of SoCalGas' facilities closed, reliable energy resources could be crippled. Therefore, businesses in the area that stimulate the local economy could be at risk of facing serious outages that deter their practices, decreasing overall economic growth in Los Angeles.

At a time where Los Angeles is booming, we cannot allow our successes to be thwarted. Furthermore, since the gas leak late last year, SoCalGas has been in compliance with all new regulations placed upon them, and have provided numerous well inspections to guarantee the facility is safe to be reopened. It is clear that the facility is safe, and by reopening the facility, reliable energy will undoubtedly be provided to those that need it most.

Sincerely,

Gil Hurtado
Council Member