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Aliso Canyon Action Plan for Local Reliability

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



Dr. Robert Weisenmiller, Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-33
Sacramento, CA 95814

August 31, 2016

Re: Comments on Docket Number 16-IEPR-02 - Natural Gas

Dear Chair Weisenmiller,

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association Greater Los Angeles (BOMA/GLA), I am writing to express our concerns about the very real risks we will face if the Aliso Canyon storage facility remains offline. BOMA/GLA is a national, non-profit trade association representing over 300 commercial office buildings with 155 million square feet of space throughout Los Angeles County. Tens of thousands of tenants go to work in our buildings every day.

Because all sectors of the local economy depend on natural gas or electricity generated by gas, it is imperative that Aliso Canyon be brought back online in a manner that is as safe as it is timely to ensure energy reliability in the region.

As you know, approximately 60% of electricity in California is generated with the use of natural gas. We know that the California Public Utilities Commission, Cal ISO and LADWP have worked hard to manage the shortage of gas this summer, and commercial and residential customers have contributed by conserving energy. As we move into the winter months, however, more gas will be used for heating, which means we could face increased risk of shortages.

We understand some have argued for closing the wells permanently due to environmental concerns. If the wells undergo rigorous testing and are determined to be safe for the surrounding communities, they should be reopened. We hope, however, that the CPUC, Cal ISO, LADWP and other agencies will take this opportunity to review their energy management plans and consider a wide range of sources of supply. The regional economy and our quality of life are at stake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Ware". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele Ware
President