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Robert B. Weisenmiller, Ph.D., Chair
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-29
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

RE: Alison Canyon Storage Facility

Dear Chairman Weisenmiller:

On behalf of FuturePorts, I am writing to urge the California Energy Commission to re-open the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility.

FuturePorts is an advocacy organization whose members represent a broad range of goods movement industry businesses operating throughout the Southern California region. Members range from small to large companies in the goods movement supply chain sector, from engineering and construction companies and their suppliers, to labor, and transportation providers.

The goods movement industry is the #1 economic engine and jobs creator for the state of California, creating millions of direct and indirect jobs. FuturePorts' members have a vested interest in an economically viable and sustainable supply chain from the waterfront throughout the entire distribution network.

Our members rely heavily on a reliable energy source to fuel California's economy, therefore FuturePorts has concern regarding any issue affecting energy resiliency. Several studies have been performed to document and study current conditions in the San Pedro Bay Ports.

The Port of Los Angeles Energy Management Action Plan Draft Report from July, 2014, states that "energy management has become a critical issue for the Port of Los Angeles (Port) and the Southern California region. This is due to a number of factors including:

- Rapidly increasing energy demand and associated costs
- Aging electrical infrastructure and concerns about reliability
- Concerns about system resiliency in the event of a major incident
- Geographically based power network and distribution design."

The Port of Long Beach's website states the goal of "having a reliable power supply, stabilizing power costs" for their tenants, which will

increase Southern California's competitive advantages of moving cargo through our gateway, and creating more than a million jobs in California.

Our members, and our Ports, need a reliable source of energy in order to operate their equipment safely, efficiently, and as cost-effective as possible. Our concern with not having the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility is whether energy sources will become unreliable and/or interrupted. Anything that impacts port operations is ultimately going to impact all of California.

Therefore, once deemed safe, Aliso Canyon gas wells must be allowed to go back online to ensure electricity generators have the fuel they need to prevent brownouts and to ensure a constant supply of reliable electricity.

We urge you to protect our economy and our energy supply, and to safely restore the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Warren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elizabeth Warren
Executive Director
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Cc: FuturePorts Board of Directors