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Anaheim Chamber of Commerce Letter Re: Aliso Canyon

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



September 2, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

The Anaheim Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community in the City of Anaheim, the largest city in the County of Orange and home to some of the biggest and most high profile employers and entities in California, including the Disneyland Resort, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and the Anaheim Ducks. We are also home to thousands of small businesses, "mom and pop" shops that represent the best of the entrepreneurial spirit that is the bedrock of any business community.

As the representative and voice for Anaheim's business community, many members of whom also live in Anaheim and call the city their home, the Chamber shares the concerns of many about energy reliability in the wake of the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak.

Thanks to the diligent and collaborative efforts undertaken by Sempra Energy/So Cal Gas and the Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) the leak in question at Aliso Canyon was identified and stopped earlier this year. In the wake of this incident, DOGGR has also maintained an order prohibiting So Cal Gas from further gas injection into Aliso Canyon. We are concerned about the ramifications of this continued order as we proceed into summer and into the winter months.

The storage facility at Aliso Canyon is critical to meeting the region's energy needs, not only to residential and commercial customers, but as the fuel source for gas-powered electrical power plants that are relied upon to meet power needs during peak periods. We share the concern that the prohibition against gas injection at the Aliso Canyon storage facility may endanger the ability of So Cal Gas to adequately provide power as the hot summer months continue, and as demand peaks again during the winter months.

If this forces So Cal Gas to not meet demand, the consequences would not just affect residential and commercial customers' gas power, but as stated, electrical power generation as well, impacting employers large and small.

It's our hope that DOGGR will lift it's prohibition on injection at Aliso Canyon so that So Cal Gas can continue to work in good faith with its partner agencies to meet the natural gas demand and prevent and disruption of service to its customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Ament".

Todd Ament
President & CEO
Anaheim Chamber of Commerce