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*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



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**BizFed's Member Alliance**  
AIA Los Angeles  
Alhambra Chamber  
American Beverage Association  
Antelope Valley Board of Trade  
Apartment Association, California Southern Cities  
Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles  
Arcadia Association of Realtors  
Arcadia Chamber  
Asian American Business Women Association  
Asian American Economic Development Enterprise  
Asian Business Association  
Association of Independent Commercial Producers  
Aussa Chamber  
Bell Gardens Chamber  
Beverly Hills Chamber  
Beverly Hills / Greater LA Association of Realtors  
Burbank Association of Realtors  
Burbank Chamber  
Building Industry Association, LA / Ventura Counties  
Building Owners & Managers Association, Greater LA  
CalAsian Chamber  
California Apartment Association, Los Angeles  
California Business Roundtable  
California Cannabis Industry Association  
California Construction Industry and Materials Association  
California Contract Cities Association  
California Consumer Finance Association  
California Fashion Association  
California Grocers Association  
California Hotel & Lodging Association  
California Independent Bankers  
California Independent Petroleum Association  
California Life Sciences Association  
California Metals Coalition  
California Restaurant Association  
California Small Business Alliance  
California Trucking Association  
CALInnovates  
Carson Dominguez Employers Alliance  
Central City Association  
Century City Chamber  
Citrus Valley Association of Realtors  
Coalition for a Prosperous America  
Community Associations Institute, Los Angeles  
Construction Industry Air and Water Quality Coalitions  
Consumer Healthcare Products Association  
Council on Trade and Investment for Filipino Americans  
Culver City Chamber  
Downey Association of Realtors  
Downtown Long Beach Associates  
El Monte/South El Monte Chamber  
Employers Group  
Engineering Contractor's Association  
Entrepreneurs Organization, Los Angeles  
F.A.S.T.-Fixing America's Stuck in Traffic  
Filipino American SEC  
FilmLA  
Foreign Trade Association  
FuturePorts  
FWD.us  
Gateway to LA  
Glendale Association of Realtors  
Glendale Chamber  
Glendora Chamber  
Greater Los Angeles Auto Show  
Greater Lakewood Chamber  
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber  
Greater Los Angeles New Car Dealers Association  
Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce  
Harbor City / Harbor Gateway Chamber  
Harbor Trucking Association  
Hollywood Chamber  
Hospital Association of Southern California  
Hotel Association of Los Angeles  
Industry Manufacturers Council  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
Inglewood Airport Area Chamber  
Irwindale Chamber  
Japan Business Association of Southern California  
La Canada Flintridge Chamber  
LAX Coastal Area Chamber  
Leadership for Urban Renewal Network  
League of California Cities  
Long Beach Area Chamber  
Los Angeles Area Chamber  
Los Angeles Black MBA Association  
Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator  
Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition  
Los Angeles County Consumer Affairs  
Los Angeles County Waste Management Association  
Los Angeles Junior Chamber  
Los Angeles Latino Chamber  
Los Angeles Metropolitan Hispanic Chamber  
Malibu Chamber  
Los Angeles Parking Association  
Los Angeles Urban League  
Los Angeles World Affairs Council  
Pacific Palisades Chamber  
Pasadena Chamber  
Pomona Chamber  
Maple Business Council  
Motion Picture Association of America  
MoveLA  
Most Worshipful Hiram Tyre Grand Lodge  
NAIOP Southern California Chapter  
National Alliance for Jobs and Innovation  
National Association of Women Business Owners, LA  
Pacific Merchant Shipping Association  
Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors  
Recording Industry Association of America  
Redondo Beach Chamber  
Regional Black - San Fernando Valley Chamber  
Regional Hispanic Chamber  
Regional San Gabriel Valley Chamber  
Rosemead Chamber  
Rotary Club of Los Angeles  
San Gabriel Chamber  
San Gabriel Valley Civic Alliance  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership  
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corp.  
San Pedro Peninsula Chamber  
Santa Monica Chamber  
Santa Monica Junior Chamber  
Small Business Action Committee  
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers - Los Angeles  
South Asian Business Alliance Network  
South Bay Association of Chambers  
South Bay Association of Realtors  
Southern California Golf Association  
Southern California Grantmakers  
Southern California Minority Supplier Development Council Inc.  
Southern California Water Committee  
Southland Regional Association of Realtors  
South Park Stakeholders Group  
Toluca Lake Chamber  
Torrance Area Chamber  
Town Hall Los Angeles  
Tri-Counties Association of Realtors  
United Chambers San Fernando Valley  
Universal City North Hollywood Chamber  
United States-Mexico Chamber  
U.S. Green Building Council-LA  
Valley Economic Alliance  
Valley Economic Development Center  
Valley Industry & Commerce Association  
Valley International Trade Association  
Vernon Chamber  
Vietnamese American Chamber  
Water Replenishment District  
We Care for Humanity  
West Hollywood Chamber  
West Los Angeles Chamber  
West San Gabriel Valley Association  
Western Manufacturers Housing Association  
Westside Council of Chambers  
Western States Petroleum Association  
West Valley/Warner Center Chamber  
Westwood Village Improvement Association  
Wilmington Chamber  
Young Professionals in Energy - LA Chapter  
Youth Business Alliance  
Warner Center Association

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Dr. Robert Weisenmiller  
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## Re: Comments on Docket Number 16-IEPR-02 - Natural Gas

Dear Chair Weisenmiller,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation (BizFed) – a massive, diverse grassroots alliance of more than 160 business organizations representing 325,000 employers with 3 million employees throughout LA County – we are writing to express our concerns about the very real risks we will face if the Aliso Canyon storage facility remains offline. Whether it's risking cold classrooms for our region's 640,000 school children or facing electrical interruptions at our region's 100 hospitals, 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.

Southern California Gas Company has a long history of working with the electric utilities and grid operators to manage the interdependency between natural gas and electric generation. However, that important relationship depends on a constant and reliable supply of natural gas to fuel electric generation. Our region's 11 million people and thousands of businesses also rely on Aliso Canyon for basic heating and cooling every day throughout the LA Basin. During the forthcoming peak in natural gas consumption during winter months, we could face increased risk of shortages.

Reliable, affordable energy and a thriving economy are the best means to support middle class job creation. California's economic competitiveness declines as our energy, transportation, and fuel costs rise relative to our competitors. Because Aliso Canyon stores 62% of all natural gas in the LA Basin, any natural gas shortages would place a disproportionate burden on many middle and lower income families who could face increased energy costs.

Rather than settling for a quick fix, or giving in to emotional pleas to shut Aliso Canyon down, now is the time to do the hard work required to get Aliso Canyon functioning. Please take this threat to our economy seriously and work to restore the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Gilbert F. Ivey  
BizFed Chair  
Former CAO,  
Metropolitan Water District

David Fleming  
BizFed Founding Chair

Tracy Hernandez  
BizFed Founding CEO  
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