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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

September 6, 2016

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

Dear Lana,

East Los Angeles is a largely industrial area, and energy reliability is key to not only residents' day-to-day activities at home, in school, and at work, but it is also critical to our economic growth. By continuing to keep the Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) Aliso Canyon storage facility closed, Mothers of East Los Angeles (MELA) has grown increasingly concerned for our community's well-being in regards to the access to reliable energy.

SoCalGas has worked diligently to ensure that the Aliso Canyon storage facility is safe, operable and ready to be reopened. Through inspections and close coordination with both local and state regulatory agencies, MELA is unwavering in our confidence that the facility is now in top conditions. However, we are worried that a few oppositional voices in the greater Los Angeles area will have a detrimental impact on the many, who could experience the repercussions of keeping the Aliso Canyon facility closed, particularly in regards to unreliable energy resources in their cities.

With peak energy seasons still ahead of us, MELA feels it is irresponsible to keep the Aliso Canyon facility closed. Professionals, families, students, and residents alike in the area could be threatened by power outages in local facilities, businesses, and their homes should they rely on natural gas services. These unsafe conditions are hazardous on many levels, and should always be avoided.

As a President of MELA, an organization that stands up for the environmental rights, safety, and health of our local community, I feel obligated to voice my support for the reopening of this facility that can help to ensure constant energy reliability and the well-being of East Los Angeles residents.

Sincerely,

Terry Marques, President

Mothers of East Los Angeles