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CITY OF MURRIETA

September 15, 2016

Robert B. Weisenmiller
Chair, California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA, 95814

RE: Docket No. 16-IEPR-02

Dear Dr. Weisenmiller and Members of the Commission,

On behalf of the City of Murrieta, I am writing in support of re-opening Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility (Aliso Canyon) in a safe and expeditious manner.

As you know, Aliso Canyon is the second largest natural gas storage field in the western United States. With our energy system designed to service customers through a network of pipelines and storage fields, this facility forms the backbone of gas delivery and plays a central role in meeting regional electrical demand. Aliso Canyon supplies gas and power to hospitals, universities, manufactures, transit operators, hotels, theme parks, power plants and tens of millions of residential customers. Because all sectors of the local economy depend on natural gas or electricity generated by gas, it is imperative that Aliso Canyon be brought online in a manner that is safe as it is timely to ensure energy reliability to Southern California.

We understand the magnitude of the incident that occurred at Porter Ranch and the subsequent calls for closing the wells permanently. But, if the wells undergo rigorous testing and are determined to be safe by industry standards, they should be re-opened.

The safe, continued operation of Aliso Canyon is absolutely necessary to providing a reliable supply of energy for our homes and businesses. California regulatory agencies should act with urgency to inspect and assess the Aliso Canyon storage facility and accelerate a meaningful return to service as quickly as can be safely accomplished.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick Gibbs".

Rick Gibbs
Mayor Pro-Tem

Cc: Murrieta City Council
David Jones, Emanuels and Associates