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JOINT AGENCY WORKSHOP

RE: Aliso Canyon Action Plan

Notice of Joint Agency Workshop on Aliso Canyon Action Plan for Local Energy Reliability for Winter of 2016 to 2017

The California Energy Commission will jointly conduct a second workshop with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the California Independent System Operator (California ISO), and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to discuss the near-term gas and electricity reliability risks to the Los Angeles Basin due to the restricted use of the Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) Aliso Canyon gas storage facility. The joint agency workshop will include an action plan describing the local reliability risks for the winter period of 2016 to 2017, along with recommended near-term mitigation measures. The workshop is part of the *2016 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) Update* proceeding.

Energy Commission Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller will conduct the meeting jointly with IEPR Lead Commissioner Karen Douglas, CPUC President Michael Picker, and representatives from the California ISO and LADWP. Chair Weisenmiller is the Energy Commission's Lead Commissioner for electricity and natural gas issues. Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission and the CPUC may also attend and participate in the workshop. A quorum of Commissioners from the CPUC and/or the Energy Commission may attend but no votes will be taken.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016

10:00 AM

SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Auditorium

21865 Copley Drive

Diamond Bar, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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For details, go to www.energy.ca.gov/webcast.

The workshop will be streamed live at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/webcasts>.

Background

On October 23, 2015, a significant natural gas leak was detected at SoCalGas' Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility in well Standard Sesnon 25 (SS-25). After several unsuccessful attempts to plug the leak near the wellhead, SoCalGas began drilling a deep relief well on December 4, 2015. On

December 10, 2015, the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) issued an order to SoCalGas prohibiting the further injection of gas into the facility.

On January 6, 2016, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. issued an Emergency Proclamation addressing the gas leak from the Aliso Canyon storage facility. The proclamation called on the Energy Commission, the CPUC, and California ISO to coordinate and take all necessary actions to ensure the reliability of the natural gas and electricity supplies during the moratorium on gas injections into Aliso Canyon. This joint agency coordination resulted in the creation of a joint agency reliability team. The joint agency team is also collaborating with LADWP and SoCalGas.

The CPUC, on January 21, 2016, ordered SoCalGas to reduce the working gas level at Aliso Canyon to 15 billion cubic feet (Bcf)—approximately 17 percent of its 86 Bcf working gas capacity. This low level of working gas, along with the uncertainty of future injections, compounded concerns about system reliability and public health and safety.

On February 1, 2016, the joint agencies sent a letter to Governor Brown indicating that studies were underway, along with a reliability action plan that would be discussed during a public workshop in April 2016. The reliability action plan identified issues, risks, and steps to mitigate regional reliability risks for summer 2016.

SoCalGas' relief well drilling and plugging efforts successfully stopped the leak on February 12, 2016. On February 18, 2016, DOGGR confirmed that the SS-25 well had been permanently sealed and removed from service. DOGGR has continued to maintain the moratorium prohibiting SoCalGas from injecting natural gas into the underground reservoir for storage at the facility until completion of a comprehensive safety review of the facility is completed. This safety review requires all 114 wells at the Aliso Canyon storage facility to be either thoroughly tested for safe operation or removed from operation and isolated from the underground reservoir. Senate Bill 380, Pavley, Chapter 14, Statutes of 2016 codified this moratorium on injection until the completion of the comprehensive safety review is complete. The various orders mentioned above can be found at www.conservation.ca.gov/dog and the letter from the joint agencies to Governor Brown is available at [http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/16-IEPR-02/TN210801_20160322T100019_212016_Letter from CECISOCPUc to EGB.pdf](http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/16-IEPR-02/TN210801_20160322T100019_212016_Letter_from_CECISOCPUc_to_EGB.pdf).

On April 8, 2016, the agencies held a joint public workshop¹ to present an action plan for mitigating potential summer reliability issues associated with the Aliso Canyon storage facility. The ensuing discussion and input from the public were incorporated into a response for the procedural record.

Agenda

The workshop will focus on energy reliability for the winter of 2016 to 2017. The staffs of the Energy Commission, CPUC, California ISO, and LADWP will present the draft paper titled *Aliso Canyon Action Plan to Preserve Gas and Electric Reliability for Los Angeles Basin Winter 2016 to 2017* (Action Plan). The Action Plan includes staff recommendations for additional near-term mitigation measures to improve the reliability of the Los Angeles Basin energy system for the winter of 2016 to 2017.

The workshop will include a panel of utility representatives to provide their perspectives on the Action Plan. A panel representing large-scale energy users will also provide comments. Finally, there will be an opportunity for public comments.

Discussion of the role of gas storage facilities and natural gas infrastructure in the state's long-term greenhouse gas reduction strategies is not a topic of this workshop. Those issues, and long-term

¹ http://www.energy.ca.gov/2016_energypolicy/documents/index.html#04082016

solutions to provide reliable natural gas and electricity service in the Los Angeles Basin if the Aliso Canyon storage facility is not available long-term, will be addressed at workshops in 2017.

Public Comment

Oral Comments: Commissioners will accept oral comments from the public at the end of the workshop. We will endeavor to allow each speaker up to three minutes during the public comment period, but the time could be reduced to one minute in an effort to accommodate as many speakers as possible. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding. You may make comments in person or remotely. You may make comments remotely by using the WebEx conferencing system or phoning into the meeting following the instructions given in the section on "Remote Attendance."

Written Comments: Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 5:00 p.m. on **September 9, 2016**. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding.

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This will take you to the page for adding comments to that docket. Please enter your contact information and comment title. Under "subject(s)," select the appropriate workshop date "IEPR 2016-08-26 Workshop" and "IEPR public comments." You may include comments in the box titled "Comment Text" or attach a file with your comments. Attached comments must be in a Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) formatted file.

The Energy Commission encourages use of its electronic commenting system, but written comments may also be submitted by e-mailing them to the Dockets Office, or by U.S. Mail to:

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

If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the appropriate docket number on any e-mailed or written comments. Comments may be e-mailed to docket@energy.ca.gov and copy the technical lead, Lana Wong, by e-mail at Lana.Wong@energy.ca.gov.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please contact Lana Wong, by e-mail at lane.wong@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4638. For general questions regarding the IEPR proceeding, please contact Heather Raitt, IEPR program manager, by e-mail at heather.raitt@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4735.

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When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the energy policy e-mail listserv. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the listserv through the website at www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html. The listserv is titled "energypolicy."

Remote Attendance

There are two methods for remotely viewing the workshop:

- 1) **Live webcast:** The workshop will be streamed live at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/library/webcasts>. Using this option, viewers will be able to see and hear the speakers and presentations, but will not be able to participate in the meeting during the public comment portion of the meeting.
- 2) **WebEx:** Another option is to participate in this meeting through WebEx, the Energy Commission's online meeting service. Presentations will appear on your computer screen, and you may listen to the audio via your computer or telephone. Video of the speakers will not be available through WebEx. If you are interested in making comments during the public comment portion of the workshop, you will need to join the meeting via WebEx or phone into the meeting following the instructions below.

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at:
www.energy.ca.gov/2016_energypolicy/.

Date: August 15, 2016



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