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Subject: Approval of SCG's Request for Authorization to Perform Flow Testing on Specified Wells at Aliso Canyon Storage Field

Dear Mr. Schwecke:

California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") staff reviewed the Southern California Gas Company's ("SCG") letter dated November 3, 2017, requesting authorization to conduct flow testing on specified wells at the Aliso Canyon Storage field. The letter outlined the plan for performing the flow test to validate the gas withdrawal flow rate - rather than using dated gas withdrawal flow estimates for validation.

CPUC staff agrees that SCG should proceed with its proposed flow testing plan on specified wells at the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage field to validate the gas withdrawal flow rate. SCG notified CPUC staff that the proposed testing would conflict with the terms of the November 2, 2017, Withdraw Protocol issued by CPUC staff. Thus, this letter grants SCG a waiver from the November 2, 2017, Withdraw Protocol to conduct the proposed flow testing as described in SCG's November 3rd letter.

SCG must provide the Department of Conservation's Division of Gas and Geothermal Resources ("DOGGR") a timeline for conducting this flow testing on specified wells at the Aliso Canyon Storage field; SCG must also provide a copy of the timeline to the CPUC's Safety and Enforcement Division (SED). SCG must coordinate with DOGGR and SED to ensure that appropriate inspectors are onsite during the testing as requested by staff. SoCalGas must also notify the neighboring communities that these tests will occur.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Sullivan
Executive Director
California Public Utilities Commission

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