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Timothy Sullivan
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RE: Authorization to Perform Flow Testing on Specified Wells at Aliso Canyon

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

On June 2, 2016, you instructed SoCalGas to make withdrawals from the 15 bcf of working gas inventory at the Aliso Canyon Storage facility as necessary and in accordance with an attached 2016 Aliso Canyon Summer Withdrawal Protocol.

By letter dated June 15, 2016, you further instructed SoCalGas to maintain a minimum withdrawal capability of 17.5 mmcf per hour (420 mmcf per day) at Aliso Canyon, in a manner consistent with SB 380 (Pavley 2016), Public Utilities Code section 451, and other applicable regulations and directives from the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, in order to reduce the risk of electricity curtailments. You further instructed SoCalGas to submit a plan to achieve that capability by July 1. We submitted our plan on June 20, 2016, and update that plan on a weekly basis through our responses to an ongoing data request from the Commission.

As described in greater detail in the attached *Proposed Tubing Flow Rate Verification Plan for Aliso Canyon*, SoCalGas requests authorization to perform flow testing on specified wells at Aliso Canyon. This flow testing would be for the purpose of developing a more accurate estimate of potential withdrawal capabilities at the Aliso Canyon Storage facility in support of SoCalGas' efforts to comply with the Commission's instruction to maintain a minimum withdrawal capability of 420 mmcf per day at Aliso Canyon and reduce energy reliability risks to Southern California.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Proposed Tubing Flow Document

cc: Edward Randolph
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