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March 19, 2018

Bret Lane, Chief Operating Officer
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SUBJECT: Deadline Extended for Submitting Injection Advice Letter

Dear Mr. Lane:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has received your March 15, 2018, letter requesting an extension of the deadline to submit an expedited Tier 2 Advice Letter regarding efforts by Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) to maximize underground storage injections to support system reliability, as directed by my March 13, 2018 letter to you. In your letter, SoCalGas requests that the deadline for submitting the Advice Letter be changed from March 20 to April 6, 2018.

Gas demand is typically low in the spring, making it an ideal time to inject gas into storage. The CPUC considers it urgent that SoCalGas' Gas Acquisition Department begin maximizing storage injection as soon as possible to take full advantage of the opportunity for spring injection and to build inventory to meet summer reliability needs. The CPUC is concerned that SoCalGas' proposed April 6 deadline will give insufficient time for the Commission and parties to review the Advice Letter in advance of the May 10, 2018, Commission meeting, thereby delaying the new injection program unnecessarily.

Given this constraint, the CPUC can only extend the deadline for submitting the expedited Advice Letter to March 30, 2018. In filing the Advice Letter, SoCalGas shall indicate that in order to expedite the Advice Letter, the Commission has set a five-day protest period, with protests due April 6, 2018. Furthermore, SoCalGas shall commit to a three-day reply period, with the SoCalGas' replies to protests due by April 11, 2018.

SoCalGas should notify the service lists of Investigation (I.) 17-02-002, I.17-03-002, and Application 14-12-017 that this extension to March 30, 2018 has been granted.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alice Stebbins".

Alice Stebbins
Executive Director

cc: Roger Schwecke, Senior Vice President, SoCalGas
Stephen Berberich, President and CEO, California ISO
Robert Weisenmiller, Chair, CEC
Edward Randolph, Director, CPUC Energy Division
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