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**Subject: Approval of SoCalGas' Request for Authorization of Limited Withdrawal at Aliso Canyon to Perform Cleanup Flow Activities of Inspected Wells**

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) staff reviewed Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) letter dated May 15, 2020, requesting authorization to withdraw a limited amount of gas from wells undergoing inspection at the Aliso Canyon Storage Field (Aliso Canyon) for the cleanup flow process pursuant to SoCalGas' Storage Integrity Management Program (SIMP) and in compliance with the California Geologic Energy Management Division's (CalGEM) regulations. The letter outlined the plan for performing the cleanup flow test to assess the mechanical integrity of the wells.

CPUC staff agrees that SoCalGas should proceed with its proposed flow testing plan on specified wells at Aliso Canyon undergoing the inspection process. As noted in your letter, this request is consistent with previously approved requests for limited withdrawal of gas from Aliso Canyon in November 2017 and July 2016. Thus, this letter grants SoCalGas a waiver from the July 23, 2019, Aliso Canyon Withdrawal Protocol in order to conduct the cleanup flow testing described in its May 2020 letter.

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SoCalGas must provide CalGEM a timeline for conducting this cleanup flow testing. SoCalGas must also provide a copy of the timeline to the CPUC's Safety and Enforcement Division (SED). SoCalGas must coordinate with CalGEM and SED to ensure that appropriate inspectors are onsite during the testing as requested by staff. SoCalGas must also post a notice to Envoy stating when these tests will occur.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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