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RE: Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project – Notice to Proceed (NTP)-02 for construction activities associated with the new management and crew-shift office buildings, removal of existing offices, temporary office trailers and staff parking, and development of fill sites P-41 and P-43

Dear Mr. Strader:

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence construction on select activities for the Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project (Aliso). Construction for this NTP will be confined to the following activities:

- 1. Construct a new 6,000-square foot steel Pre-Fabricated office building, construct a new 1,600-square foot steel Pre-Fabricated crew-shift building; remove the existing 4,500-square foot office building, 640-square foot archive storage shed, and 1,600-square foot crew-shift building; and remove associated utilities:**

The total New Management and Crew-Shift Office Building area will be approximately 2.25 acres, of which 1.3 acres will be graded for the new infrastructure. The area will be cleared and scraped for the construction of the pre-fabricated office building and pre-fabricated crew-shift building and the removal of the existing office building, archive storage shed, and crew-shift building. These activities will result in a total grading volume of approximately 14,000 cubic yards. Approximately 3,200 linear feet of fiber optic line will be installed either overhead or in narrow trenches along the existing pipe rack on the western edge of the project area for future utility tie-in (final routing and installation method to be determined upon completion of the new office building). Construction is anticipated to last 9-10 months. Fuel modification will be conducted as part of the office component work, and will include the trimming and removal of vegetation, including approximately 0.42 acres of Venturian sage scrub (VSS), a sensitive vegetation community.

- 2. Install temporary office trailers and utilize temporary staff parking:**

Installation of the temporary office trailers and staff parking will entail approximately 0.3 acres in a previously disturbed area. No grading is required for this work. Non-native and invasive grasses and shrubs will be removed and spoil piles currently stored at Location 1 will be compacted to accommodate the trailers' placement and level staff parking areas. Once the new Management and Crew-Shift Office Buildings are ready for occupancy, the

temporary trailers will be disconnected from all utilities and removed by the leasing company. Trailer installation activities are anticipated to last three weeks.

3. Prepare and use potential fill sites P-41 and P-43:

Two fill sites will be developed to hold the excess grading volume from the construction of the new office building and crew-shift building. Development of P-41 would impact approximately 1.384 acres of previously disturbed area and approximately 0.398 acre of VSS would be removed. Fill site P-41 would have a capacity of 15,000 cubic yards. Development of P-43 would impact approximately 0.535 acres of previously disturbed area and require removal of approximately 0.1 acre of VSS. Fill site P-43 would have a capacity of 18,000 cubic yards. Site preparation will include clearing of vegetation and loose material (e.g. rock debris or talus), which will be removed as general waste, followed by grading. Grading will primarily include cutting a shallow fill key and grading a small mid-slope bench. Graded material will be compacted and used as engineered fill. Additional information regarding the fill site locations and specifications is included in the Notice to Proceed Request (NTPR) #2 documentation (*see Attachments 1 and 5 of that document*).

These activities, including exact locations, are further described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for Aliso [*as adopted by the CPUC (Decision 13-11-023)*], and in SoCalGas's NTPR #2: Management and Crew-Shift Office Buildings, Removal of Existing Offices, Temporary Office Trailers and Staff Parking, and Potential Fill Sites P-41 and P-43 (final revision dated May 23, 2014) (Attachment 1).

NTP-02 is granted by CPUC for the proposed construction activities based on the following factors:

- SoCalGas will comply with all the Applicant Proposed Measures (APM) and Mitigation Measures (MM) included in the Mitigation, Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) for Aliso (as published in the Final EIR).
- SoCalGas, CPUC and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) are currently finalizing an Air Quality Mitigation Agreement to satisfy MM AQ-3.
- **The conditions noted below shall be met by SoCalGas and its contractors:**
 - Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans (i.e., MMCRP, SWPPP, etc.), and this Notice to Proceed shall be available on-site for the duration of construction activities. Copies of permits shall be provided to the CPUC upon request.
 - Preconstruction clearance surveys for biological, cultural, and paleontological resources will be conducted as appropriate prior to construction activities.
 - All crew personnel shall be appropriately trained on environmental issues, including requirements of the MMCRP, prior to starting work on the right-of-way. A log shall be maintained on-site with the names of all crew personnel trained and made available to the CPUC upon request.
 - All project mitigation measures, compliance plans, and permit conditions shall be implemented during construction activities. Some measures are on-going/time-

sensitive requirements and shall be implemented prior to and during construction where applicable.

- No movement or staging of construction vehicles or equipment shall be allowed outside of the approved workspace areas. If additional temporary workspace areas or access routes, or changes to construction technique or mitigation implementation to a lesser level are required, a Minor Project Refinement Request shall be submitted to the CPUC for review and approval.
- If construction debris or spills enter into environmentally sensitive areas, the jurisdictional agency and the CPUC shall be notified immediately.

Sincerely,



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Attachment 1: Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project NTP Request #2: Management and Crew-Shift Office Buildings, Removal of Existing Offices, Temporary Office Trailers and Staff Parking, and Potential Fill Sites P-41 and P-43, as dated May 23, 2014