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Re: Ventura Compressor Modernization Project (A.23-08-019) – Data Request #1

Dear Ms. Rangel and Mr. Garcia:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Energy Permitting Section is conducting a review of the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) and formal application (A.23-08-019) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Ventura Compressor Modernization Project (Proposed Project).

The following questions pertain to the three site alternatives to the Proposed Project considered in the PEA Section 6, Comparison of Alternatives. The three site alternatives identified by SoCalGas are as follows:

- Avocado Site
- Devil's Canyon Road Site
- Ventura Steel Site

The CPUC staff requires the following information to evaluate the environmental conditions of the alternative sites to support our comparative analysis of effects. The following information is required for the site alternatives.

Data Request (DR) 1.1: General Information about Site Alternatives

Please provide PEA-level information for each of the three site alternatives.

For each of the site alternatives, please provide additional details and maps identifying the necessary site features and off-site infrastructure, as follows:

- Permanent and temporary disturbance area boundaries, and any extra work areas (e.g., staging or parking areas), identified with GIS data and maps, consistent with PEA Checklist requirements

- Electric interconnections and modifications to existing electric distribution facilities
- Natural gas transmission system pipeline modifications
- Other utilities, such as water and wastewater
- Access road improvements, including paving

For each of the site alternatives, please confirm whether the following proposed "site improvements" would need to be included:

- Power Distribution Center (PDC) Building (1,500 square feet)
- Office building and warehouse
- Standby generator with enclosure
- New storage tanks
- Perimeter fencing, gate, and security features
- Site paving

Please confirm where construction details for the site alternatives would be likely to differ from the Proposed Project, for example:

- Please provide a list of anticipated construction equipment required for each site alternative (including type and quantity) and number of hours to be operated.
- Please identify where the equipment type, quantity, hours to be operated, and/or construction phasing may differ for site alternatives when compared with the Proposed Project. Include a construction schedule for each site alternative.
- Please provide approximate quantities of material imports and exports at each alternative site.
- Please specify the number of construction phase employees, water truck delivery trips, and haul trips that may differ for each alternative site when compared with the Proposed Project.
- Please provide a description of any anticipated earthwork at the site, construction staging yards, and for associated infrastructure such as access roads, gas supply pipelines, and other utilities such as electrical or water, including (but not limited to): acres of grading with anticipated volumes of cut and fill for the site and construction staging yard; grading for access roads; and excavation widths and depths for poles, utilities, and foundations. For the Devil's Canyon Road Site alternative provide anticipated excavation boundaries and depths for locations where existing active wells may need to be decommissioned.

Please confirm that general information for each of the three site alternatives includes the following information for each alternative site, access roads, electrical supply, and pipeline routes:

- Site photos
- Topographic maps
- Site conditions description (e.g., existing exposed soil, pavement)
- Details about unique activities necessary to develop each site (e.g., regarding drainage, paving, cut/fill grading, etc.)

If the areas for alternative site features, off-site infrastructure for alternative sites, or any extra work areas (e.g., staging or parking areas) are different from those considered since the mailing list was compiled by SoCalGas for the 2023 PEA, please provide the necessary changes to the comprehensive mailing list, consistent with the PEA Checklist requirements.

DR 1.2: Aesthetics

For each of the three site alternatives, please provide visual simulations from appropriate viewpoints depicting existing conditions and conditions with the features and land changes associated development of each alternative site.

DR 1.3: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases, and Energy

For each of the three site alternatives, please include the following information:

- Please provide emissions calculations to quantify the changes in air pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions stemming from construction of the site alternatives, as they may differ from those of the Proposed Project (e.g., due to additional site preparation or grading).
- Would the capacity and specifications for the proposed natural gas standby generator at site alternatives be the same as with the Proposed Project?
- Will any existing emission sources remain over the long-term at the original project site if an alternative site is used? If so, please identify these sources and quantify foreseeable emissions.

DR 1.4: Biological Resources

Please provide a Biological Resources Technical Report (BRTR) for each of the three site alternatives, consistent with the information provided for the Proposed Project in the PEA and with the BRTR standards identified in Attachment 2 of the PEA Checklist.

Please also provide the biological resources GIS data for the Proposed Project and alternative sites, including any vegetation mapping, special-status species locations and critical habitat, and jurisdictional wetlands and waters.

DR 1.5: Cultural Resources

Please provide a Cultural Resources Inventory Report and a Tribal Consultation Report for each of the three site alternatives, consistent with the information provided for the Proposed Project in the PEA and with Cultural Resource Technical Report standards identified in Attachment 3 of the PEA Checklist.

DR 1.6: Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources

For each of the three site alternatives, please include the following information:

- Please identify and describe soil types for each alternative site and provide preliminary geotechnical requirements to identify anticipated geotechnical hazards, seismic hazards, and subsurface conditions at the alternative sites. This information should identify any conditions that would potentially require geotechnical and engineering design measures to reduce impacts.
- Please provide a Paleontological Resources Inventory Report at similar level of detail as provided for the Proposed Project.

DR 1.7: Hydrology, Water Quality, and Groundwater

Please provide a summary of hydrology drainage plans applicable to each alternative site, including an identification of the stormwater management methods likely to be feasible for each alternative site. This information should provide a qualitative evaluation of drainage impacts for each alternative site relative to the Proposed Project site.

DR 1.8: Mineral Resources

Please provide a quantification of existing wells on the alternative sites. Please identify which wells, and how many would be subject to decommissioning per each alternative.

DR 1.9: Noise

For each of the three site alternatives, please include the following information:

- Please list and map all sensitive receptors within one mile of each alternative compressor station site and tabulate the distances of noise sensitive areas from the sites.
- Please provide a noise study for each alternative site, including measurement or estimation of the existing ambient sound environment based on current land uses and activities, and a quantification of noise levels during operation that could exceed pre-project conditions at the alternative sites.
- Will any existing noise sources remain over the long-term at the original project site if an alternative site is used? If so, please identify these noise sources and quantify associated noise levels.

DR 1.10: Transportation

Please provide the following information for each of the site alternative:

- Expand the Summary of Baseline (2016) Vehicle Miles Traveled (PEA Table 5.17-1) to include each alternative site.
- Identify whether construction vehicle trips for each alternative site would be different from those of the Proposed Project in (PEA Table 5.17-3).

DR 1.11: Utilities and Service Systems

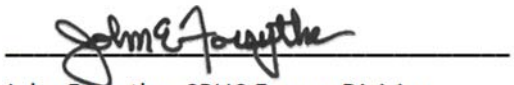
Please provide the following information for each alternative:

- Description and quantification of the new gas pipelines/utilities to be installed as part of each alternative. Clarify if any of these would require relocation of existing utility infrastructure.
- Quantify the amount of wastewater and solid waste that would be generated at each alternative site for both the construction, and operations and maintenance phases.
- Provide a description of existing stormwater infrastructure for each alternative site

Conclusion. We understand that the timeframe for assembling the data requested for each of the issues defined above will be different. Please respond to this request within two weeks with a proposed approach and provide a copy to our CEQA consultant, Brewster Birdsall (BBirdsall@aspeneg.com).

Additional data requests may be necessary to address other issues as we move forward with the environmental review process. Any questions on this data request should be directed to me at (916) 217-5073 or by email (john.forsythe@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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