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SUBJECT: Ventura Compressor Station - Response Letter

Dear Devin Zornizer:

Starting in May 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) engaged with Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) on several data requests in response to public concern regarding the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project. This exchange included five Data Request responses and a letter on August 5, 2021. The CPUC has posted all of the data requests, data request responses, and the other documents referenced in this letter on its public website.¹

On August 20, 2021, I sent a letter that requested SoCalGas halt work related to the compressor station modernization except any soil remediation work approved by Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) while SoCalGas conducted a “detailed feasibility analysis of potential alternative sites and equipment configurations.”

On August 21, 2021, Senator Limón and Assemblymember Bennett hosted an in-person and virtual town hall with the community and the public to hear presentations from Department of Toxic Substances Control, Ventura County Air Pollution Control Board, and CPUC about each state agency’s regulatory jurisdiction and oversight authority.

SoCalGas subsequently hosted thirteen public forums: seven forums between October 12-16, 2021, to hear from the community prior to embarking on an alternatives analysis, and six public forums between March 29-April 2, 2022, following the publication of the alternatives analysis to present SoCalGas’ findings.

On June 21, 2022, I received your letter stating that SoCalGas had completed the engineering alternatives analysis and community outreach efforts for the Ventura Compressor Station facility that I had previously requested.

On May 16, 2022, Sempra, the parent company of SoCalGas, filed its General Rate Case Applications (Sempra GRC) with the CPUC, docketed as Applications 22-05-015 and 22-05-016. The Sempra GRC proposal includes the Ventura Compressor Station Modernization Project.

¹ <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/natural-gas>

Due to SoCalGas' compliance efforts documented in your letter and the fact that the current Sempra GRC is considering issues related to the compressor station, all further requests regarding this project will be considered in the formal proceeding rather than through Executive Director correspondence.

Sincerely,



Rachel Peterson
Executive Director

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Service Lists to A.17-10-007/A.17-10-008, A.21-05-010, A.21-05-011, A.22-05-015, A.22-05-016, R.20-01-007