

January 24, 2013: Prepared statement of Colby Morrow, Air Quality Program Manager with Southern California Gas Company

Good morning Chair Nichols and board members. My name is Colby Morrow with the Southern California Gas Company, one of California's four investor owned public utilities. SoCalGas provides natural gas service in portions of Kern, Kings, Tulare and Fresno Counties in the San Joaquin Valley.

Attainment of air quality standards is important to SoCalGas for all communities in which we provide service. We appreciate both the APCD and CARB staff for the impressive effort in developing the over 1,110 page 2012 PM2.5 Plan, and SoCalGas supports the control strategies in the Plan.

While we are happy to see acknowledgment of emission reductions from energy efficiency measures, we note that natural gas is not acknowledged as a fuel option for the mobile sector. SoCalGas believes that natural gas is well-positioned to be a major part of most paths for near-zero and zero-emission transportation options.

We also agree with the statements regarding goods movement made by SJV's APCO to his Board during their Plan adoption hearing in December. These are: The SJV has unique issues addressing goods movement considering 1) the long distances that goods need to be transported, 2) zero-emissions technology/electrification cannot meet all of the Valley's goods movement needs, and 3) CNG and LNG have to be bigger part of solution in Valley.

SoCalGas is discussing advanced natural-gas technologies with the SJVAPCD, SCAQMD and with your staff. Recent mobile-source analysis like the VISION for Clean Air does not include currently available fuels such as natural gas that we believe is part of the clean-energy solution. SoCalGas is also studying how natural-gas technology can make greater contributions to reducing both criteria and GHG emissions.

As we move toward the future, SoCalGas would like to see adoption of regulations that do not mandate or prohibit energy uses, but instead establish performance or emissions standards that foster competition and fuel the investment and innovations that result in newer and cleaner energy technologies.

Natural gas is a clean, abundant, and low cost form of energy in use and available today, and SoCalGas wants to positively contribute to the solutions for improved air quality in our state. Thank you very much.