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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr,
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
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Dear Governor Brown:

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) has publicly distributed a great deal of information on the Aliso Canyon storage facility leak through the media, our internet site, a news release and press conference, letters to the community and face-to-face talks with residents at our newly opened Porter Ranch community center.

I know you are well aware of the situation. But I wanted to write to you personally to let you know what we are doing to address the situation as we work to stop the releases of gas to the environment and permanently seal the leaking well.

SoCalGas has been working tirelessly since October 23, 2015 to stop the natural gas leak at one of our wells at our Aliso Canyon storage facility, located in the northern part of the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County. The safety and health of the people in nearby communities, as well as of our employees and others on the site, is our top concern as we address the most effective and expeditious way to stop the leak. In addition, we are evaluating with outside experts several options for mitigating the flow of natural gas into the atmosphere while monitoring air quality, responding to agencies and providing relocation to many residents in the community.

We have been working closely with various local, county and state agencies to solve this issue as safely and quickly as possible. In particular, we have had constant communication and coordination with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), the regulatory agency with oversight responsibility, the Air Resources Board (ARB), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and various first responder and health agencies. We are financially supporting the air monitoring flights managed by ARB so that ARB can provide preliminary estimates of the potential impact the natural gas leak is having on the environment. In addition, we have been supporting those local residents reporting symptoms related to the natural gas leak by providing temporary housing alternatives and by assisting residents who choose to remain in their homes by adding weather stripping and air filtration equipment to reduce indoor odors associated with the leak.

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We recognize California's leadership and success, under your vision, in reducing global greenhouse gases (GHG). SoCalGas has worked hard to contribute to that progress and recognizes the impact this incident is having on the environment. We've discussed this with your staff and have been encouraged to seek a solution. I want to assure you that we intend to mitigate the environmental impact of the actual natural gas released from the leak. I am committed to working with you and your staff to develop a framework that will help us achieve this goal.

We will complete a fact-based and accurate measurement of the natural gas lost from our Aliso Canyon storage facility once the leak is successfully terminated. In the interests of complete transparency, we will provide this information to all relevant agencies and regulatory bodies when it is completed.

Once the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak is concluded, we will conduct a thorough root cause analysis on this incident and apply any learning to other parts of our operations. We will continue to cooperate with all relevant agencies and regulatory bodies as we have been doing from the very start.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. V. Arriola", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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