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RE: People v. Southern California Gas Company, JCCP 4861/BC602973

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Agreement, Exhibit D to Consent Decree –

Air Monitoring SEP

Dear Dr. Najm and Members of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council:

The undersigned representatives of the Attorney General's Office, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and Los Angeles Office of County Counsel together currently serve as the Aliso Fund Committee (AFC) under the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Agreement attached to and incorporated by reference into the consent decree resolving the government Plaintiffs' claims against the Southern California Gas Company relating to the 2015 gas leak from the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility. The AFC hereby jointly responds to the letter emailed on June 11, 2020 to Attorney General Becerra, City Attorney Feuer, and Supervisor Barger from members of the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council regarding the status of the air monitoring SEP contemplated as part of that settlement.

Paragraph 3.2 of the SEP Agreement allocates \$3 million to SEPs involving development of air monitoring systems in Porter Ranch and in a to-be-determined environmental justice community within Los Angeles County. That paragraph further notes that it was anticipated at the time of settlement that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), California Air Resources Board, and/or California Office of Environmental Health Hazards Assessment would implement the air monitoring SEP. The AFC has had multiple meetings with these agencies jointly and with SCAQMD separately to discuss and develop a proposed plan for implementing the air monitoring SEP. The AFC continues to work with these agencies on development of a proposal for the implementation of the air monitoring SEP in Porter Ranch.

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We expect to reach out to the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council soon to schedule a virtual meeting to present and solicit community input on an air monitoring proposal.

Very Truly Yours,

The Aliso Fund Committee

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