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The following statement was released by the California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, California Independent System Operator and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The analysis that Bill Powers prepared of the joint agency "Aliso Canyon Action Plan to Preserve Gas and Electric Reliability for the Los Angeles Basin" and the "Risk Assessment Technical Report" appears to misunderstand the purpose and focus of the Action Plan. It questions the long term need for the Aliso Canyon Storage facility and mistakenly assumes that the purpose of the joint agency effort is to justify the continued operation of Aliso Canyon. The joint agencies disagree with this premise and analysis.

The California Public Utilities Commission, California Energy Commission, California Independent System Operator, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power have a public responsibility to analyze and prepare for the risks associated with the anticipated gas curtailments resulting from Aliso Canyon. With the issuance of the Action Plan, we have done our part to identify potential risks, partner with local utilities to minimize those risks and mobilize customers to do what they can to save energy this summer.

The main concern of the agencies who partnered in authoring the "Aliso Canyon Action Plan to Preserve Gas and Electric Reliability for the Los Angeles Basin" is to identify risks and take proactive steps to ensure reliability of service for Southern Californians.

The assessment issued by Bill Powers argues against the long term need for Aliso Canyon without adequately assessing the topic at hand: potential reliability impacts this summer without use of Aliso Canyon. Specifically, his analysis attempts to refute the findings of the Joint Agency Action Plan without considering the realistic current operating constraints of the existing gas and electricity systems in the greater Los Angeles area.

By not considering these actual operating conditions, the Powers analysis fails to acknowledge the distinct possibility of electrical outages in Southern California this summer if utilization of Aliso Canyon gas supplies and other mitigation measures are not implemented.

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The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the largest municipal water and power utility in the nation, was established more than 100 years ago to deliver reliable, safe water and electricity to 3.8 million residents and businesses in Los Angeles. LADWP provides its 674,000 water customers and 1.4 million electric customers with quality service while keeping rates competitive with other utilities.

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