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SoCalGas Statement: Withdrawals at Aliso Canyon Stopped

At approximately 9:00 am today withdrawals from Aliso Canyon were stopped. Earlier today, to address increased system demand driven by weather conditions, SoCalGas began withdrawing natural gas from its Aliso Canyon storage facility at approximately 7:00am. Today's withdrawal was executed in accordance with the Aliso Canyon Winter Withdrawal Protocol established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The company issued the following statement:

“This morning, as a result of the cold weather, hourly customer demand on our system significantly exceeded gas supplies being delivered through interstate pipelines and our other storage facilities. Withdrawals from Aliso Canyon played a critical role in helping us meet that peak demand. Over the last hour, demand on our system dropped and we were able to suspend withdrawals from Aliso Canyon.

“This morning’s customer demand illustrates the sudden peaks we regularly experience with changes in the weather. We work with the California Independent System Operator and our customers to manage these changes in demand on an hourly basis to help prevent curtailments or service interruptions.

“Cold weather conditions are forecast to continue to put pressure on our natural gas system. In order to avoid curtailments or service interruption for large customers, including electric generators, refineries, and other critical service providers such as hospitals, airports and transit systems, additional natural gas withdrawals from Aliso Canyon may be necessary. Any withdrawals will be made in accordance with the Aliso Canyon Winter Withdrawal Protocol established by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

“The SoCalGas Advisory issued for all customers remains in effect until further notice. All customers are urged to immediately reduce their natural gas use to help lower the risk of possible natural gas and electricity shortages. The system-wide curtailment watch for non-core customers issued Monday also remains in effect until further notice. Non-core customers may receive a notice to curtail service.”

“SoCalGas will continue to monitor weather regionally and nationally and its potential impact on system conditions. All efforts will be made to avoid curtailments and service interruptions.”

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