Media Statement from SoCalGas Regarding Gov. Brown's State of Emergency

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 6, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency in the Porter Ranch area due to the continuing leak of natural gas from the Aliso Canyon storage facility. In response, the following media statement was issued on behalf of Dennis Arriola, president and CEO, SoCalGas.

"SoCalGas has been communicating with the Governor's Office and other state agencies from the outset and appreciate their continued support as we work as quickly and safely as possible to stop the leak.

"Our focus remains on quickly and safely stopping the leak and minimizing the impact to our neighbors in Porter Ranch. SoCalGas reaffirms our prior commitment to mitigate the environmental impact of the actual amount of natural gas released from the leak. We look forward to working with state officials to develop a framework that will achieve this goal.

"As we have since this incident began, SoCalGas stands willing and ready to cooperate with the Governor's office, all state and local officials, and regulatory agencies."

About Southern California Gas Co.

Southern California Gas Co. has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing service to 21.4 million consumers connected through 5.9 million meters in more than 500 communities. The company's service territory encompasses approximately 20,000 square miles throughout central and Southern California, from Visalia to the Mexican border. Southern California Gas Co. is a regulated subsidiary of sempra.com (NYSE: SRE), a Fortune 500 energy services holding company based in San Diego.