SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation - State Clearinghouse
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and

County Clerk, Dean Logan
County of Los Angeles
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From: South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21152 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15094

Project Title: SoCalGas Honor Rancho Compressor Modernization Project: SCE Component

Lead Agency: South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD)

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State Clearinghouse No: 2016071006 **Date Certified:** December 30, 2025

Project Applicant: Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas, South Coast AQMD Facility ID No. 005973)

Project Location: Honor Rancho Storage Field located at 25205 West Rye Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355, in Unincorporated Los Angeles County, Assessor Parcel Numbers 2866-006-806 and 2866-039-030

Project Description: SoCalGas owns and operates an integrated natural gas delivery system consisting primarily of pipelines, compressor stations, four underground natural gas storage fields, and other appurtenant facilities designed to provide natural gas to its customers. In accordance with the requirements to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) according to the specified timelines as set forth in South Coast AQMD Rule 1110.2 – Emissions from Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines, and Rule 1100 – Implementation Schedule for NOx Facilities, SoCalGas has proposed the Honor Rancho Compressor Modernization Project (HRCM Project) to make modifications to the natural gas compressor station which operates at SoCalGas's Honor Rancho Storage Field. The HRCM Project is comprised of two components which will be implemented by SoCalGas and the local electric utility, Southern California

Edison (SCE), respectively, and are referred to as the SoCalGas Component: Compressor System Upgrades, and the SCE Component: SCE Substation and Upgrades.

The SoCalGas Component seeks to construct one new compressor building (Compressor Plant No. 2) to house: 1) four new natural-gas-fired-compressor (GDC) lean-burn engines (each rated at 5,000 horsepower [HP]) (South Coast AQMD Application Numbers 638015, 638018, 638020, and 638022); 2) four new post-combustion NOx emission control systems for the four GDC lean-burn engines, each consisting of a selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system and an oxidation catalyst (South Coast AQMD Application Numbers 638016, 638019, 638021, and 638023); 3) one new 8,000-gallon aqueous urea storage tank (South Coast AQMD Application Number 638024); 4) two new electric-motor-driven compressors (EDCs), each rated at 5,500 HP (no South Coast AQMD applications required); 5) revision of Title V Permit (South Coast AQMD Application Number 638025) and 6) other ancillary improvements. In addition, after the new equipment becomes fully operational, the SoCalGas Component intends to decommission and demolish five existing natural-gas-fired GDC lean-burn engines, each rated at 5,500 HP (South Coast AQMD Application Numbers 498839, 498840, 498841, 498842, and 498843). The existing compressor building at Compressor Plant No. 1 and associated paved areas would remain in place and be repurposed for storage or other operational purposes.

The environmental impacts from the SoCalGas Component were previously analyzed in the Final Subsequent Environmental Assessment for Proposed Amended Rule 1110.2 – Emissions from Gaseous- and Liquid-Fueled Engines, and Proposed Amended Rule 1100 – Implementation Schedule for NOx Facilities (November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100), which was certified by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on November 1, 2019 and which tiers off of the Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2016 Air Quality Management Plan (March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP), which was certified by the South Coast AQMD Governing Board on March 3, 2017.

A Notice of Decision for the November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100 was filed with the Office of the Secretary for Resources for posting and a Notice of Determination for the March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP was filed and posted with the Clerks of the Counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research – State Clearinghouse. As such, the CEQA evaluation of the SoCalGas Component is complete and is not the focus of the Addendum prepared for the SCE Component of HRCM Project or this Notice of Determination.

The SCE Component seeks to build a new SCE substation (Retention Substation) connecting to two, new loop-in 66-kilovolt (kV) electrical lines, install new and replacement electrical poles, and establish an electrical interconnection to support the increased electric load associated with the new EDCs, as well as telecommunication interconnections. A circuit breaker would be replaced/upgraded at the Saugus Substation, and upgrades to protection settings would be required at the Haskell and Lockheed Substations. Construction of the SCE Component would occur in multiple phases over seven months. Equipment staging areas for the Retention Substation and related infrastructure work would be located near the Retention Substation site, as well as at a helipad area west of the Pardee Substation and within a gravel laydown yard at the Pardee Substation.

The SCE Component of the HRCM Project was not previously analyzed in the November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100, and the March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP. Thus, South Coast AQMD has prepared an Addendum specific to the SCE Component of the HRCM Project which tiers off of the November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100, and March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP. As such, the SCE Component of the HRCM Project is the focus of this Notice of Determination.

This is to advise that the South Coast AQMD, as the Lead Agency for the above-described project, has certified the Addendum, and has made the following determinations:

1. The South Coast AQMD, as lead agency, has evaluated the potential environmental effects of the SCE Component of the HRCM Project analyzed in Addendum pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2. The South Coast AQMD has determined that the SCE Component of the HRCM Project as analyzed in the Addendum: 1) meets all the conditions for the preparation of an Addendum pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164; 2) is not outside of the scope of the analyses conducted in the previously certified November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100 and the March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP; and 3) does not meet the conditions that would require the preparation of a subsequent EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162.

3. The South Coast AQMD has caused to be prepared and participated in the preparation of the Addendum analyzing the environmental impacts of the SCE Component of the HRCM Project, which consists of updates to the revised project previously analyzed in the November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100 and the original project previously analyzed in the March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP.

4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the revised project analyzed in the November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100, and Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan (MMRP) were also adopted. However, the mitigation measures in the MMRP solely

focused on reducing the hazards and hazardous materials impacts associated with the storage and use of aqueous ammonia (e.g., HZ-1 through HZ-6). Since the SCE Component of the HRCM Project does not propose or require the storage and use of aqueous ammonia, mitigation measures HZ-1 through HZ-6 are not applicable to the SCE Component of the HRCM Project. Further, no new or modified mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the SCE Component of the HRCM Project.

5. Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations were made as a condition of approval of the revised project analyzed in the November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100. However, the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations solely focused on the potentially significant hazards and hazardous materials impacts associated with the storage and use of aqueous ammonia. Since the SCE Component of the HRCM Project does not propose or require the storage and use of aqueous ammonia, the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations are not applicable.

6. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the original project analyzed in the March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP and Findings, a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and a MMRP were also adopted. While the mitigation measures in the MMRP, Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations were applicable to the entirety of the 2016 AQMP, only the following adopted mitigation measures and the associated Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations are applicable to the SCE Component of the HRCM Project and will remain in effect: 1) energy mitigation measures MME-1 through MME-4; 2) hazards and hazardous materials mitigation measures MMHZ-1 through MMHZ-2; 3) water quality mitigation measures MMHQ-2 and MMHQ-4; 4) noise mitigation measures MMNS-3, MMNS-7, and MMNS-9 through MMNS-13; 5) transportation mitigation measures MMTR-1. No new or modified mitigation measures, Findings, or Statement of Overriding Considerations were made a condition of the approval of the SCE Component of the HRCM Project.

7. The South Coast AQMD Executive Officer, prior to making a decision on the SCE Component of the HRCM Project, has reviewed and considered: a) the Addendum and its Findings; b) the November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100 and its Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan and Notice of Decision; c) the March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP and its Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan, and Notice of Determination; and d) supporting documentation.

The following documents associated with the SCE Component of the HRCM Project may be examined at South Coast AQMD Headquarters located at 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765: 1) the Addendum and its Findings; 2) the November 2019 Final SEA for PAR 1110.2 and PAR 1100 and its Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Plan, and Notice of Decision; 3) the March 2017 Final Program EIR for the 2016 AQMP and its Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Mitigation, Monitoring, and

Reporting Plan, and Notice of Determination; 4) supporting documentation; and 5) record of project approval.

12/30/2025
Date Received for Filing

Signature: _____
Wayne Nastri
Executive Officer
South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Approved as to form, Barbara Baird
Chief Deputy Counsel