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The 2002 California Gas Report presents a comprehensive outlook for natural gas requirements and supplies for California through the year 2022. This report is prepared in even-numbered years, followed by a supplemental report in odd-numbered years, in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission Decision D.95-01-039. The projections in the California Gas Report are for long-term planning and do not necessarily reflect the day-to-day operational plans of the utilities.

The report is organized into three sections: Executive Summary, Northern California, and Southern California. The Executive Summary provides statewide highlights and consolidated tables on supply and demand. The Northern California section provides detail on requirements and supplies of natural gas for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and Wild Goose Storage, Inc. The Southern California section shows similar detail for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), the City of Long Beach Energy Department, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Each participating utility has provided a narrative explaining its assumptions and outlook for natural gas requirements and supplies, including tables showing data on natural gas availability by source, with corresponding tables showing data on natural gas requirements (demand) by customer class. Separate sets of these tables are presented for average cold and hot temperature year conditions. Any forecast, however, is subject to considerable uncertainty. Changes in the economy, energy and environmental policies, natural resource availability, and the continually evolving restructuring of the gas and electric industries can significantly affect the reliability of these forecasts. The further into the future a forecast extends, the more susceptible it is to inaccuracy. This report should not be used by readers as a substitute for full, detailed analysis of their own specific energy requirements.

A Working Committee, comprised of representatives from each utility, was responsible for compiling the report. A General Committee composed of officers from the participating utilities was available to provide policy guidance. The membership of the committees is listed in the Respondents section at the end of this report.