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### **SoCalGas Statement on Court of Appeals Stay Order**

*Last week, Los Angeles Superior Court ruled to end SoCalGas' temporary relocation program this Friday, March 25, 2016. The court stated the County produced no evidence that indoor air quality presented a hazard. On Monday, the County appealed the court's decision. On Tuesday afternoon, the Appeals Court issued a stay of the trial court's ruling through at least March 29 to allow time for the parties to brief the issue. SoCalGas issued the following statement in response to the Stay order.*

"The Appeals Court's decision today will add to the confusion and frustration for the small percentage of Porter Ranch residents who remain in temporary housing and who were scheduled to return home this Friday.

"The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Department of Public Health (DPH) have been unable or unwilling to provide clarity or to demonstrate any evidence-based need for relocated residents to stay away from their homes. More than one month ago, DPH was granted a 30-day extension of the relocation program in order to perform indoor air testing. To date, DPH has still not finished drafting a testing protocol and no date has been set for their testing program to begin.

"However, a tremendous amount of independent data supports the notion that residents can safely return home. Since October 30, 2015, air quality and health agencies, including the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the California Air Resources Board, The Los Angeles County Department of Health and the State's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment have all independently collected and analyzed more than 4,700 outdoor air samples in the Porter Ranch area. Recent and ongoing tests confirm that the outdoor air in the neighborhood has completely returned to typical background levels. While the leaking well was sealed nearly a month ago, the California Air Resources Board and the South Coast Air Quality Management District continue to provide near-real-time methane monitoring.

"Throughout the incident, air samples for benzene and other compounds were found to be at, or near levels seen in the rest of the county, and below levels of concern. Third party indoor air screening of more than 70 homes showed typical levels of methane, and did not detect mercaptans or other sulfur compounds associated with natural gas at any levels.

“SoCalGas remains focused on supporting residents and helping the community return to normal life as quickly as possible. We recognize the inconvenience residents of Porter Ranch have experienced, and that many families were and may still be planning to return to their homes this weekend. We will continue to provide dedicated customer service to those residents who choose to stay relocated during this stay period and will also support those families who decide to return to their homes and community sooner. Our Customer Resource Center will remain open and our 100 community liaisons, along with our Customer Service team, will continue to assist residents who relocated as well as those who remained at home, by providing residue and home cleaning assessments, and by working tirelessly to process all remaining reimbursement checks.”

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