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On April 27, 2016, the Court granted the motion by the County of Los Angeles, on behalf of the People of the State of California (the "County"), for a preliminary injunction to continue the temporary relocation plan. The Court instructed SoCalGas and the County to file a joint status report no later than May 31, 2016 and scheduled a case management conference on June 7, 2016.

At the hearing conducted on May 11, 2016, based on a stipulation between the parties, the Court agreed to hear SoCalGas's motion to dissolve the preliminary injunction on May 20, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. On May 11, 2016, the Court also advised the parties to use the Court's Case Anywhere message board for joint statements only.

SoCalGas and the County hereby submit this joint statement:

On May 13, 2016, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health (the "Department") issued its Aliso Canyon Gas Leak Public Health Assessment addressing environmental conditions and health concerns in proximity to Aliso Canyon following permanent closure of Well SS-25. On May 13, 2016, the Department also issued a Public Health Directive to Implement Comprehensive Cleaning Protocol in Porter Ranch Homes that directs SoCalGas to pay for comprehensive cleaning for homes that meet certain, specified criteria, including residents who are not currently relocated. SoCalGas intends to file, on or before May 18, 2016, a petition for writ of mandamus challenging the Department's directive.

In light of the Department's findings, the County and SoCalGas agree that the preliminary injunction regarding the temporary relocation plan should be dissolved by the Court effective 5 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016. However, the County and SoCalGas dispute how the temporary relocation plan should be concluded:

- a. The County contends that SoCalGas should pay for interior house cleaning for currently relocated residents and that upon confirmation that the cleaning has been completed, residents should have a period of five days before their relocation services end. For relocated residents who choose not to have their homes cleaned by SoCalGas, such residents should have a minimum of 8 days/7 nights following the dissolution of the preliminary injunction to vacate their relocation housing and return home.
- b. SoCalGas contends that no interior cleaning is necessary for residents to safely return home and that the transition period should be 48 hours after dissolution of the preliminary injunction.

To assist the Court in resolving this dispute, the parties propose the following schedule:

- (1) Simultaneous Opening Motions and Briefs shall be filed and served by the County and SoCalGas by noon on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.
- (2) Simultaneous Response Briefs shall be filed and served by the County and SoCalGas by 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2016.
- (3) The Court shall conduct a hearing on these matters at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016.

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