

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

On October 7, 2015, California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law California Senate Bill 350 (De Leon), the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act. In response, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) issued the following media statement.

"Today, marks a significant achievement to confronting climate change, California Governor Jerry Brown signed into law California Senate Bill 350 (De Leon), the Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act.

As the nation's largest natural gas distribution company, SoCalGas applauds the Governor for signing into law SB 350, which recognizes the critical role natural gas continues to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as well as in cleaning the air.

As we increase our use of renewable power generation through solar and wind resource development, we increasingly rely on natural gas to provide critical baseload power – necessary due to the intermittency of renewable resources.

The legislation recognizes that natural gas can also come from renewable sources – like biomethane from dairies and agriculture and landfills and wastewater treatment facilities.

SB 350 recognizes that our reliable, safe and low-cost gas supply can help us reduce energy usage in our existing buildings, as new, highly efficient gas technologies like fuel cells and micro turbines and combined heat and power applications enable us to continue to utilize natural gas with these near zero emission technologies.

SoCalGas is committed to playing a key role in achieving the vision of SB 350 and to balancing these important objectives with maintaining a healthy economy for our customers so our communities can thrive."