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Mr. Eric Chiang
California Public Utilities Commission
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Subject: Central Valley Natural Gas Storage Project – Request for Issuance of a Notice to Proceed (NTP #6B) to Conduct Civil, Structural, and Architectural Work at the Remote Well Pad Site

Dear Eric:

Central Valley Gas Storage, LLC (CVGS) is requesting the CPUC's issuance of a notice to proceed (NTP #6B) to install civil foundations, piping systems, and associated equipment (including temporary compressor) on the remote well pad site. A request for installation of the temporary interconnection to the PG&E Line 172 was requested as part of NTP #6A and issued by the CPUC on May 16, 2011. A request to conduct civil, structural, and architectural work at the compressor station will be submitted as part of NTP #6C later this week.

Please be aware that all of the work associated with NTP #6B will be done within the previously approved remote well pad work area (approved as part of NTP #1). This work is scheduled to occur within the next week.

To support compliance with APM GEO-3, we will be providing the design drawings for the remote well pad site which show that the structures and facilities will be constructed in accordance with all applicable state and county building and construction codes and ordinances related to earthquake safety and structural stability during ground shaking for the above ground structures on the well pad site. Geotechnical borings were provided to you as part of the MMCRP #1 and NTP #1 submittals.

CVGS has provided the relevant permits, plans, and supporting documentation as part of the Mitigation Monitoring Compliance and Reporting Plan submittals and NTP #1 (which included construction of the remote well pad and compressor station sites) to the CPUC and additional items to support this NTP request.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Kiefer".

Jim Kiefer
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