SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

CPUC-ENERGY DIVISION DATA REQUEST 3
RE: VENTURA COMPRESSOR STATION
DATE REQUESTED: June 1, 2021
DATE RESPONDED: June 8, 2021

QUESTION 4:

In the six years that Exxon has been shut down, what impacts has that generally had on the gas system on the central coast?

RESPONSE 4:

As shown in SoCalGas' Response to Question 1 and Question 2 of Energy Division Data Request 2 (see file titled "ED DR-2 - Ventura Compressor_05.24.2021.pdf" submitted on May 24, 2021), the customer demand on the Coastal System has been relatively stable over the last 10 years, while locally produced gas supplies have decreased significantly over the same period. This loss of local supply has caused SoCalGas to adapt to changing conditions while still continuing to operate safely and reliably and thereby avoiding direct customer impacts. With the loss of ExxonMobil supply and the performance constraints, the compressor station has had to run more frequently in order to meet customer demand and maintain gas storage supply in the La Goleta storage field. Replacing the compressors with new, higher horsepower units is necessary to accommodate day to day changes in the use of the compressor station and address the age of the equipment. SoCalGas has made use of supply from PG&E delivered at Morro Bay to our distribution system to supplement the local demand thereby facilitating injection at La Goleta.

In addition, the significant decrease in the local gas production and relatively stable demand has placed additional reliance on the La Goleta storage field and Ventura Compressor Station, resulting in different operational use patterns at the Ventura Compressor Station which have increased the maintenance required on the aging equipment at the station.

Finally, gas supplies transported through the Ventura Compressor Station are now also the primary source of supply for the La Goleta storage field since local supplies no longer meet injection needs.