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Dear Mayor Cruikshank,

I received your October 17, 2024, letter requesting that SoCalGas immediately restore natural gas service to the Portuguese Bend Community Association (PBCA), Portuguese Bend Beach Club (PBBC) and Seaview neighborhoods in light of the recently updated Portuguese Bend Land Movement Monitoring Survey Report prepared by McGee Surveying Consulting, which provides survey data collected from September 3, 2024, through October 12, 2024.

I would like to thank you for reaching out and we appreciate the opportunity to have an open dialogue with the City regarding the dynamic conditions created by the landslides impacting the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

As reflected in the updated Report, the decrease in surface movement recorded at the 12 survey points located within close proximity to the dewatering wells is encouraging. This data suggests that the City's water extraction efforts are effective. I hope that the ongoing land movement continues to decrease over a sustained period of time.

While the recent survey data does show a reduction in surface land movement in certain areas along the coastline, the data is representative of a relatively short period of 39 days and also represents a very localized area limited to the area around the dewatering wells, as opposed to the totality of the data obtained from the over 100 survey points included in the Report. Although promising, the localized data does not establish a trend or a predictable and sustained reduction in land movement, as unpredictable movement is still recorded at other survey points throughout the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Given the dynamic nature of the land movement and the significant safety risks posed by broken gas lines, the safety of the community dictates that a determination to restore gas service be based on a careful evaluation of the totality of the data obtained over a sustained period of time. Although SoCalGas does not presently know when it may be able to safely restore gas service, we are working with our Gas Engineering and Integrity Management staff, as well as outside consultants, to determine what conditions must exist and what mitigation strategies could be deployed to allow restoration of service in the impacted areas. In addition, SoCalGas is developing an operational process for safely re-pressurizing the lines where natural gas has been removed. Further, SoCalGas is collaborating with other utilities on their efforts to monitor the land movement and is incorporating that information into its analysis.

SoCalGas welcomes the opportunity to meet with the City on October 21, 2024, regarding the new and additional information, including geotechnical data, monitoring systems, and mitigation measures. SoCalGas looks forward to continuing to work with the City as we collectively navigate this dynamic situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rodger Schwecke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rodger" and last name "Schwecke" clearly distinguishable.

Rodger Schwecke