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Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, Climate Action Campaign respectfully submits this motion to postpone the Public Participation Hearings (PPH) scheduled for July 1, 2025 at the University of California, Irvine, that are required pursuant to the June 12, 2025 Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling Noticing Public Participation Hearings (Ruling).¹

I. SUMMARY OF REQUEST

We respectfully request that the Commission postpone the July 1, 2025 PPH at UC Irvine to a later date during the academic year when the university is in regular session, to ensure the PPH complies with the intent of the Ruling, which is to make the PPH available to “a reasonable number of those who may be interested in knowing about the proposed project.”² Rescheduling

¹ A.22-09-006, Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling Noticing Public Participation Hearings (May 23, 2025), <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M566/K913/566913892.PDF>

² Ruling, p. 3.

the PPH will enable the Commission to achieve its goal to facilitate meaningful public participation.

II. GROUNDS FOR POSTPONEMENT

A. UC Irvine Is on Summer Break

According to the University of California, Irvine's academic calendar, the campus has been on summer break since June 13 and will be on summer break July 1, with a significantly reduced number of students, faculty, and staff present. This greatly limits the ability of affected and interested individuals to attend and participate in the hearing. The CPUC's Public Advisor's Office has consistently emphasized that hearings must be scheduled in a manner that ensures broad accessibility. Holding the hearing during a period of minimal campus activity fails to meet that standard.

B. Required Notices Are Not Posted on Campus

In addition, campus residents have reported that several of the hearing notices are not posted in the required locations at UC Irvine. Either the notices were not posted, or the notices were removed soon after posting. This failure to comply with the Ruling's noticing requirements further undermines the possibility of securing meaningful and informed public engagement.

These procedural and timing deficiencies significantly diminish public awareness of the proposed project and significantly limit attendance at the PPH, especially by those most impacted by the proposed hydrogen/methane blending project.

III. REQUESTED RELIEF

For the reasons stated above, Climate Action Campaign respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Postpone the July 1, 2025 Public Participation Hearing at UC Irvine to a date during the regular academic year (e.g., Fall Quarter), after classes resume on September 22, 2025,

when students and faculty are present and able to engage.

2. Direct Southern California Gas Company to verify and document full compliance with the CPUC's notice and outreach requirements, including physical postings and community distribution as outlined by the Public Advisor's Office.
3. Ensure that adequate outreach is conducted prior to the rescheduled hearing to ensure that campus residents and surrounding communities are fully informed and can participate.

IV. CONCLUSION

The July 1 hearing date conflicts with the basic principles of public engagement and notice. A hearing held during campus closure and without required public postings does not fulfill the Commission's goal to solicit informed, inclusive community feedback. Rescheduling the hearing will better serve the public interest and will increase the Commission's ability to hear from the community.

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Respectfully submitted,

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