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Dear ALJ Fitch:

(I apologize that you are receiving three versions of this email. I had to divide the service list into three groups to ensure delivery of the email)

I am a party in R.25-06-019 proceeding, and I joined the pre-hearing conference on Monday the 29th, but the system put me in the attendees list instead of the panelists. With the chat being disabled, I had no means of communicating with staff to ask to be moved to a panelist as I wanted to make a comment. My only option was to use the "Raise Hand" function, which I did well before the noon break, but no one saw it until after you adjourned the hearing and went off the record.

I respectfully ask that my following pre-prepared comment be added to the record of the hearing:

"Good morning your honors and president Reynolds. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. My name is Issam Najm, and I am a resident of Porter Ranch, the site of the Aliso Canyon gas storage field blowout of 2015.

I do support the need for evidentiary hearings. While workshops provide valuable insight into the analysis conducted and an opportunity to discuss them, they fall short of allowing parties to obtain information beyond the pre-prepared material presented by parties in the workshop. Evidentiary hearings allow for the removal of this barrier.

I want to very much thank you Judge Fitch for your support of including Aliso Canyon replacement resources in this proceeding. During the deliberations on proceeding I17.02.002, and the following PUC decision D24-12-076, the Commission deferred procurement of Aliso replacement resources to the IRP process, which was promoted by the majority of the parties in that proceeding. This is inline and not contradictory to the biennial

assessment process adopted by the Commission in its decision on I17.02.002. The biennial assessment is supposed to do an analysis of the supply and demand, and not identify what new resources need to be procured. I urge that Aliso Canyon-related procurement issues be included in the scope and schedule of the IRP proceeding, and that the commission include procurement of renewable resources to enable the expedited closure of Aliso Canyon."

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Issam Najm
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