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Recently, various state agencies and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) reported that the City and region could experience 14 days of scheduled blackouts this summer due to the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak. According to the agencies, the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility is a critical supplier of natural gas to 17 power plants that service the region.

However, the prolonged gas leak left the facility at one-fifth of its capacity and new injections of gas are prohibited until the facility undergoes a comprehensive safety review. It is estimated that it will take several months before the facility may be back on line; thereby potentially impacting power reliability to millions of customers in Southern California.

The DWP states that it has been working closely with the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) to develop the Aliso Canyon Reliability Action Plan to preserve power reliability.

The Action Plan includes several measures to mitigate, but not eliminate, the risk of gas curtailments large enough to cause power interruptions. The DWP states that the measures are not cost free and may require regulatory approval. It also recommends that customers conserve energy by reducing air conditioning use and adjusting hot water heaters.

In order to better understand the matter and the various components of the Action Plan, the DWP should be requested to immediately report to the City Council.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to immediately report to the City Council on the Aliso Canyon Reliability Action Plan and its efforts to preserve energy reliability in the City and region.

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