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On April 19, 2016, the Department of Water and Power (DWP) reported to the Council on the Aliso Canyon Reliability Action Plan (Summer Action Plan) and its efforts to preserve power reliability in the coming summer. During the presentation, the DWP was joined by the California Energy Commission (CEC), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and California Independent System Operator (CAISO).

The agencies stressed that the City and region could experience blackouts in the summer as a result of the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak. They identified the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility as a critical supplier of natural gas to power plants in the region; and that the prolonged natural gas leak left the facility at minimum capacity. This situation could potentially impact power reliability in Southern California.


As a result, the agencies developed the Summer Action Plan to mitigate the risk of natural gas shortages large enough to cause power interruptions. Fortunately, there were no "worst-case" scenarios nor did any blackouts occur.

On August 22, 2016, the CEC, CPUC, CAISO and the DWP released the Aliso Canyon Reliability Winter Action Plan (Winter Action Plan) to address potential gas supply challenges the region may face in the coming winter. The Winter Action Plan is critically important since homes and small businesses tend to use higher levels of natural gas in the colder months than any other time of the year.

In order to ensure the health and well-being of the City's residents, it is vital that the DWP report to the Council on the Winter Action Plan and its efforts to mitigate the effects of a natural gas shortage.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to report to the Council in 30 days on the Aliso Canyon Reliability Winter Action Plan and its efforts to mitigate the potential effects of a natural gas shortage in the winter.

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