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Hon. Alice Busching Reynolds President, California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Ave San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: Consumer Natural Gas Prices** 

Dear President Reynolds:

As you know, Californians are facing unprecedented surges in the cost of natural gas beginning with their January bills.

We understand that there are many factors that contribute to the cost of natural gas, including supply and demand, infrastructure costs, and regulatory requirements. However, we believe that it is important to thoroughly investigate the issue to determine the specific causes of why, according to the *Wall Street Journal*, California natural gas prices are higher than the national average by a factor of five.

We would appreciate it if the Commission could provide information on the current state of natural gas prices in California, as well as an analysis of the factors that have contributed to these prices. We would also appreciate information on any actions the Commission is taking or plans to take to address the issue.

Lastly, we call on the CPUC to advance the biannual California Climate Credit for consumer natural gas bills to provide relief to consumers as soon as practical.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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