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**From:** Ventura, Maria M  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2023 9:35 AM  
**To:** Ventura, Maria M  
**Cc:** hgolub@bbklaw.com; aheglund@cityofventura.ca.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Ventura Compressor Station Modernization (VCM) Project Update - City of Ventura

Dear Community Leader,

The following is an update on the status of SoCalGas' Ventura Compressor Station Modernization (VCM) Project. First and foremost, I want to thank you and the community for the continued engagement and participation which has helped us shape this important infrastructure modernization project.

On August 24th, 2023, SoCalGas will file an Application for a Certificate for Public Convenience and Necessity (Application), including a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) prepared pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 177 for the proposed VCM Project. The project proposed in the Application incorporates feedback received from the community since 2021.

Upon filing the Application, the CPUC will initiate a 30-day review period of the PEA to determine if it is "deemed complete" or in need of additional information. If the CPUC identifies any deficiencies, SoCalGas will then address any deficiencies until the CPUC deems the application (including PEA) complete. After the CPUC deems the application complete, the CPUC environmental review process will begin. This process will include public workshops and meetings to provide opportunities for the public to participate during this evaluation by the CPUC.

After the initial 30-day period, I will provide you with an update as to the status of our Application, as well as more information about the next steps in the Application process. The CPUC's Application review process, which includes evaluation of the Application pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), could take approximately 18 months or more to complete, and the CPUC will engage the public and community stakeholders before any decision on the project is made.

No project work associated with the proposed modernization project will take place until approved by the CPUC. However, the compressor station will continue normal operations delivering safe and reliable utility service to the Ventura community and to the Central Coast. Members of the community will continue to see our employees and vehicles at the facility as normal course of business.

In the coming days, SoCalGas will be sending out a bill insert to customers, and a project notice will be sent to residents near the project location, agencies, and regulatory service lists to provide general information on our proposed project, environmental assessment, and public review process being led by the CPUC.

We encourage community members to stay informed with this process by visiting [www.socalgas.com/ventura](http://www.socalgas.com/ventura).

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]@socalgas.com.

Sincerely,

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\*On June 6, 2023, we received the following communication from Howard Golub, attorney for City of San Buenaventura: "Pursuant to the instructions of the City Attorney, you are hereby advised that all SoCalGas communications concerning VCM, including but not limited to CEQA and CPUC compliance and local permits related to the VCM are to be directed to the City Attorney, with a copy to me and to such City officials as you deem appropriate." Accordingly, Messrs. Golub and Heglund are included in this communication. Any communication the attorneys wish to have with SoCalGas should be directed to SoCalGas's attorneys, with whom they have been in contact.