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Dear Members of the Governing Board,

On behalf of the members of Utility Workers Union of America, Local 132, and as a representative of frontline workers at Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), I am writing to express strong opposition to the proposed amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121.

We share your commitment to improving air quality across Southern California, but the path being proposed through these amendments will place disproportionate burdens on working families, threaten thousands of well-paying union jobs, and push consumers toward costly, forced retrofits with limited support or infrastructure in place.

By imposing additional fees on traditional natural gas water heaters and space heaters, these rules will inevitably drive these appliances out of the market. This shift doesn't happen in a vacuum—it affects real people. Many homeowners, particularly in underserved communities, will be faced with the difficult financial reality of converting their homes to fully electric systems. The cost of retrofitting older housing stock is substantial, and in many cases, simply unaffordable.

These proposals also carry serious consequences for the skilled union workforce that keeps our energy infrastructure running safely and reliably. At the recent public hearing, it was suggested that these rules might create a few hundred new jobs. However, I gave testimony to make clear what we're seeing on the ground: this transition would result in the loss of thousands of jobs. Core services such as emergency gas response (ETRs), appliance repair, and customer service support are all at risk of being scaled back or eliminated as natural gas usage declines under these proposed mandates.

These amendments do not just affect workers—they affect the quality of service that millions of SoCalGas customers depend on every day. This is not a just transition—it is a costly, one-sided shift that penalizes consumers and displaces workers without meaningful planning or equity.

For these reasons, Local 132 urges the Board to oppose the amendments to Rules 1111 and 1121 as written. If the Board moves forward with a vote at the June 6th meeting, we strongly recommend rejecting these changes and calling for a more balanced, inclusive approach that protects both the environment and the working families who are being left out of the conversation.

Please refer to the attached talking points for additional detail on the concerns we raise here.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

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