



#### **Natural Gas Pathways:**

Towards a Clean and Renewable Energy Future for California

Southern California Gas Company 2017



# **California's Dual Emissions Challenge**

Federal Clean Air Act and California Climate Change Initiative

FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT Reduce SMOG by **50-60%** before the next 20 years

CA CLIMATE GOALS (AB32) GOVERNOR'S EO: By 2050, reduce GHG emissions to **80% of 1990** 

Sempra Energy utility



Measures to Reduce Smog **and** GHG Emissions Drive Today's Energy and Environmental Agenda

Natural Gas will Play an Increasing Role as a Solution

# Start with the **BIGGEST POLLUTERS**



Source: CARB Staff Report for 8-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan Emission Inventory Submittal

# **NGV Game Changer:**

NEW "NEAR-ZERO" TRUCK ENGINE TO BE READY FOR PRIME TIME



Near-Zero Emissions Natural Gas Engine

<0.02 g NOx 90% NOx reduction Renewable Natural Gas as Transportation Fuel

> 80% GHG reduction

- Heavy Duty truck engine with 90% lower NOx emissions TODAY
- Tailpipe emissions are the same as emissions from generating electricity to run a similar electric truck
- For Goods Movement, this truck will meet California's ambitious 2050 targets *decades before* any other technology
- RNG already delivering greatest GHG reductions from diesel TODAY?

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# **Technology Transfer** and Transportation Pathways

SoCalGas' Transportation Pathway focuses on natural gas vehicles in heavy duty sectors, which represent the largest share of both ozone/greenhouse gas problem. Technology transferrable to other sectors:

#### **Current Focus**

#### **Expanding Focus**



#### California is Planning to Meet Criteria Pollutant Goals: HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE SECTOR

CARB Mobile Source Strategy follows a low NOx path for heavyduty trucks from 2015 to 2030 "In contrast, deployment of 350,000 electric trucks over the next 15 years would require technology development and cost that are well beyond what will be needed to deploy low-NOx trucks."



SCAQMD calls for near zero emission heavy-duty vehicles "In Southern California, clean, zero- and near-zero emission vehicle technologies are critical to meeting clean air standards. Cummins Westport's new engine provides an important tool toward reaching that goal."



SJVAPCD adopted an action plan promoting deployment of natural gas vehicles and infrastructure

"Heavy-duty natural gas vehicles provide fewer barriers to adoption than electric/hybrid."

# **Renewable Natural Gas** Offers Lower and Lower Carbon Intensity



\* Note: using the new "NZ" NG engine (0.02 g/hp-hr) will further reduce the CI scores of these RNG pathways by about 4 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ (closed crankcase ventilation reduces methane by 70%).

#### Source: "Game Changer Technical Report," Figure 3, May 2016

Source: California Air Resources Board, "LCFS Illustrative Fuel Pathway Carbon Intensity Determined using CA-GREET2.0," discussion presented by staff on 9/17/15 and/or CARB LCFS Final Regulation Order, Table 6; note that "HSAD pathway is EER-adjusted by the CARB formula (-22.93 base CI divided by EER of .9), even though this improves its CI score.

# **Incentives Work** LCFS creates "Market Pull" for RNG Devleopment



Source: ARB LCFS Quarterly Data. Available at https://www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/lrtqsummaries.htm SoCalGas A Sempra Energy utility

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## California Climate Change Policy Make Room for "Near-Zero" End Uses and Low Carbon Gas



California focused on electrifying end uses; and "de-carbonizing" electricity

- Electrify energy end uses
- Electrify transportation
- De-carbonize generation

SoCalGas focused on "near-zero" end use technology -- "electric equivalent" ; and "de-carbonizing" the pipeline

- Near-zero gas technology
- Near-zero NGV's
- Decarbonize gas supply
  - Hydrogen blending
  - Renewable methane feedstocks

# It's NOT Either/Or.



# **De-Carbonizing Electricity:**

Natural Gas Stationary Use Pathways

## The move toward "nearzero" emission technology focuses on:

- Distributed Generation
- Small-scale, Fast-ramping Generation Matched with Renewables
- Power Generation with Carbon Capture





Not just Solar and Wind...

- Fuel Cells
- Micro-turbines
- Combined
  - Heat & Power

## **De-Carbonizing the Pipeline:** Waste or Biomass To Hydrogen or Biomethane





# **De-Carbonizing the Pipeline:** Electrolysis of Excess Renewable Electricity (Power-to-Gas)



# **Power-to-Gas Projects:** Provides green hydrogen pathway and grid storage



#### **First in US:** P2G facility at UCI

April 15, 2015

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San Diego



### **UTILITY TO TEST ENERGY STORAGE**

Southern California Gas looking at pipelines for excess solar power

By Naureen S. Malik BLOOMBERG NEWS 5:06 A.M. April 15, 2015

#### **California Utility to Make Gas From Solar for Pipeline Storage**

**NEWS RELEASE** 

SoCalGas Launches First Power-to-Gas Project in U.S.

Converts Electricity from Renewable Sources to Hydrogen and Methane; and Tests Use of Existing Natural Gas Pipelines to Store Surplus Power

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UCI tries solving this problem: We have sun and wind for power, but how do we store it?

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# **Existing Infrastructure:**

Serves Multiple Low Carbon Gas Pathways



### CAISO on Duck Curve DENA on Power-to-Gas as "System Solution"

#### CAISO (on the "Duck Curve")

... steps must be taken to mitigate over generation risk. These steps include increasing exports...and requiring renewable generation curtailment ... the resource mix would also benefit from resources with energy storage capabilities ...

• DENA Website (German Energy Agency)

With the Power-to-Gas Strategy Platform – the German Energy Agency – and its partners are supporting the use and development of the <u>Power-to-Gas system</u> <u>solution</u>.

#### Power-to-Gas Technology

BREAKTHROUGH IN THE NATURAL ENERGY MARKET



#### **E3 Study:** Integration of New Low/Zero Carbon Options





Energy+Environmental Economics

Strategic use of gaseous fuels supports near- and long-term goals

- In nearer term, opportunities for efficiency, "near zero" technology and new uses for natural gas (transportation)
- In medium- to long-term, new lowcarbon sources of gas need development and introduction

- Pipeline de-carbonization works together with electrification towards Climate Change objectives
- Pipeline de-carbonization offers Cost Effective and Resilient Pathways
- De-carbonization can play an important role Integrating Variable Renewable Generation Resources
- Pipeline de-carbonization reduces emissions in sectors that are otherwise difficult to electrify, including heavy duty vehicles; residential and commercial end uses, and industrial end uses
- Managing "Energy Grid" (gas and electric together) = efficiency and cost avoidance

#### **Natural Gas Pathways of Tomorrow**

