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March 1, 2006

Mr. Sid Newsom **Regulatory Tariff Administration** Southern California Gas Company - GT14D6 555 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

Subject: Additional hazardous substance site - former SOCAL GAS meter and regulation station

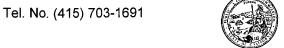
Dear Mr. Newsom:

Advice Letter 3597 is effective March 19, 2006. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

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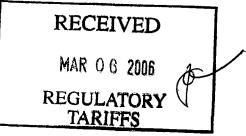
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February 17, 2005

Advice No. 3597 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Additional Hazardous Substance Site – Former SoCalGas Meter and **Regulation Station**

Purpose

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby requests Commission approval to include the former meter and regulation station (Site) in the Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account as referenced within SoCalGas' Preliminary Statement Part V.C, in compliance with Decision No. (D.) 94-05-020.

Background

D.94-05-020 requires California utilities to file an advice letter in order to include additional sites as part of the Hazardous Substance Mechanism. For each site the advice letter shall list: 1) the name of the site, 2) the location of the site; 3) the source, nature and approximate date of the contamination; 4) utility operations (historical and current) at the site, if any; and 5) environmental agency and oversight regarding the site, if any.

In addition, D.96-07-016 requires utilities to demonstrate that: 1) clean-up costs for which recovery is being sought are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure; and 2) all of the costs for which recovery is being sought are hazardous waste clean-up costs (including insurance costs) found appropriate for recovery in the Collaborative Report.

SoCalGas was operating a former meter and regulation station within the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) Harbor Generating Station in the City of Wilmington, California.

Required Information

The relevant information for the Site is as follows:

Site Name: SoCalGas' former meter and regulation station

Location: 161 N. Island Avenue, Wilmington, California

Utility Operations (Historical and Current) at the Site

The Site is currently not in use. Historically, it was used by SoCalGas as a gas meter and regulating station. The Site, approximately 35 feet wide and 100 feet long, is bordered with chain link fences. The surface of the Site is primarily soil covered. Numerous gas pipes, valves, and meters are present within the Site.

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination

The Site was the subject of a site investigation on June 5, 2002. The investigation consisted of collecting soil samples for laboratory analysis. Mercury, PCBs, and petroleum hydrocarbons were reported to be the primary contaminates at the Site.

The source of TPH, mercury, and PCBs contamination is very likely from the historical use of the pipes for transmission of gas, repair of the former on-site equipment, and maintenance of the former station. The date of the release is not known; however, it is expected that the contamination was caused by long term gradual impact.

Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight

No oversight agency is involved with the Site.

Nature of Costs

The former meter and regulation station investigation and cleanup costs that SoCalGas is seeking to recover through the procedure are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure. All investigation and cleanup costs included by SoCalGas in the procedure will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report, dated November 19, 1993.

Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be made in writing and received within 20 days of the date of this Advice Letter. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

CPUC Energy Division Attention: Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Jerry Royer (<u>jir@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) and Honesto Gatchalian (<u>jnj@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest shall also be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

Attn: Sid Newsom Tariff Manager - GT14D6 555 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011 Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957 E-Mail: <u>snewsom@semprautilities.com</u>

Effective Date

In accordance with D.94-05-020, this advice letter shall be treated as a compliance filing under General Order 96-A for Commission approval within 30 days after the filing, which is March 19, 2006, if no protests are received. If protests are received, the Commission will either issue a resolution, or require the utility to file an application seeking inclusion of specified costs in the Hazardous Substance Mechanism.

<u>Notice</u>

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A, which includes the parties in Application No. 91-04-044 (Hazardous Waste Reasonableness).

J. STEVE RAHON Director Tariffs and Regulatory Accounts

Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY		
MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)		
Company name/CPUC Utility No. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY/ U 904 G		
Utility type:	Contact Person: <u>Sid Newsom</u>	
\Box ELC \boxtimes GAS	Phone #: (213) 244-2846	
PLC HEAT WATER E-mail: <u>snewsom@semprautilities.com</u>		
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)		
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat	WATER = Water	
Advice Letter (AL) #:		
Subject of AL: <u>Additional Hazardous Substance Site - Former SoCalGas Meter and Regulation Station</u>		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): <u>Balancing Account, Hazardous Waste</u>		
AL filing type: 🗌 Monthly 🗌 Quarterly 🗌 Annual 🖾 One-Time 🗌 Other		
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:		
Decision No. 94-05-020		
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL $\underline{N/A}$		
Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL ¹ : N/A		
Resolution Required? 🗌 Yes 🖾 No		
Requested effective date: 3/19/06 No. of tariff sheets: _0		
Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): <u>Negligible</u>		
Estimated system average rate effect (%): Negligible		
When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer		
classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).		
Tariff schedules affected: <u>none</u>		
Service affected and changes proposed ¹ :		
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>N/A</u>		
Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:		
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