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January 23, 2009

Advice Letter 3952

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Subject: Additional Hazardous Substance Site

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 3952 is effective February 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director
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Advice No. 3952
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Additional Hazardous Substance Site

Purpose

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby requests the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) approval to include EPC Eastside Disposal Facility (EPC) in the Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account (HSCRA) as referenced within SoCalGas' Preliminary Statement Part V 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.

EPC operated as a disposal site for a variety of wastes, including hazardous substances.

Required Information

The relevant information for the EPC Eastside Disposal Facility is as follows:

Site Name: EPC Eastside Disposal Facility (EPC)

Location: Round Mountain Road, approximately 15 miles northeast of Bakersfield, California, in a portion of Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 29 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination

EPC operated as a disposal site for a variety of wastes, including hazardous substances, from 1971 through November of 1985. SoCalGas disposed of hazardous wastes at EPC during that time period.

Utility Operations (Historical and Current) at the Site

Past waste disposal included waste generated by SoCalGas between 1973 and 1985, as shown by business records provided by EPC and the Department of Toxic substances Control (DTSC).

Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight

EPC was designated as a Superfund Site in 1984 and its cleanup is under the oversight of DTSC. Pursuant to the California Superfund Law, responsible parties include those who have disposed of hazardous waste at EPC, including SoCalGas.

Nature of Costs

The cleanup costs that SoCalGas is seeking to recover through the procedure are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure. The cleanup costs are 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 this advice letter was filed with the Commission. 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 Maria Salinas (mas@cpuc.ca.gov) and Honesto Gatchalian (jni@cpuc.ca.gov) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should 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
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Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B and respectfully requests that it become effective February 20, 2009, which is 30 calendar days after the date filed.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A, which includes the interested parties in A.91-04-044.

Ronald van der Leeden
Director – Rates, Revenues and Tariffs

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:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Sid Newsom

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 3952

Subject of AL: Additional Hazardous Substance Site

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Hazardous Waste

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other Periodic

AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D94-05-020, D96-07-016

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: _____

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 2/20/09

No. of tariff sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): None

Estimated system average rate effect (%): None

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: None

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: None

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:

CPUC, Energy Division

Attention: Tariff Unit

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Southern California Gas Company

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 3952

(See Attached Service Lists)

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