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Advice Letter 4234

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**Subject: Engagement of GL Noble Denton, Inc. to Review the Results of the
System Expansion Study**

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4234 is effective May 27, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

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Advice No. 4234
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Engagement of GL Noble Denton, Inc. to Review the Results of the System Expansion Study

Purpose

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to obtain the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approval of the engagement of GL Noble Denton, Inc. ("GL Noble Denton") as the independent qualified third party to review the results of the system expansion study ordered in Decision (D.) 07-12-019. San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) is concurrently filing a similar Advice Letter.

Background

D.07-12-019 at pages 92-93, 107-108 (Finding of Fact No. 55), and 114 (Ordering Paragraph No. 30) approved SoCalGas' and SDG&E's proposal to develop a system expansion study of the SoCalGas/SDG&E interconnect points, backbone system, and storage facilities, and authorized the recovery of all reasonable costs to perform these studies from all customers, including a review performed by an independent third party. The proposal required that the independent third party selected by SoCalGas/SDG&E be approved by the Commission's Energy Division via an Advice Letter. (See Ex. 45, Direct Testimony of Thanathep Trinooson, at 4; Ex. 19, Direct Testimony of Richard Morrow, at page B-4 of Appendix B (Appendix B is the Edison Settlement).

Information

SoCalGas and SDG&E have selected GL Noble Denton as the qualified independent third party to review the system expansion study ordered in D.07-12-019. GL Noble Denton is a global engineering consultancy, supporting clients in the gas, oil, water and electric industries. With more than 30 years of experience in the energy sector, GL Noble Denton's heritage is founded upon the former software utility provider, Stoner Associates. GL Noble Denton has a proven track record of providing products, services and consultancy to more than 550 clients in over 60 countries across the globe. SoCalGas and SDG&E have used GL Noble Denton's software products to evaluate our gas and electric systems for more than 30 years, and GL Noble Denton is familiar with the

SoCalGas and SDG&E systems and hydraulic models, which will facilitate the review of the system expansion study.

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 must be received within 20 days of the date this Advice Letter, which is May 17, 2011. 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
Attn: 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 to Honesto Gatchalian (jnj@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. This filing is consistent with D.07-12-019 and therefore SoCalGas respectfully requests that it be approved on May 27, 2011, 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 the Omnibus Proceeding, A.06-08-026.

Rasha Prince
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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) #: 4234

Subject of AL: Engagement of GL Noble Denton, Inc. to Review System Expansion Study Results

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): System Expansion

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

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

D07-12-019

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: No

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 5/27/11

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:

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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. 4234

(See Attached Service Lists)

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