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August 18, 2011

**Advice Letter 4260**

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**Subject: Additional Hazardous Substance Site**

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4260 is effective August 21, 2011.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
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Advice No. 4260  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Additional Hazardous Substance Site**

**Purpose**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby requests approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to include the active natural gas distribution line in the street at the corner of E. Corte Castana and Avenida de Manzano, Camarillo, California 93010 (Site) in the Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account as referenced within SoCalGas' Preliminary Statement Part V, in compliance with Decision No. (D.) 94-05-020. This is the site of a former natural gas leak.

**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 Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report, dated November 19, 1993 (Collaborative Report).

Southern California Gas Company owns and maintains natural gas distribution lines around the subject properties.

**Required Information**

The relevant information for the Site is as follows:

**Site Name:** Corner of E. Corte Castana and Avenida de Manzano

**Location:** Camarillo, California 93010

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination**

On October 31, 2010, methane was discovered leaking from the gas line adjacent to the corner of E. Corte Castana and Avenida de Manzo. The leak was repaired on the same day, but residual gas collected in pockets in the soil.

**Utility Operations (Historical and Current) at the Site**

The Site is located at an active natural gas distribution line in the street at the corner of E. Corte Castana and Avenida de Manzano.

**Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight**

The Ventura County Environmental Health Division (EDH) is the oversight regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the Site. The EDH ordered SoCalGas to investigate and cleanup any residual methane in the soil near the former natural gas leak.

**Nature of Costs**

The methane investigation and remediation costs that SoCalGas is seeking to recover through the procedure are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs included by SoCalGas in the procedure will be hazardous and non-hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Collaborative Report.

**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 which is August 11, 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  
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](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)) and Honesto Gatchalian ([inj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:inj@cpuc.ca.gov)) 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  
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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 August 21, 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 parties in A. 91-04-044.

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Rasha Prince  
Director – Regulatory Affairs

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 904G)**

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) #: 4260

Subject of AL: Additional Hazardous Substance Site

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Hazardous Waste

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

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

D.94-05-020, D.96-07-016

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 AL<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Tier Designation:  1  2  3

Requested effective date: 8/21/11

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: 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**  
**505 Van Ness Ave.,**  
**San Francisco, CA 94102**  
**mas@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Southern California Gas Company**  
**Attention: Sid Newsom**  
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<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 4260**

**(See Attached Service List)**

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