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Advice Letter 4376

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**Subject: Approval for Four Interstate Capacity Contracts between
SoCalGas Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company**

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4376 is effective July 12, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



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June 12, 2012

Advice No. 4376
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Approval for Four Interstate Capacity Contracts between Southern California Gas Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company

Purpose

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) respectfully requests approval of four interstate capacity contracts with El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso).

Background

Under the interstate capacity acquisition procedure approved in Decision (D.) 04-09-022, contracts for interstate capacity supported by the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) and The Utility Reform Network (TURN) may be submitted for approval to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) by an expedited advice letter. If either DRA or TURN is not able to agree to a proposed contract, however, the contract must be submitted for approval via a regular advice letter.

DRA has authorized SoCalGas to state that it supports the capacity contracts with El Paso described below. However, TURN was unable to participate in the review process for these contracts due to time constraints. Accordingly, SoCalGas is submitting the contracts for approval via a regular advice letter.

Description of Contracts

The terms of the contracts are confidential and are described in Attachment B submitted under the confidentiality provisions of General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code and provided only to the Energy Division, DRA and TURN.

This filing will not create any deviation from SoCalGas' tariffs, cause withdrawal of service from any present customer, or impose any more or less restrictive conditions.

Protests

Anyone may protest this advice letter to the Commission. The protest must state the ground 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 July 2, 2012. 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 email to the attention of Franz Cheng (fcc@cpuc.ca.gov) and the Energy Division Tariff Unit (EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov). A copy of the protest shall also be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to the addresses 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: snewsom@semprautilities.com

Attn: Steve Hruby
Regulatory Case Manager – GT14D6
555 West Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957
E-Mail: shruby@semprautilities.com

Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) and respectfully requests that this filing become effective on July 12, 2012, 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 to this advice letter, which includes interested parties in R.04-01-025.

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 904-G)**

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Sid Newsom

Phone #: (213) 244-2846

E-mail: snewsom@semprautilities.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4376

Subject of AL: Approval for Four Interstate Capacity Contracts Between SoCalGas and El Paso Natural Gas Company

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Contracts; Capacity

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

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

D04-09-022

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: Attachment B is confidential as explained in AL.

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 7/12/12

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 10 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
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Southern California Gas Company
Attention: Sid Newsom
555 West Fifth Street, GT14D6
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
snewsom@semprautilities.com
tariffs@socalgas.com**

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

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(See Attached Service Lists)

Attachment B

Advice No. 4376

**Terms of Capacity Contracts between SoCalGas
and El Paso Natural Gas Company**

This Attachment is being provided only to the Energy Division and Division of Ratepayer Advocates under the confidentiality provisions of the General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code and to The Utility Reform Network under the confidentiality provisions of a non-disclosure agreement.