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Advice Letter 4619

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**Subject: Revisions to Rule No. 23 – Continuity of Service and
Interruption of Delivery**

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4619 is effective April 11, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



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Advice No. 4619
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revisions to Rule No. 23 – Continuity of Service and Interruption of Delivery

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its Rule No. 23 – Continuity of Service and Interruption of Delivery, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

Purpose

This filing seeks authorization to add a new subsection to Rule No. 23 regarding notification to the Commission and affected parties of curtailment events via advice filings.

Requested Relief

In Decision (D.) 91-09-026, the Commission required SoCalGas to notify the Commission and affected parties of curtailments via advice filings:

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) shall submit an Advice Letter filing to the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division simultaneously with an announcement of curtailment pursuant to the discussion in this decision. The filing shall state the facts underlying and the reasons for a curtailment, shall demonstrate that the type of curtailment being declared complies with SoCalGas' tariffs, and shall set forth effort SoCalGas has taken to minimize or alleviate the curtailment. The filing shall be served by overnight mail on affected customers.¹

SoCalGas already complies with this Commission directive.² However, given the vintage of this requirement, SoCalGas believes that it would be useful to memorialize it in Rule No. 23, and to provide minor clarifications and updates.

First, the tariff provision would replace "simultaneously" with "within 24 hours." This change would recognize that curtailment events can be unpredictable, and that it may not be possible or desirable

¹ D.91-09-026, mimeo., at 60-61 (Ordering Paragraph No. 1).

² See, e.g., Advice No. 4603 (Curtailment of Standby Procurement Service on February 6, 2014).

to wait to stabilize the system while we draft an advice filing that provides all of the specified information. SoCalGas believes that an advice filing within 24 hours would satisfy the intent of the Commission's directive that we file "simultaneously" with the curtailment. SoCalGas will also post the advice filing on its electronic bulletin board.

Second, the tariff provision would allow service to affected customers via either overnight mail or e-mail, rather than just via overnight mail. The language in D.91-09-026 was written prior to the generally accepted use of electronic mail.³ The change would bring the curtailment notice service requirement into line with current standards, and eliminate costly and time-consuming overnight mailings for customers with confirmed e-mail addresses.

Third, the tariff provision would require individual notice just to noncore customers rather than to all customers. If SoCalGas should ever experience a widespread curtailment that spreads to core customers, it would be impossible to provide notice within 24 hours to individual core customers, and tremendously expensive to provide individual notice on a longer-term basis. Individualized notice of a curtailment to core customers would serve little, if any, purpose. SoCalGas' Gas Acquisition department provides for bundled core requirements, and Gas Acquisition would be aware of any curtailment affecting core customers. Moreover, any curtailment of core customers would be heavily publicized on both our website and in the local news media. With all of this in mind, the Commission should clarify that the individual notice requirement only applies to affected noncore customers.

Finally, the tariff provision recognizes that the division at the Commission previously referred to as the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division is now named the Energy Division. The proposed new tariff provision is set forth below, as well as in Attachment B.⁴

L. Curtailment Notification

The Utility shall submit an Advice Letter to the Commission's Energy Division within 24 hours of an announcement of a curtailment. The filing shall state the facts underlying and the reasons for the curtailment, shall demonstrate that the type of curtailment being declared complies with the Utility's tariffs, and shall set forth efforts the Utility has taken to minimize or alleviate the curtailment. The filing shall be served by electronic mail or overnight mail on affected noncore customers and posted by the Utility on its Electronic Bulletin Board.

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 April 1, 2014. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

³ See, e.g., Rule 1.10 of Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure providing for e-mail service of documents in Commission proceedings.

⁴ This proposed tariff language also contains minor non-substantive changes to conform the language from D.91-09-026 to the other language in Rule No. 23, such as the use of the term "Utility" in place of the term "SoCalGas."

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

A copy of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of the Energy Division Tariff Unit (EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov). 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
Tariff Manager - GT14D6
555 West Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957
E-Mail: snewsom@semprautilities.com

Effective Date

SoCalGas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests the tariff sheets filed herein be effective on April 11, 2014, which is 30 calendar days from the date filed.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A.

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) #: 4619

Subject of AL: Revisions to Rule No. 23 – Continuity of Service and Interruption of Delivery

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Curtable Service; Interruptible Service; Procurement; Standby Service

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

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

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: 4/11/14

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

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: Rule No. 23 and TOCs

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

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

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 List)

ATTACHMENT B
Advice No. 4619

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 50163-G	Rule No. 23, CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND INTERRUPTION OF DELIVERY, Sheet 12	Revised 44943-G
Revised 50164-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 49743-G
Revised 50165-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 50162-G

CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND INTERRUPTION OF DELIVERY

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K. Service Interruption Credit (Continued)

The maximum aggregate SIC obligation of the Utility in any calendar year shall be \$5 million. To the extent such maximum aggregate obligation would be exceeded, the Utility shall provide the SIC on a pro rata basis to all applicable customers for the calendar year. Utility shall make payment of the SIC at the end of the applicable calendar year.

1. Force Majeure

For the purpose of SIC applicability, force majeure shall be defined as the occurrence of unforeseen events or conditions, not resulting from a negligent act or omission on the part of the Utility, that are beyond its reasonable control and that could not have been prevented by the exercise of due diligence on its part. The Utility shall use all reasonable efforts to remedy such events or conditions and to remove the cause of same in an adequate manner and with reasonable dispatch. The occurrence of high demand for gas service due to weather conditions shall not constitute a force majeure event.

2. Scheduled Maintenance

For the purpose of SIC applicability, scheduled maintenance shall be considered the interruption of transmission service to the customer resulting from maintenance of the Utility's facilities which are directly relevant to providing such service to the customer's facilities when the customer has been given at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice of the scheduled date of the maintenance and service interruption.

The Utility shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the duration of such scheduled maintenance interruptions and to reroute the flow of natural gas to eliminate any service interruptions that would otherwise occur due to such maintenance.

The Utility shall consult with the customer in scheduling any such maintenance interruptions and shall use reasonable efforts to schedule such maintenance to accommodate the customer's operating needs and to continue same only for such time as is necessary, including any agreed upon adjustments to the scheduled date for maintenance as reasonably necessary in light of unforeseen occurrences affecting the customer and/or the Utility.

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DECISION NO.

ISSUED BY
Lee Schavrien
Senior Vice President

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