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August 1, 2016

**Advice Letter 4987**

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**Subject: SoCalGas Quarterly Notice on the Energy Data Request Program**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4987 is effective as of July 5, 2016.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



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July 5, 2016

Advice No. 4987  
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: SoCalGas Quarterly Notice on the Energy Data Request Program**

**Purpose**

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 9 of Decision (D.) 14-05-016, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits this Advice Letter to notify the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) of the transfer of information in SoCalGas' Energy Data Request Program (EDRP), from April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

**Background**

On May 5, 2014 the Commission issued D.14-05-016 which adopted rules that provide access to energy usage and usage-related data to local government entities, researcher, and state and federal agencies when such access is consistent with state law and the Commission's Privacy Rules. To facilitate this data access, D.14-05-016 adopted a Data Request and Release Process (DRRP) that SoCalGas must follow to receive and fulfill requests for data covered by D.14-05-016. On July 30, 2014 SoCalGas filed a Tier 2 Advice Letter to establish the DRRP through a service offering referred to as the EDRP.<sup>1</sup>

**Discussion**

**A. Transfer of Information**

SoCalGas initiated its EDRP portal on December 1, 2014 to: 1) receive all requests for data; 2) post details of the data requests; and 3) track the progress and status of utilities' response to those data requests. As of Q2 2016, SoCalGas has updated its data catalog to reflect canceled requests.

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<sup>1</sup> Advice Letter 4674-G was effective August 29, 2014.

From April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016, SoCalGas has fulfilled three data requests from local government entities, researchers and/or state and federal agencies, as shown in Attachment A of this Advice Letter.

During Q2 of 2016, SoCalGas conducted a review of its EDRP source database and found that information was inadvertently omitted from data provided to local governments who submitted requests for usage data during 2015. The EDRP database was corrected in April 2016 and the impacted local governments were notified of the error. Revised data for the period originally requested was provided to ten local governments.<sup>2</sup>

More information regarding SoCalGas' energy data and the SoCalGas EDRP can be found at [www.socalgas.com/energydatarequest](http://www.socalgas.com/energydatarequest).

### **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 of this Advice Letter, which is July 25, 2016. 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 the Energy Division Tariff Unit ([EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)). 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  
Tariff Manager - GT14D6  
555 West Fifth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957  
E-Mail: [snewsom@semprautilities.com](mailto:snewsom@semprautilities.com)

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<sup>2</sup> City of Yucaipa, City of Goleta, City of Chino Hills, City of Westminster, City of Calimesa, City of Industry, County of San Luis Obispo, City of Carpinteria, Western Riverside Council of Governments, and Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance.

**Effective Date**

SoCalGas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. It is in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 9 of D.14-05-016. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that it be made effective on July 5, 2016, which is the date filed.

**Notice**

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list. Address change requests to the GO 96-B should be directed by electronic mail to [tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto:tariffs@socalgas.com) or call 213-244-3387. For changes to all other service lists, please contact the Commission's Process Office at 415-703-2021 or by electronic mail at [Process\\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov).

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Ronald van der Leeden  
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

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) #: 4987

Subject of AL: SoCalGas Quarterly Notice on the Energy Data Request Program

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Energy Usage Data

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other

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

D.14-05-016

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL N/A

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: 7/5/16

No. of tariff sheets: 0

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

**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  
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Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
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<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 4987**

**Energy Data Request Program  
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January 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016**

Date Submitted	Type Of Org	Organization	Request Purpose	Data Elements Requested	Request Status	Date Closed
6/13/2016	Other: Company	Brite Green	GHG emissions factors for 2015.	CANCELLED - Organization Type not within the scope of EDRP.	Cancelled	6/23/2016
4/16/2015	Academic Researcher	Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Monthly distribution and usage data for South Coast Air Basin in unit of cubic feet of natural gas.	CANCELLED: Request fulfilled outside of EDRP with data from the public reports on the EDRP website. SoCalGas also provided NGV data extracted from TCAP work papers.	Cancelled	5/11/2016
3/11/2016	Local Government	Temple City	The City is preparing an update to the General Plan. Air quality and greenhouse gas emissions inventories will be prepared for the General Plan. The City is requesting year 2013, 2014, and 2015 aggregated natural gas usage data by CEC sector for municipal residential commercial industrial and agricultural land uses to be used to prepare the inventories.	2013-2015 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi- family aggregated data for the City of Temple City.	Complete	5/11/2016
3/17/2016	Local Government	City of Morro Bay	Total annual community wide natural gas use separated by residential and nonresidential customers for the years 2005 to 2015.	2010-2015 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi- family aggregated data for the City of Morro Bay.	Complete	5/11/2016
1/29/2016	Local Government	Office of Sustainability and the Environment	Industrial natural gas usage data in therms is being requested for the 2014 and 2015 calendars years.  This data would help City of Santa Monica staff better understand community energy use.	CANCELLED: Received email from organization requesting cancellation.	Cancelled	4/7/2016

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2/17/2016	Local Government	City of Claremont	Number of therms used within City of Claremont boundaries during the calendar year 2015 aggregated annually.	2015 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi- family aggregated data for the City of Claremont.	Complete	4/7/2016
4/13/2015	Academic Researcher	Washington University in STL	Requestor wants to study how consumers respond to different energy pricing schedules. Specifically, the requestor plans to use the data and recent developments in behavioral economics to estimate the extent to which consumers are sophisticated in their response to price changes for gas. This question is important in order to optimize gas conservation, design demand response programs, and assess the impacts of different pricing schedules on consumer welfare.	CANCELLED: No response from Requestor. Last made contact on June 17, 2016; no response to subsequent attempts.	Cancelled	4/6/2016
1/7/2016	Academic Researcher	Cal Poly Corporation	Requestor is conducting a greenhouse gas inventory for the City of Wasco CA for their General Plan EIR. Requestor needs to know the gas used by the community and municipal operations in the year 2014 to complete the inventory.	CANCELLED: No response from Requestor after the request was initially submitted.	Cancelled	4/6/2016
3/7/2016	Other: Affordable Housing	Sage Apartment Communities	Tenant Utility Usage Statements. Requestor has authorized signed release forms.	CANCELLED: Request fulfilled outside of EDRP via letter of authorization (CISR form) for specific accounts.	Cancelled	3/23/2016



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2/2/2016	Local Government	City of Lancaster	Information for the City's Climate Action Plan formation and GHG inventory baseline.	2010-2015 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi-family aggregated data for the City of Lancaster.	Complete	3/22/2016
1/20/2016	Local Government	City of Seal Beach	The total annual energy use for the community of Seal Beach separated into residential and nonresidential energy use for each year requested.	2010-2015 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi-family aggregated data for the City of Seal Beach.	Complete	3/11/2016
1/19/2016	Local Government	City of La Cañada Flintridge	This data will be included in the City of La Canada Flintridge Climate Action Plan to provide an indication of overall greenhouse gas emissions resulting from commercial industrial properties within the city and to inform measures to reduce emissions from these sources consistent with state guidance.	CANCELLED: Received email from organization requesting cancellation, city manager unable to sign TOS.	Cancelled	2/12/2016
7/15/2015	Academic Researcher	University of Illinois	Requestor would like address level usage data to evaluate the effect of California building codes on energy use across climatic zones and income groups.	Residential single and multi-family data for the period of January 1, 2009 to July 31, 2015 for the entire service territory.	Complete	2/12/2016
11/3/2015	Other: Environmental	MILLMAN ENVIRONMENTAL	Requestor trying to obtain location maps of the underground gas lines at requestor's property located in Los Angeles CA.	CANCELLED: The data requested, underground gas line location maps, is not within the scope of EDRP.	Cancelled	12/1/2015
8/24/2015	Local Government	Western Riverside Council of Governments	The purpose of this request is simply to create a quarterly 'report card' aggregated by sector to help provide an understanding of how	2010-2012 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi-family aggregated data for the cities of	Complete	11/24/2015

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			each city is doing on a quarter by quarter basis.	WRCOG. SoCalGas is also providing 2010-2012 municipal data for the City.  <b>Revised data for 2010-2012 provided to City on 6/28/2016.</b>		
9/8/2015	Local Government	Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance	Community Data for the County of Ventura and cities.	2013-2014 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi- family aggregated data for the cities of VCREA. SoCalGas is also providing 2013-2014 municipal data for the City.  <b>Revised data for 2013-2014 provided to City on 6/15/2016.</b>	Complete	10/26/2015
1/15/2015	Academic Researcher	Energy Institute at Haas	Requestor requesting usage and billing data for every single-metered residential account in Southern California Gas' territory.	2010 - 2015 residential usage data for SoCalGas' service territory. In addition, SoCalGas will be providing a data dictionary describing definitions of terms and descriptions of data fields.	Complete	10/23/2015
8/28/2015	Other: Environmental Consulting Agency	Dudek Consulting	Monthly and annual gas usage for Jalama Beach County Park.	CANCELLED: No response from Requestor after the request was initially submitted.	Cancelled	9/17/2015
5/20/2015	Local Government	City of Carpinteria	Data to analyze sector level usage including residential commercial industrial municipal.	2013-2014 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi-family aggregated data for the City of Carpinteria.	Complete	7/15/2015

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				<p><b>Revised data for 2013-2014 provided to City on 6/17/2016.</b></p>		
4/23/2015	Local Government	County of San Luis Obispo	Aggregate community natural gas use for 2014 Community Wide Aggregated Data only.	<p>2014 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi- family aggregated data for the Cities and County of San Luis Obispo. SoCalGas is also providing 2014 municipal data for the Cities and County.</p> <p><b>Revised data for 2014 provided to City on 5/10/2016.</b></p>	Complete	6/22/2015
3/25/2015	Local Government	City of Claremont	<p>Therms natural gas used by the following Claremont accounts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aggregated R1 residential - Should include single and multifamily owned and rented.</li> <li>2. City municipal accounts.</li> <li>3. Claremont Unified School District accounts.</li> </ol> <p>Data should be reported for the calendar years 2013 and 2014 and reported quarterly thereafter through the calendar year 2016. This data will be used to track Claremont's participation in the Georgetown University Energy Prize.</p>	<p>CANCELLED: Per phone call from City, request will be re-submitted at a later date.</p>	Cancelled	5/26/2015

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3/9/2015	Local Government	City of Industry	<p>The City of Industry is preparing a climate action plan. The City is compiling data that will be integrated into the greenhouse gas emissions inventory prepared for the CAP. To complete the emissions inventory the City is requesting aggregated natural gas use data for the following years: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014; and by CEC sector for each of the following land uses: Municipal, Residential, Retail, Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural.</p>	<p>2010-2014 commercial, industrial, residential single and multifamily aggregated data for the City.</p> <p><b>Revised data for 2010-2014 provided to City as of 6/15/2016.</b></p>	Complete	5/11/2015
2/23/2015	Local Government	City of Westminster	<p>The City of Westminster is preparing an update to its General Plan. The City is compiling data that will be integrated into the air quality and greenhouse gas emissions inventories. To complete the emissions inventories the City is requesting aggregated natural gas use data for the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014. Requestor is also requesting data by CEC sector for each of the following land uses: Municipal, Residential, Retail, Commercial, Industrial, and Agricultural.</p>	<p>2011-2014 commercial, industrial, residential single and multifamily aggregated data for the City of Westminster.</p> <p><b>Revised data for 2011-2014 provided to City on 6/15/2016.</b></p>	Complete	5/5/2015

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3/26/2015	Others:: Consultant to SoCalGas	Navigant Consulting Inc	Requestor needs usage data for impact assessment of a pilot done with SoCalGas of the Nest Learning Thermostat.	CANCELLED: Request fulfilled outside of EDRP. Data for specific accounts provided via customer authorization (CISR form).	Cancelled	4/30/2015
3/2/2015	Local Government	City of Calimesa	2014 community wide information as previously provided in 2013 for Non- Residential, Municipal Accounts, Single Family, and Multi Family.	2014 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi-family aggregated data for the City.  <b>Revised data for 2014 provided to City on 6/15/2016.</b>	Complete	4/24/2015
3/10/2015	Local Government	City of Claremont	Requestor would like to know the total gas usage in therms for City of Claremont municipal accounts only in the calendar year 2014.	CANCELLED: Request fulfilled outside of EDRP; only Municipal data was requested.	Cancelled	3/27/2015
1/13/2015	Others: Consulting firm on behalf of City	Atkins	The City of Chino Hills is preparing a climate action plan. In order to complete the City's GHG emissions inventory, the City will need aggregated natural gas use within the City for residential, commercial, industrial, and agriculture. Requestor is requesting detailed reports natural gas use by CEC sector for these land uses for 2012 and 2013. Requestor is conducting a municipal inventory and will need the City's municipal account data for 2013.	2012-2013 commercial, industrial, residential single and multi-family aggregated data for the City.  <b>Revised data for 2012-2013 provided to City on 6/28/2016.</b>	Complete	3/17/2015

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3/4/2015	Local Government	City of Tulare	Requestor needs Therms used and amount billed by month for City accounts.	CANCELLED: Request fulfilled outside of EDRP - City of Tulare requested usage data for 2 specific city accounts.	Cancelled	3/10/2015
2/26/2015	Local Government	County of San Luis Obispo	Aggregated annual usage data reported on a calendar year and in therms for all facilities for which the customer is the County of San Luis Obispo.	CANCELLED: Fulfilled outside of EDRP, only Municipal data requested.	Cancelled	3/6/2015
12/19/2014	Local Government	City of Goleta	To support the Phase 3 Strategic Plan Program (Task 1.1.5), the City will develop a baseline & land use alternatives to illustrate the energy savings potential of certain planning and design choices based on how energy is used by customers in Goleta.	2010-2014 Commercial, Industrial, Municipal, and Residential Single and Multi-family Aggregated Data and Community Wide Aggregated Data for the City.  <b>Revised data for 2010-2014 provided to City on 6/15/2016.</b>	Complete	2/27/2015
12/3/2014	Local Government	City of Yucaipa	The City of Yucaipa is preparing an update to its General Plan. As part of the General Plan Update, the City is compiling data that will be integrated into the City's GHG emissions inventory. In order to complete the City's GHG emissions inventory, the City will need aggregated natural gas use within the City for residential, commercial, industrial, and	2012-2013 Commercial, Industrial, and Residential Single and Multi-family Aggregated Data and Community Wide Aggregated Data for the City.  <b>Revised data for 2012-2013 provided to City on 6/15/2016.</b>	Complete	2/4/2015

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			<p>agriculture.</p> <p>Requestor requesting detailed reports natural gas use by CEC sector for these land uses in order to establish an average energy use for the City, Requestor requesting to obtain this information for the following years: 2012 and 2013.</p>			
5/18/2016	Local Government	City of Santa Barbara	Usage data including commercial residential and industrial usage for the City of Santa Barbara city limit boundary.	SoCalGas is providing 2015 commercial, industrial, residential aggregated data for the City of Santa Barbara.	In Process	