

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 25, 2016

Advice Letter: 5046

Southern California Gas Company
Attention: Sid Newsom
555 West Fifth Street, GT14D6
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

SUBJECT: Expedited Advice Letter Approval for a Capacity Contract Between Southern California Gas Company and Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC

Dear Mr. Newsom:

Advice Letter 5046 is effective as of November 4, 2016.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division



Ronald van der Leeden
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October 14, 2016

Advice No. 5046
(U 904G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Expedited Advice Letter Approval for a Capacity Contract between Southern California Gas Company and Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC

Purpose

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) respectfully requests approval of the interstate capacity contract with Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC (Transwestern) described below.

Background

Under the interstate capacity acquisition procedure approved in Decision (D.) 04-09-022, contracts for interstate capacity supported by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) and The Utility Reform Network (TURN) may be submitted for approval to the Commission by an Expedited Advice Letter. ORA has been consulted and does not oppose the capacity contract as described. TURN was unable to participate in the review process for this contract.

Description of Contract

The terms of the contract are confidential and are described in Attachment A. This filing will not create any deviations from SoCalGas' tariffs, cause withdrawal of service from any present customer, or impose any more or less restrictive conditions.

Confidentiality

Due to the confidential nature of the contract which contains market-sensitive negotiated core capacity contract terms, a Confidential Attachment A, pursuant to General Order (GO) 66-C, Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code, and D.16-08-024 is being provided to Energy Division, ORA, and to TURN under the confidentiality provisions of a non-disclosure agreement. A declaration requesting confidential treatment is being provided to the Commission concurrently with this Advice Letter, pursuant to D.16-08-024.

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 10 days of the date this Expedited Advice Letter was filed with the Commission, which is October 24, 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 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: Yvonne Mejia Peña
Regulatory Case Manager - GT14D6
555 West Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
Facsimile No.: (213) 244-3214
E-Mail: ymejia@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) pursuant to GO 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing become effective on November 4, 2016, which is 21 calendar days after the date filed.

Notice

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in R.04-01-025. Address change requests to the GO 96-B should be directed by electronic mail to 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.

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 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) #: 5046

Subject of AL: Expedited Advice Letter Approval for a Capacity Contract between Southern California Gas Company and Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC

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 #:

D.04-09-022

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: See the Declaration of Confidentiality.

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 11/4/16

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:

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

555 West Fifth Street, GT14D6

Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

snewsom@semprautilities.com

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 5046

Terms of Capacity Agreement Between Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC

This Attachment is being provided only to the Energy Division and Office of Ratepayer Advocates under the confidentiality provisions of the General Order 66-C, Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code, and D.16-08-024 and to The Utility Reform Network under a nondisclosure agreement.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**DECLARATION OF PAUL M. GOLDSTEIN
REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN DATA**

I, Paul M. Goldstein, do declare as follows:

1. I am the VP – Gas Acquisition in the Gas Acquisition department for Southern California Gas Company (“SoCalGas”). I have reviewed the Expedited Advice Letter No. 5046, seeking approval for a new Capacity Contract between SoCalGas and Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC (Transwestern) submitted concurrently herewith (the “AL”). In addition, I am personally familiar with the facts and representations in this Declaration and, if called upon to testify, I could and would testify to the following based upon my personal knowledge and/or belief.

2. I hereby provide this Declaration in accordance with Decision (“D.16-08-024”) to demonstrate that the confidential information (“Protected Information”) provided in the Presentation submitted concurrently herewith and as described in specificity in Attachment A, within the scope of data protected as confidential under applicable statutory provisions including, but not limited to, Public Utilities (“PUC”) Code § 583, Govt. Code §§6254(k), 6254.7(d), CA Civil Code §3426 et seq. and/or General Order (“GO”) 66-C.

3. In accordance with the legal authority described herein, the Protected Information should be protected from public disclosure.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Executed this 13th day of October, 2016, at Los Angeles, California.



Paul M. Goldstein
VP – Gas Acquisition

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

ATTACHMENT A

**SoCalGas Request for Confidentiality
on the following information provided in AL 5046**

Location/Title of Protected Information	Legal Justification for Withholding	Basis for Confidentiality Treatment
Attachment A to the AL	<p>GO 66-C Sections 2.2(b) & 2.8 (“Information obtained in confidence from other than a business regulated by this Commission where the disclosure would be against the public interest.”)</p> <p>Gov’t Code §§6254(k), 6254.7 (d), Evidence Code 1060, Civil Code §3426 et seq.</p> <p><i>See, e.g.</i>, D.09-08-018, 2011 WL 660568 (2011) (agreeing that confidential prices and contract terms specifically negotiated with a program vendor is proprietary and commercially sensitive and should remain confidential)</p>	<p>Market-sensitive negotiated core capacity contract terms, if disclosed, would put SoCalGas and the pipeline at a competitive disadvantage because it would give other contractors, competitors, or market participants insight into SoCalGas’ and the contractor’s negotiating positions.</p> <p>The disclosure of this information would be against the public interest because the release of this information could result in higher transportation costs to core ratepayers.</p> <p>SoCalGas derives economic value from this information being confidential, and it is subject to efforts by SoCalGas to maintain its confidentiality.</p>