

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Advice Letter 5186**

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Southern California Gas  
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Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

**Subject: Emergency Local Service Zone Curtailment Effective  
May 14, 2017 through September 7, 2017**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5186 is effective as of September 13, 2017.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



**Ronald van der Leeden**  
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September 13, 2017

Advice No. 5186  
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Emergency Local Service Zone Curtailment Effective May 14, 2017 through September 7, 2017**

**Purpose**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits this Advice Letter to notify the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and affected parties of a curtailment event in its service territory.<sup>1</sup>

**Background**

SoCalGas Rule No. 23, Section J, provides the following:

The Utility shall submit an Advice Letter to the Commission's Energy Division within five business days from the conclusion of a non-maintenance-related 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.

This Advice filing is being made consistent with that requirement.

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<sup>1</sup> SoCalGas is submitting this Advice Letter pursuant to Decision (D.) 16-07-008.

**Information****A. Facts Underlying and Reasons for the Curtailment**

SoCalGas initiated an emergency curtailment of service in the Tehachapi area that was issued on May 14, 2017. The emergency curtailment of service ended at 1:00 p.m. PCT on Wednesday, September 6, 2017. The curtailment was called because Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) experienced a pressure excursion in their system at the Monolith Regulator Station, which feeds SoCalGas' high pressure distribution system. Because of this excursion, PG&E isolated the station, reducing natural gas supply to the area. Because this was the second pressure excursion experienced at the Monolith Regulator Stations, PG&E isolated the station while performing a root cause analysis. After an assessment was performed, PG&E redesigned and rebuilt the Monolith Regulator Station. In order to avoid interruption to core customers, SoCalGas initiated a curtailment of noncore customers while this analysis and work was being completed.

The affected customers were noncore customers located in a sub-zonal area of the Valley Local Service Zone, which is defined in SoCalGas' tariff maps, Boundary Index Map of Local Service Zones and Territorial Boundary Lines of Local Service Zones. The sub-zonal area includes the city of Tehachapi. A list of the affected customers is provided in Attachment A.

**B. Compliance with SoCalGas' Tariffs**

This curtailment was instituted in accordance with Section E of Rule No. 23, Curtailment Due to Emergency Conditions. Each affected noncore customer was provided a Maximum Allowed Usage during the length of the curtailment.

**C. Efforts by SoCalGas to Minimize or Alleviate the Curtailment**

SoCalGas notified the affected customers of the curtailment of service through their Account Manager and via our Envoy electronic bulletin board. Notices were posted on Envoy on May 14, 2017, June 13, 2017 and September 7, 2017.<sup>2</sup>

**Confidentiality**

Due to the confidential nature of the information in Attachment A, a declaration requesting confidential treatment is included. The List of the Affected Customers in Attachment A is only being provided to Energy Division under the confidentiality provisions of General Order (GO) 66-C, Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code, and D.16-08-024.

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<sup>2</sup><https://scgenvoy.sempa.com/index.html#nav=/Public/ViewExternalEbb.getMessageLedger%3FfolderId%3D1%26rand%3D36>

**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 October 3, 2017. 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: Ray B. Ortiz  
Tariff Manager - GT14D6  
555 West Fifth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
Facsimile No.: (213) 244-4957  
E-Mail: [ROrtiz@semprautilities.com](mailto:ROrtiz@semprautilities.com)

**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 GO 96-B. It is in compliance with D.16-07-008. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that it be made effective on September 13, 2017, which is 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 lists for A.14-12-017, A.15-07-014, and A.15-06-020. Address change requests to the GO 96-B should be directed by electronic mail to [tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto:tariffs@socalgas.com) or call 213-244-2837. 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: Ray B. Ortiz

Phone #: (213) 244-3837

E-mail: [ROrtiz@semprautilities.com](mailto:ROrtiz@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) #: 5186

Subject of AL: Emergency Local Service Zone Curtailment Effective May 14, 2017 through September 7, 2017

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Curtailment

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other

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

D.16-07-008

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: See Declaration of Confidentiality.

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Tier Designation:  1  2  3

Requested effective date: 9/13/17

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: 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  
[EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

Southern California Gas Company  
Attention: Ray B. Ortiz  
555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, GT14D6  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
[ROrtiz@semprautilities.com](mailto:ROrtiz@semprautilities.com)  
[Tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto:Tariffs@socalgas.com)

<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 5186**

**List of Affected Customers**

**Confidential and Protected Materials Pursuant to Public Utilities Code  
Section 583, General Order 66-C, and D.16-08-024**

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

**DECLARATION OF RASHA PRINCE  
REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN DATA**

I, Rasha Prince, declare as follows:

1. I am Director, Commercial/Industrial Services, for Southern California Gas Company (“SoCalGas”). I have reviewed the September 13, 2017 Advice No. 5186, submitted concurrently herewith. 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 provide this Declaration in accordance with Decision 16-08-024 to demonstrate that the following confidential information (“Protected Information”), highlighted in grey in Attachment A to Advice No. 5186 submitted concurrently herewith, falls within the scope of data protected as confidential under applicable statutory provisions:

<b>Location of Data</b>	<b>Description of Data</b>	<b>Applicable Confidentiality Provisions</b>	<b>Basis for Confidentiality</b>
Advice No. 5186 - Attachment A	Customer name and location	GO 66-C Section 2.2(b)  Gov’t Code § 6254(k), 6254.7(d); Evid. Code § 1060; Civil Code §3426 <i>et seq.</i>  Gov’t Code § 6255	Data is market sensitive information that, if revealed, would place customers at an unfair business disadvantage because it provides market sensitive information regarding customer gas usage.

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

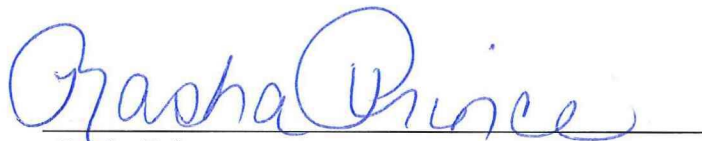


**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

4. I have been delegated authority to sign this declaration by Lisa M. Alexander,  
Vice President, Customer Solutions and Communications.

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.

Executed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, at Los Angeles, California.



Rasha Prince  
Director, Commercial/Industrial Services