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Advice No. 5333
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: System-wide Curtailment Effective July 25, 2018

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.¹

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. The Utility shall submit an Advice Letter to the Commission's Energy Division within five business days from the end of each calendar quarter providing the same information for all maintenance-related curtailments over the reporting period.

This Advice submittal is being made consistent with that requirement.

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

Information

A. Facts Underlying and Reasons for the Curtailment

High temperatures across the SoCalGas service territory along with associated increases in demand for natural gas-fired electric generation led SoCalGas to issue a system-wide curtailment watch effective 7:00 a.m. Monday, July 23, 2018, continuing until further notice. On July 25, 2018, extreme temperatures were forecasted across the region, which significantly increased forecasted demand for natural gas-fired electric generation, with system peak hourly demand expected to impair system reliability. SoCalGas requested a voluntary curtailment of electric generation customers through coordination with the electric Balancing Authorities, pursuant to the Aliso Canyon Withdrawal Protocol (Protocol), dated November 2, 2017. Coordination with the Balancing Authorities prior to and during a curtailment is also consistent with SoCalGas' Rule No. 23. SoCalGas posted to its Electronic Bulletin Board, ENVOY® (Envoy) the notice of a system-wide curtailment of service for electric generation customers effective at 3:00 p.m. on July 25.

Pursuant to the Protocol, should curtailments to electric generation customers create a risk to electric load that is critical to health and safety, the Balancing Authorities can decline any voluntary reductions requested, and withdrawals from Aliso Canyon may be made. Mandatory curtailments of electric generation customers beyond any voluntary commitments from the Balancing Authorities, or curtailments to any other noncore customers, would not occur without first fully utilizing Aliso Canyon's withdrawal capabilities, unless dictated by real-time system conditions in order to preserve service to higher-priority customers.

The Balancing Authorities advised SoCalGas that they were unable to sufficiently reduce demand without risking electric system reliability; however, demand for natural gas-fired electric generation was actually reduced in the end as requested because the high temperatures that were forecasted across the region did not materialize to the extent projected. As a result of these relatively cooler temperatures, SoCalGas was able to maintain system reliability through use of flowing supply, system inventory, and non-Aliso Canyon storage fields. SoCalGas subsequently lifted the curtailment effective 10:00 p.m. July 25, 2018, though left a system-wide curtailment watch in effect overnight. The curtailment watch ended at 9:00 a.m. July 26, 2018, as temperatures moderated and demand for natural gas reduced.

Because the curtailment was implemented as a request to voluntarily curtail electric generation customers through coordination with the balancing authorities, a list of customers affected by the system-wide curtailment is not available.

B. Compliance with SoCalGas' Tariffs

As described above, the curtailment was initiated in coordination with the Aliso Canyon Withdrawal Protocol, dated November 2, 2017. Coordination with the Balancing Authorities prior to and during a curtailment is also consistent with SoCalGas' Rule No. 23, Section C.1.

C. Efforts by SoCalGas to Notify Affected Customers

SoCalGas requested a voluntary curtailment of electric generation customers through coordination with the electric Balancing Authorities. SoCalGas notified customers of system conditions via Envoy as well as through Account Managers. Notices were posted on Envoy on July 20, 2018, July 22, 2018, July 25, 2018, and July 26, 2018.²

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 August 21, 2018. 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). 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

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 D.16-07-008. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that it be made effective on August 1, 2018, which is the date submitted.

²<https://scgenvoy.sempra.com/#nav=/Public/ViewExternalEbb.getMessageLedger%3FfolderId%3D1%26rand%3D80>

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.15-07-014 and A.15-06-020. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed by e-mail to 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 e-mail at Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov.

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Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER SUBMITTAL 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

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Submitted/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 5333

Subject of AL: System-wide Curtailment Effective July 25, 2018

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Curtailment

AL type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

If AL submitted 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 AL¹: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: N/A

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 8/1/18

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 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 submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.