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**Advice Letter 5371**

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**SUBJECT: Establishment of New Memorandum Account and Proposed Allocation of Data Gathering Plan Budget Pursuant to Decision (D.) 18-08-019**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5371 is effective as of November 21, 2018.

Sincerely,

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

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**Subject: Establishment of New Memorandum Account and Proposed Allocation of Data Gathering Plan Budget Pursuant to Decision (D.) 18-08-019**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

### **Purpose**

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 18-08-019 Ordering Paragraph (OP) 6 and 14, this submittal establishes the San Joaquin Valley Data Gathering Plan Memorandum Account (SJVDGPMA) and proposes an allocation of the Data Gathering Plan Budget.

### **Background**

On August 31, 2018, the Commission issued D.18-08-019 that approved a data gathering plan for the San Joaquin Valley Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), adopted a process for updating the list of San Joaquin Valley DACs and added nine communities to this list. OP 14 of D.18-08-019 directed the utilities to submit a Tier 2 Advice Letter within 60 days of the effective date of the decision (effective date of D.18-08-019 was August 23, 2018) to establish a new memorandum account to record and recover costs associated with the San Joaquin Valley Data Gathering Plan (the Plan) including utilities' administrative costs, and to propose a recommended approach for tracking, recording and recovering the costs associated with the Plan. Additionally, pursuant to OP 6 of D.18-08-019, utilities were directed to submit within 60 days of the effective date of the decision, as part of a Tier 2 or Tier 3 Advice Letter, a proposed

allocation to each Utility of the Plan budget consistent with the direction provided in the decision.

### **Establishment of the SJVDGPMA**

SoCalGas proposes to establish the SJVDGPMA. The purpose of this account is to record and recover the costs associated with the Plan which include, but are not limited to, the administrative costs incurred to develop, support and report on the Plan, contractor or consultant-related costs to administer and implement the Plan, and any other reasonable costs to implement the Plan. Recovery of costs will be requested in connection with SoCalGas' annual Public Purpose Program surcharge rate update which is submitted in October for rates effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

### **Utility Data Gathering Plan Budget Proposed Allocation**

Pursuant to OP 6, the utilities established their respective proposed allocations of the Plan budget. The utility allocation was derived using the following methodology:

- (1) Fixed costs for the study were divided evenly between Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and SoCalGas.
- (2) Data collection tasks were split based on the percentage of communities in each utility territory. The following allocation was agreed upon among the utilities:  
SoCalGas - 32%, PG&E - 43%, and SCE - 25%.

### **Protests**

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 November 11, 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](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:

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### **Effective Date**

In accordance with OP 14 of D.18-08-019, this submittal is classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) and subject to Energy Division disposition. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal be approved on November 21, 2018, which is 30 calendar days from the date submitted.

### **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.15-03-010. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via e-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 via e-mail at [Process\\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov).

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Director - Regulatory Affairs

Attachments



# ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

## ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.:

Utility type:

ELC       GAS       WATER  
 PLC       HEAT

Contact Person:

Phone #:  
E-mail:  
E-mail Disposition Notice to:

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric      GAS = Gas      WATER = Water  
PLC = Pipeline      HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #:

Tier Designation:

Subject of AL:

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL Type:  Monthly     Quarterly     Annual     One-Time     Other:

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

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL:

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

Confidential treatment requested?  Yes     No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required?  Yes     No

Requested effective date:

No. of tariff sheets:

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%):

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

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:

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

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

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

**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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San Francisco, CA 94102  
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ATTACHMENT A  
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DESCRIPTION AND LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS

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B. LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS (Continued)

Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan – Phase 2 Memorandum Account (PSEP-P2MA)  
Officer Compensation Memorandum Account (OCMA)  
Tax Memorandum Account (TMA)  
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System Operator Gas Account (SOGA)  
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Emergency Customer Protections Memorandum Account (ECPMA)  
San Joaquin Valley Data Gathering Plan Memorandum Account (SJVDGPMA)

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS  
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY DATA GATHERING PLAN  
MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (SJVDGPMA)

Sheet 1

1. Purpose

The SJVDGPMA is an interest-bearing account recorded on SoCalGas' financial statements. Pursuant to Decision (D.) 18-08-019, "Decision Approving the Data Gathering Plan in San Joaquin Valley Disadvantaged Communities, Adopting Process for Updating the List of San Joaquin Valley Disadvantaged Communities, and Adding Nine Communities to the List," the SJVDGPMA will record the costs associated with the Data Gathering Plan (Plan). Costs include, but are not limited to,

- the administrative costs incurred to develop, support and report on the Plan;
- contractor or consultant-related costs to administer and implement the Plan; and
- any other reasonable costs to implement the Plan.

2. Applicability

The SJVDGPMA shall apply to gas customers except those excluded by the Commission.

3. Rates

See Disposition Section.

4. Accounting Procedures

SoCalGas maintains this account by making monthly entries, net of applicable FF&U, as follows:

- a) A debit entry to record the incremental O&M administrative costs associated with the implementation of the Plan;
- b) A debit entry to record the incremental, capital-related administrative costs (depreciation, return, and income taxes) associated with the implementation of the Plan;
- c) A credit entry equal to the recorded gas surcharge billed for the month, net of actual bad debt write-offs;
- d) A debit entry equal to the gas surcharge funds, net of any refunds to exempt customers, remitted to the State Board of Equalization (BOE) pursuant to Assembly Bill 1002;

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