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Advice Letter 5383

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SUBJECT: Rule No. 39, Access to the SoCalGas Pipeline System, Interconnection Agreements from Deviation

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5383 is withdrawn as requested per your letter dated May 7, 2019.

Sincerely,

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May 7, 2019

Mr. Edward F. Randolph Director, Energy Division California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

<u>Subject</u>: Withdrawal of SoCalGas Advice No. (AL) 5383 - Rule No. 39, Access to the SoCalGas Pipeline System, Interconnection Agreements Form Deviation

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby withdraws AL 5383, submitted on November 19, 2018. The purpose of AL 5383 was to request approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) for a deviation from Rule No. 39 to permit Lakeside Pipeline LLC (Lakeside) to use California Producer forms instead of the base forms and revise its tariff.

Since AL 5383 was submitted, SoCalGas AL 5432, Establishment of Contracts with the Selected Dairy Biomethane Pilot Projects, Pursuant to Decision (D.) 17-12-004, included an executed agreement with Lakeside.¹

AL 5432 effectively renders the request for a deviation from Rule No. 39 for Lakeside in AL 5383 moot. Therefore, pursuant to General Order 96-B, General Rule 5.3, SoCalGas hereby withdraws AL 5383.

¹ AL 5432 was submitted on March 5, 2019, approved by the Commission on April 30, 2019, and effective April 4, 2019.

Sincerely,

Ronald van der Leeden Director, Regulatory Affairs

cc: Energy Division Tariff Unit All recipients of AL 5383



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November 19, 2018

Advice No. 5383 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Rule No. 39, Access to the SoCalGas Pipeline System, Interconnection Agreements Form Deviation

<u>Purpose</u>

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) a request to deviate from Rule No. 39, Access to the SoCalGas Pipeline System, requirements to permit Lakeside Pipeline LLC ("Lakeside") to use the California Producer Interconnection Agreement (CPIA), California Producer Operational Balancing Agreement (CPOBA), California Producer Interconnect Collectible System Upgrade Agreement (CPICUSA), and the California Producer Agreement to Transfer Ownership (CPATO) (the CPIA, CPOBA, CPICUSA, and CPATO are collectively referred to herein as "CP Forms") instead of the Interconnect Collectible System Upgrade Agreement (ICSUA) (the IA, OBA and ICSUA are referred to herein as "Base Forms") and revise its tariff, List of Contracts and Deviations, as shown on Attachment A.

Background

SoCalGas Rule No. 39 specifies that SoCalGas and the interconnector must execute the Base Forms unless the interconnector is a California Producer. If the interconnector is a California Producer, then SoCalGas and the interconnector must execute the CP Forms.

The Base Forms were established pursuant to Decision (D.) 06-09-039 in the Gas Market Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.) 04-01-025. The CP Forms were established in D.07-08-029 as a result of Application (A.) 04-08-018, SoCalGas Application to Establish Regulatory Authority Over the Access for Natural Gas Provided by California Gas Producers. In implementing D.07-08-029, SoCalGas established a definition for a California Producer based on the gas deliveries associated with natural gas from oil and/or gas wells, which is contained in SoCalGas Tariff Rule No. 1.¹ Biomethane

¹ SoCalGas Rule No. 1 defines a California Producer as "An entity which produces natural gas in association with crude oil (associated natural gas) or non-associated natural gas from oil

interconnections were not contemplated as part of D.06-09-039 or D.07-08-029.

Since the issuance of D.06-09-039 and D.07-08-029, the State of California has and continues to provide policy support for developing the renewable gas market and has directed the Commission and other state agencies to implement policies that promote renewable gas market development. For example, Assembly Bill (AB) 1900 (Gatto, 2012) and the resulting Section 399.24 of the Public Utilities Code require the Commission to adopt policies and programs that promote the in-state production and distribution of biomethane. AB 2313 (Williams, 2016) and the resulting Section 784.2 of the Public Utilities Code require the Commission to consider options to further the goals of Section 399.24, including enabling utility ratebased investment in infrastructure to interconnect biomethane facilities with the natural gas pipeline. Additionally, Senate Bill (SB) 1383 (Lara, 2016) provides for broad policy support to enable the reduction of short lived climate pollutant (SLCP) emissions, including dairysourced methane emissions, and specifically identifies the need to demonstrate the viability of pipeline-injected renewable gas as a strategy to meet its SLCP emission reduction goals. Lastly, SB 1440 requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in consultation with the State Air Resources Board (ARB), "...to consider adopting specific biomethane procurement targets or goals for each gas corporation." Biomethane procurement goals will provide market stability, increase production, drive down costs over time and in time develop new gasification and other renewable gas technologies.

Lakeside has stated that its dairy based biogas production is similar to California Producer production and that the CP Forms are more appropriate for their biogas. As a result, Lakeside has requested it be allowed to use the CP Forms.²

The CPUC similarly approved SoCalGas Advice No. 5217, Rule No. 39, Access to the SoCalGas Pipeline System, Interconnection Agreements Form Deviation on December 14, 2017 for Calgren Dairy Fuels, LLC.³

Proposed Revisions

SoCalGas requests Commission approval to allow SoCalGas and Lakeside to enter into the CP Forms in lieu of the Base Forms. Lakeside will be included in SoCalGas' tariff, List of Contracts and Deviations, as shown on Attachment A.

This submittal will not increase any rate or charge or cause the withdrawal of service.

and/or gas wells and is interconnected with the Utility's pipeline system."

² Both D.06-09-039 and D.07-08-029 envisioned deviations from the form agreements via an advice letter. *See* D.06-09-039 at p. 88 ("These standardized agreements should be considered the standard template, with deviations obtained through the advice letter process."). *See also* D.07-08-029 at p. 81, Conclusion of Law 4 ("SoCalGas and the producers should have the flexibility to negotiate mutually acceptable deviations to the IA and OBA, as adopted in this decision, through the filing on an advice letter.") and p. 83. Ordering Paragraph 3.a ("SoCalGas and the California producers may negotiate mutually acceptable deviations to the adopted Interconnection Agreement and Operational Balancing Agreement through the filing on an advice letter.").

³ https://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/tariffs/tm2/pdf/5217.pdf

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 protests must be made in writing and received within 20 days of the date of this Advice Letter, which is December 9, 2018. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

CPUC Energy Division Attn: 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 (<u>EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</u>). A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <u>and</u> 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: <u>ROrtiz@semprautilities.com</u>

Effective Date

SoCalGas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as a Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be approved on December 19, 2018, which is 30 calendar days after the date submitted.

<u>Notice</u>

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, Gas Market Rulemaking. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via 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 via e-mail at Process Office@cpuc.ca.gov.

Ronald van der Leeden Director - Regulatory Affairs



California Public Utilities Commission

ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UT	ILITY (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 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water	(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)
Advice Letter (AL) #:	Tier Designation:
Subject of AL:	
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual If AL submitted in compliance with a Commissi	al One-Time Other: on order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? I	f so, identify the prior AL:
Summarize differences between the AL and th	e prior withdrawn or rejected AL:
Confidential treatment requested? Yes	No
	nation: vailable to appropriate parties who execute a ontact information to request nondisclosure agreement/
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 attach (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricu	nment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes ultural, lighting).
Tariff schedules affected:	
Service affected and changes proposed ^{1:}	
Pending advice letters that revise the same tar	iff sheets:

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:

CPUC, Energy Division Attention: Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 Email: <u>EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</u>	Name: Title: Utility Name: Address: City: State: Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx: Email:
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ATTACHMENT A Advice No. 5383

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LIST OF CONTRACTS AND DEVIATIONS

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US Government Basic Ordering Agreement Cont #N62473- 13-G-1402	Residential/ Commercial/ Industrial	8-7-13	3 years (Two 1-year extensions may be granted)	AL 4633 G.O. 96-B Sec. 8.2.3	-	Basic Ordering Agreement
US Government (GSA) Cont# GS-00P-14-]	General BSD-1054	3-1-14	10 years	AL 4634 G.O. 96-B Sec. 8.2.3	-	Areawide Public Utility Contract
California High-Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA	Commercial	7-1-14	Indefinite	AL 4946 G.O. 96-B Sec. 8.2.3	-	Master Agreement to accommodate the California High-Speed Rail Project
CalGren Dairy Fuels, LLC (Calgren)	Commercial	-	Indefinite	AL 5217 12-13-17	-	Rule No. 39 deviation to allow the use of the California Producer Agreement Forms
CalGren Dairy Fuels, LLC (Calgren)	Commercial	-	Indefinite	AL 5263 03-30-18	-	Rule No. 39 deviation to allow the use of the California Producer Agreement Forms
Lakeside Pipeline, LLC (Lakeside)	Interconnector	-	Indefinite	AL 5383 12-19-18	-	Rule No. 39 deviation to allow the use of the California Producer Agreement Forms

ISSUED BY Dan Skopec Vice President Regulatory Affairs (TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC) SUBMITTED Nov 19, 2018 EFFECTIVE RESOLUTION NO.

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