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February 8, 2019

**Advice Letter 5411** 

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#### SUBJECT: Emergency Local Service Zone Curtailment Effective December 28, 2018 through December 29, 2018.

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5411 is effective as of January 7, 2019.

Sincerely,

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January 7, 2019

Advice No. 5411 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

## <u>Subject</u>: Emergency Local Service Zone Curtailment Effective December 28, 2018 through December 29, 2018

#### Purpose

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

#### **Background**

This submittal is being made consistent with that requirement set forth in SoCalGas Rule No. 23, Section J, which provides that:

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SoCalGas submits this Advice Letter pursuant to Decision (D.) 16-07-008.

#### **Information**

#### A. Facts Underlying and Reasons for the Curtailment

While preparing to install a new customer service line in the City of Long Beach, SoCalGas discovered a dent with a stress riser on the adjacent transmission pipeline and therefore implemented a temporary pressure reduction. SoCalGas initiated an emergency local service zone curtailment in the City of Long Beach beginning at 11:00 a.m. on December 28, 2018. SoCalGas repaired the pipeline and the emergency curtailment of service was ended at 11:00 a.m. on December 29, 2018.

The customers affected by the curtailment were noncore customers located in the City of Long Beach. A list of the affected customers is provided in Attachment A (Confidential).

#### B. Compliance with SoCalGas' Tariffs

This emergency local service zone curtailment was instituted in accordance with Section E of SoCalGas Rule No. 30, Interruption of Service and Rule No. 23, Section E, Curtailment Due to Emergency Conditions. The affected noncore customers were 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 Managers and via its Electronic Bulletin Board, ENVOY®. Notices were posted on ENVOY® on December 28, 2018 and December 30, 2018.<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-D, Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code, and D.17-09-023.

#### 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 January 27, 2019. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup><u>https://scgenvoy.sempra.com/index.html#nav=/Public/ViewExternalEbb.getMessageLedger%3Ffol</u> <u>derId%3D1%26rand%3D36.</u>

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 (<u>EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</u>). A copy of the protest shall 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 asserts 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 being submitted in compliance with D.16-07-008. Accordingly, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective January 7, 2019, which is 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 lists for A.15-06-020 and A.18-07-024. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via e-mail to <u>tariffs@socalgas.com</u> 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 <u>Process Office@cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

Ronald van der Leeden Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments



# California Public Utilities Commission

## 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? I	f 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:			

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. 5411

List of Affected Customers

Confidential and Protected Materials Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 583, General Order 66-D, and D.17-09-023

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

#### DECLARATION OF RASHA PRINCE REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN DATA/DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO D.17-09-023

I, Rasha Price, do declare as follows:

1. I am Director, Commercial/Industrial Services, for Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas"). I have been delegated authority to sign this declaration by Sharon L. Tomkins, Vice President, Customer Solutions & Strategy. I have reviewed the confidential information included within Attachment A to Advice No. 5411 submitted concurrently herewith (AL 5411 Attachment A). I am personally familiar with the facts in this Declaration and, if called upon to testify, I could and would testify to the following based upon my personal knowledge and/or information and belief.

2. I hereby provide this Declaration in accordance with Decision ("D.") 17-09-023 and General Order ("GO") 66-D to demonstrate that the confidential information ("Protected Information") provided in the AL 5411 Attachment A is within the scope of data protected as confidential under applicable law.

3. In accordance with the narrative justification described in Attachment A, the Protected Information should be protected from public disclosure.

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### ATTACHMENT A

### SoCalGas Request for Confidentiality on the following information in its response to AL 5411 Attachment A

Location of Protected Information	Legal Citations	Narrative Justification
Items Highlighted in grey in AL 5411 Attachment A	<ul> <li>CPRA Exemption, Gov't Code § 6254(k) ("Records, the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law")</li> <li>Civil Code § 1798.80 et seq. (process for protecting customer records)</li> <li>Civil Code § 1798.98 (protecting energy usage data)</li> </ul>	When curtailments are called, information regarding affected customers should be limited to a geographical area. Information regarding an individual customer's rate or gas reductions could influence competition in the gas market, signal customers about product continuity, and violate a customer's privacy.
	<ul> <li>Evid. Code § 1060</li> <li>Civil Code § 3426 et seq.</li> <li>CPRA Exemption, Gov't Code § 6254.7(d)</li> <li>CPRA Exemption, Gov't Code § 6255(a) (Balancing Test)</li> </ul>	Data is market-sensitive information that, if revealed, would place customers at an unfair business disadvantage because it provides market sensitive information regarding customer usage data.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019, at Los Angeles.

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Rasha Prince Director, Commercial/Industrial Services