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**Advice Letter 5553-G**

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**SUBJECT: Emergency Local Service Zone Curtailment Effective on November 26, 2019**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5553-G is effective as of December 5, 2019.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/  
Director, Energy Division



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December 5, 2019

Advice No. 5553  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Emergency Local Service Zone Curtailment Effective on November 26, 2019**

### **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 submittal 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 localized curtailment of service in the North Valley Local Service Zone beginning at 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2019. The emergency curtailment of service ended at 11:30 p.m. on November 26, 2019. The curtailment was issued in order to facilitate the repair of a natural gas pipeline.

The curtailed customers were located in the Avenal area of the North 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. A list of the affected customers is provided in confidential Attachment A.

**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 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 Electronic Bulletin Board, ENVOY®. Notices were posted on ENVOY® on November 21, 2019 and November 27, 2019.<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 December 25, 2019. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

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

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@socalgas.com](mailto:ROrtiz@socalgas.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 December 5, 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 [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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Ronald van der Leeden  
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:**

CPUC, Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Email: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

Name:  
Title:  
Utility Name:  
Address:  
City: State:  
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
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**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 5553**

**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 Jeffery L. Walker, Vice President, Customer Solutions & Strategy. I have reviewed the confidential information included within Attachment A to Advice No. 5553 submitted concurrently herewith (AL 5553 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 5553 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.



# ATTACHMENT A

## SoCalGas Request for Confidentiality on the following information in its response to AL 5553 Attachment A

Location of Protected Information	Legal Citations	Narrative Justification
<p>Items Highlighted in grey in AL 5553 Attachment A</p>	<p>CPR A Exemption, Gov't Code § 6254(k) ("Records, the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to federal or state law")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Code § 1798.80 <i>et seq.</i> (process for protecting customer records)</li> <li>• Civil Code § 1798.98 (protecting energy usage data)</li> <li>• Evid. Code § 1060</li> <li>• Civil Code § 3426 <i>et seq.</i></li> </ul> <p>CPR A Exemption, Gov't Code § 6254.7(d)</p> <p>CPR A Exemption, Gov't Code § 6255(a) (Balancing Test)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, at Los Angeles.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rasha Prince". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Rasha Prince  
Director, Commercial/Industrial  
Services