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**Advice Letter 5604-G-B
and 5604-G-C**

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SUBJECT: SoCalGas Advice No. 5604 - Implementation of Emergency Disaster Relief Program in SoCalGas' Service Territory in Response to the COVID-19 Incident to Provide Residential customer protections pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 1 of Decision D.19-17-015.

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5604-G-B and 5604-G-C is effective as of March 4, 2020

Sincerely,

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

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Advice No. 5604-C
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Partial Supplement - Implementation of Emergency Customer Protections to Support California Customers During the COVID-19 Pandemic Pursuant to Resolution M-4842

Purpose

This partial supplemental Advice Letter (AL) is submitted to modify the COVID-19 Pandemic Protections Memorandum Account (CPPMA) that was included for approval in AL 5604-B.

Background

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Resolution (Res.) M-4842, Emergency Authorization and Order Directing Utilities to Implement Emergency Customer Protections to Support California Customers During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) submitted AL 5604-B on May 22, 2020 to notify the Commission of SoCalGas's implementation of the applicable emergency customer protections for core customers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As stated therein, SoCalGas understands Res. M-4842's protections for "residential and small business customers"¹ to generally mean "core customers," as defined in SoCalGas's tariffs.² Accordingly, within AL 5604-B, SoCalGas's references to "eligible

¹ Res. M-4842 at 5-6 (listing 12 specific mandated actions) and Ordering Paragraph (OP) 5, which states: "The Emergency Customer Protections apply to residential and small business customers for up to one year from the date of this Resolution, with the option to extend."

² In Decision (D.) 19-07-015, small businesses are "defined in accordance to the utilities definition of 'small business' in their rules and tariffs." D.19-07-015 at 55, fn. 146. Accordingly, for the purposes of implementing these customer protections, small business customers include all customers taking service on a non-residential core rate schedule with an annual consumption of 10,000 therms of gas or less. See, e.g., SoCalGas' Rule No. 01 ("Small Nonresidential

core” customers means residential customers and non-residential core customers taking service on a non-residential core rate schedule with an annual consumption of 10,000 therms of gas or less.³

SoCalGas’s proposed CPPMA, included in Attachment A to AL 5604-B, inadvertently stated the required emergency customer protection measures mandated by D.19-07-015 apply to “all” core customers and that SoCalGas will also implement associated discretionary protections for “all” core customers.

This supplemental AL is submitted to revise the CPPMA to clarify that the protections provided pursuant to Res. M-4842 apply to small business customers consistent with SoCalGas’ tariffs – namely those customers taking service on a non-residential core rate schedule with an annual consumption of 10,000 therms of gas or less.

This AL only partially supplements AL 5604-B to provide a revised CPPMA and does not replace AL 5604-B in its entirety.

Revisions to CPPMA

SoCalGas includes in Attachment A the revised Sheet 1 of the CPPMA, which modifies the Purpose section, as follows (redline edits to the CPPMA included in AL 5604-B):

Pursuant to Resolution M-4842, the required emergency customer protection measures mandated by D.19-07-015 apply to all residential customers and non-residential core customers with an annual consumption of 10,000 therms of gas or less (eligible core customers). SoCalGas will also implement associated discretionary protections for all eligible core customers.

Protest

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, General Rule 7.5.1 and Res. M-4842, SoCalGas requests that the Commission maintain the original protest period designated in AL 5604-A and waive the protest period for this supplemental submittal.

Service”), Rule No. 23, and Rate Schedule Nos. G-10, G-AC, G-EN, G-NGV, GT-NC, and GT-TLS. Additionally, in D.10-10-032, a small business customer is defined as a non-residential customer with an annual consumption of 10,000 therms of gas or less. See D.10-10-032 at 1, fn. 1.

³ SoCalGas will apply these protections to all customers currently eligible for the protections and will add any customers that become eligible through April 16, 2021, based on their then-current prior 12 months usage.

CPUC Energy Division
Attn: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

A copy of the protest should also be sent via email to the attention of the Energy Division Tariff Unit (EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shelter at home orders, SoCalGas is currently unable to receive protests or comments to this AL via U.S. mail or fax. Please submit protests or comments to this AL via e-mail to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or e-mailed to the Commission.

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Effective Date

SoCalGas asserts this AL is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B. It is submitted in accordance with OP 2 of Res. M-4842. Accordingly, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this AL be approved as soon as practicable and made effective as of March 4, 2020, which is the start of the Governor's state of emergency declaration.

Notice

A copy of this AL is being sent to SoCalGas's GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in R.18-03-011. 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.

/s/ Ronald van der Leeden

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 proposed¹:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

¹Discuss 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

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Title:
Utility Name:
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ATTACHMENT A
Advice No. 5604-C

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT
COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROTECTIONS MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (CPPMA)

Sheet 1

1. Purpose

The CPPMA is an interest-bearing memorandum account that is recorded on the Utility's financial statements. Pursuant to Resolution M-4842, dated April 16, 2020, the purpose of the CPPMA is to record the incremental costs and waived charges incurred by SoCalGas associated with providing the emergency customer protection measures adopted in Decision 19-07-015 and otherwise offered in SoCalGas' discretion. The applicable customer protections offered in response to Resolution M-4842 are described in SoCalGas' Advice Letter 5604-B, submitted on May 22, 2020.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Pursuant to Resolution M-4842, the required emergency customer protection measures mandated by D.19-07-015 apply to all residential customers and non-residential core customers with an annual consumption of 10,000 therms of gas or less (eligible core customers). SoCalGas will also implement associated discretionary protections for all eligible core customers. For those protections the Utility shall:

- a. Maintain customer protections effective March 4, 2020, for up to one year after the date of Resolution M-4842, with an option to extend, per Ordering Paragraph 5.
- b. Record costs in the CPPMA effective March 4, 2020.

2. Applicability

The CPPMA shall apply to all customers except those specifically excluded by the Commission.

3. Rates

The CPPMA shall be applied to rates as described in Section 5 below.

4. Accounting Procedures

SoCalGas shall maintain the CPPMA by recording entries at the end of each month as follows, net of FF&U, where applicable:

- a. A debit entry equal to the actual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs and capital-related costs (i.e., depreciation, taxes and return) associated with the COVID-19 consumer protections;
- b. A debit entry equal to waived charges;
- c. A debit entry for incremental uncollectible expense attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic consumer protections;

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