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Southern California Gas Company
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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

Subject: Your Advice Letter Filing

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- Advice Letter Number
- Name of Filer
- CPUC Corporate ID number of Filer
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Energy Division's Tariff Unit by e-mail to
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April 14, 2020

Advice No. 5618
(U 904G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Expedited Advice Letter Approval for Capacity Contracts between
Southern California Gas Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company**

Purpose

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) respectfully requests approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) of two interstate capacity contracts with El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso).

Background

Under the interstate capacity acquisition procedure approved in Decision (D.) 04-09-022, contracts for interstate capacity supported by the Public Advocates Office and The Utility Reform Network (TURN) may be submitted for approval to the Commission by an Expedited Advice Letter.¹ The Public Advocates Office has been consulted and does not oppose the capacity contracts as described. TURN did not participate in the review process.

¹ See D.04-09-022 at 87 (Finding of Fact 11), which found SoCalGas' request to establish and implement expedited advice letter procedures for pre-approval of certain interstate pipeline and storage capacity contracts to be reasonable. See also *Id.* at 95 (Ordering Paragraph 2), which granted SoCalGas' request to establish capacity contract approval procedures for an initial period of five years, subject to the modifications described therein, as well as authorized SoCalGas to seek continuation or modification of these procedures by Advice Letter. SoCalGas Advice No. 5254 was approved on March 12, 2018, and extended the capacity contract approval procedures through March 31, 2021.

Description of Contract

The terms of the contracts are confidential and are described in Attachment A. This submittal will not create any deviations from SoCalGas' tariffs, cause withdrawal of service from any present customer, or impose any more or less restrictive conditions.

Confidentiality

Due to the confidential nature of the contracts which contains market-sensitive negotiated core capacity contract terms, a Confidential Attachment A, pursuant to General Order (GO) 66-D, Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code, and D.17-09-023 is being provided to Energy Division and the Public Advocates Office, and to TURN under the confidentiality provisions of a non-disclosure agreement. A declaration requesting confidential treatment is being provided to the Commission concurrently with this Advice Letter, pursuant to 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 10 days of the date this Expedited Advice Letter was submitted with the Commission, which is April 24, 2020. 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 Jean Spencer (jean.spencer@cpuc.ca.gov) and 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 Advice Letter via U.S. mail or fax. Please submit protests or comments to this Advice Letter via e-mail to the addresses shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

Attn: Ray B. Ortiz
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Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this submittal is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal become effective on May 5, 2020, which is 21 calendar days after 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.04-01-025. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed by 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 by 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

Name:
Title:
Utility Name:
Address:
City: State:
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email:

Name:
Title:
Utility Name:
Address:
City: State:
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
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Email:

ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 5618

Terms of Capacity Contract

This Attachment is being provided only to the Energy Division and Public Advocates Office under the confidentiality provisions of the General Order 66-D, Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code, and D.17-09-023 and to The Utility Reform Network under a nondisclosure agreement.

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

**DECLARATION OF PAULINE C. WAH
REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN DATA PURSUANT TO D.17-09-023**

I, Pauline Wah, do declare as follows:

1. I am the Gas Transportation Manager, designated by Jawaad A. Malik, Officer and VP - Gas Acquisition in the Gas Acquisition Department for Southern California Gas Company (“SoCalGas”) to submit this declaration. I have reviewed the Expedited Advice Letter No. 5618, seeking approval for the capacity contract between SoCalGas and El Paso Natural Gas Company, submitted herewith (the “AL 5618”). In addition, I am personally familiar with the facts and representations in this Declaration and, if called upon to testify, I could and would testify to the following based upon my personal knowledge and/or 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 Presentation is within the scope of data protected as confidential under applicable law.

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

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 14th day of April 2020, at Los Angeles, California.



Pauline C. Wah
Gas Transportation Manager

ATTACHMENT A

SoCalGas Request for Confidentiality on the following information provided in AL 5618

Location/Title of Protected Information	Legal Citation	Narrative Justification
Respective Attachment A (with El Paso Natural Gas Company) to the AL (information highlighted in “Gray”).	<p>CPRA Exemption, Gov’t Code § 6254.7(d) (Trade Secrets)</p> <p>CPRA 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"> • Evid. Code § 1060 • Civil Code § 3426 <i>et seq.</i> <p>D.06-06-066 electric IOU Matrix item (I)(B)(2) analogy</p>	Data is commercially sensitive, the disclosure of which would provide market participants and SoCalGas’ competitors insight into Gas Acquisition’s procurement and hedging strategies and decision-making process, current and future potential positions, purchase and sale patterns, core demand, capacity utilization pattern, storage position, etc. which would place Gas Acquisition at an unfair business disadvantage. This could ultimately result in increased cost to core ratepayers. If disclosed, SoCalGas’ competitors and market participants could also derive economic value from this information.