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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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The Energy Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has processed your recent Advice Letter (AL) filing and is returning an AL status certificate for your records.

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Advice No. 5765
(U 904 G)

Subject: Request to Continue SoCalGas Interstate Pipeline Capacity Acquisition Procedures for an Additional Three-Year Period

Purpose

In compliance with California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Decision (D.) 04-09-022, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby requests continuation of the interstate pipeline capacity contract acquisition procedures adopted in D.04-09-022, as modified by the Commission in response to Advice No. (AL) 3969, for an additional three years.¹

Background

In D.04-09-022, the Commission established interstate pipeline contract acquisition procedures for SoCalGas, SDG&E, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company for an initial period of five years. These procedures include authorized capacity planning ranges, and consultation, review, and approval processes for new interstate capacity commitments.² The interstate pipeline contract acquisition procedures established in D.04-09-022 have created a more efficient and cost-effective capacity acquisition process while preserving reliability of service. Moreover, the procedures have resulted in significant savings for SoCalGas and SDG&E core customers through, among other things, the negotiation of discounted contracts for interstate pipeline capacity.

¹ Pursuant to D.07-12-019, the core procurement portfolios of SoCalGas and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) have been combined and are now managed by SoCalGas. Accordingly, this request, as with similar past requests, is on behalf of the combined SoCalGas and SDG&E portfolio.

² See D.04-09-022, mimeo., at pp. 21-35.

In D.04-09-022, the Commission authorized the utilities to submit an advice letter requesting the continuation or modification of these interstate pipeline contract acquisition procedures. On March 2, 2009, SoCalGas submitted AL 3969 seeking to continue the procedures for an additional three years, with one minor change to the authorized capacity planning ranges that are part of the procedures. Specifically, SoCalGas asked the Commission to eliminate the annual average minimum firm interstate pipeline capacity requirement, and instead require SoCalGas to hold firm interstate pipeline capacity that during the spring and summer months is no less than 90% of their forecasted core procurement annual average daily load, and during the fall and winter months is no less than 100% of their forecasted core procurement annual average daily load. SoCalGas did not propose changing the existing annual average maximum of 120%. SoCalGas also asked for the ability to seek a further continuation of the procedures through another submittal. The Commission approved AL 3969 effective April 1, 2009.

SoCalGas submitted AL 4350 on March 30, 2012, AL 4758 on February 13, 2015, and AL 5254 on February 9, 2018, respectively, requesting further three-year extensions to the interstate pipeline contract acquisition procedures, without requesting any modifications to those procedures. Pursuant to these extensions, the interstate pipeline contract acquisition procedures established in D.04-09-022, and modified by AL 3969, currently remain in place through March 31, 2021.

Proposal

SoCalGas respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the continuation of these existing interstate pipeline contract acquisition procedures for the three-year period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024. SoCalGas is not seeking any changes to the current procedures, just a continuation. SoCalGas also requests that it be authorized to submit an advice letter before the end of this additional three-year period requesting the continuation or modification of these interstate pipeline contract acquisition procedures.

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.

Protests

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 March 1, 2021. 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 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 address shown below on the same date it is mailed or e-mailed to the Commission.

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Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this advice letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) and respectfully requests that this compliance submission be approved on March 11, 2021, which is 30 days after the date submitted and the continuation of the interstate pipeline contract acquisition procedures become effective on April 1, 2021.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to SoCalGas' General Order (GO) 96-B service list, the Commission's service list in R.04-01-025, Gas Market OIR proceeding, and A.20-06-005, SoCalGas' most recent Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism application. 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 by via e-mail at process_office@cpuc.ca.gov.

/s/ Joseph Mock

Joseph Mock
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:

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