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Advice Letter 5788-G & 5788G-A

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SUBJECT: Annual Status Update regarding Southern California Gas Company's Climate Change Team and Activities.

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5788-G & 5788G-A is effective as of March 31, 2021.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/
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April 20, 2021

Advice No. 5788-A
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Supplement - Annual Status Update regarding Southern California Gas Company's Climate Change Team and Activities

Purpose

In accordance with Decision (D.) 20-08-046 (the Decision) Ordering Paragraph (OP) 13, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby provides to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) an annual status update designating SoCalGas' climate change team, describing annual activities of the climate change team in the last year, and anticipated upcoming milestones.

This supplemental Advice Letter replaces Advice No. 5788 in its entirety to correct the Commission's service list referenced in the Notice section.

Background

On April 26, 2018, the Commission initiated the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Strategies and Guidance for Climate Change Adaptation.¹ The Commission initiated the proceeding to ensure that the Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) consider the impact of climate change in the utilities day-to-day operations, including future planning and risks to infrastructure and service.²

On September 3, 2020, the Commission issued D.20-08-046, which requires the IOUs to establish internal climate change governance teams with representatives from

¹ D.20-08-046 at 5.

² *Id.* at 2.

various departments across the IOUs.³ D.20-08-046 requires the new climate change teams to be responsible for coordinating climate change planning and adaptation prioritization.⁴ The climate change team must include team members with professional expertise who provide internal reporting to senior executive-level staff at or above.⁵ An objective of the climate change team is “to ensure that there are sufficient staff dedicated to the development of the vulnerability assessment from across the organization.”⁶ The Commission specified that “IOUs may create new or use existing climate change teams, so long as they demonstrate that the team has the necessary qualifications and will be dedicated to the vulnerability assessment as a primary duty.”⁷

Pursuant to D.20-08-046, OP 13:

The IOUs shall annually, at the end of the first quarter of each calendar year, file and serve on the service list of this proceeding (or successor proceeding) a Tier 1 Advice Letter with the Commission’s Energy Division listing the individuals with their departments on the IOU’s climate change team and the name of the senior level executive to whom the climate change team directly reports. The annual Tier 1 Advice letter shall include a status update that describes the activities of the climate change team in the last year and anticipated upcoming milestones that will lead up to the next vulnerability assessment filing.⁸

SoCalGas hereby provides SoCalGas’ designated climate change team, describes team membership, the annual progress of the climate change team and anticipated upcoming work. SoCalGas’ Community Engagement Plan (CEP) and Vulnerability Assessment are due in years 2024 and 2025, respectively. Therefore, team members will be added as needed and updates will be reflected in the annual Advice Letter submittals. Also, of note, SoCalGas will be conducting the gas portion of the Vulnerability Assessment for San Diego Gas and Electric Company.

³ *Id.* at 5.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.* at 92.

⁷ *Id.* at 101.

⁸ *Id.* at 129.

I. Climate Change Team

1. Climate Governance:

Department	Title	Team Member
Customer Services	SVP & Chief Customer Officer	Gillian Wright, Executive Sponsor
	Director of SoCalGas Customer Programs & Assistance	Brian Prusnek
Regulatory Affairs SDG&E & SoCalGas	Director of Regulatory Affairs SoCalGas	Joseph Mock
	CPUC Regional Case Manager II	Brooke Holland

2. Engagement with DVCs Community Engagement Plan and Community Engagement Survey:

Department	Title	Team Member
Gas System Integrity & Programs	GIS Applications Team Lead	Daniel Carrasco
Communications, Local Government & Community Affairs	Director of Regional Public Affairs	Joseph Avila
	Capital Projects Outreach Manager	Raul Gordillo
	Director of Customer Strategy & Engagement	Ann Ayres

3. Climate Vulnerability Assessment:

Department	Title	Team Member
Gas Engineering & System Integrity	Integrity Risk Strategy Manager	Mari Shironishi
	Senior Engineer	Karineh Gregorian
	Engineering Design Manager	Lissa Quon
	Civil/Structural & Hazard Mitigation Engineer Team Lead	Mehrshad Ketabdar

II. Climate Change Team Annual Activities

SoCalGas' staff researched the Decision and created a task list with appropriate timelines. SoCalGas coordinated internal teams and hosted meetings to discuss the Decision and what it means for the Company. SoCalGas also discussed potential scope and budgets with a few third-party consultants that are interested in assisting with implementing the requirements of the Decision. In addition, SoCalGas started the company's Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping process to identify disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, as defined by D.20-08-046.⁹ Finally, SoCalGas created internal briefing materials to formally present to internal staff.

III. Upcoming Milestones

SoCalGas will finalize the climate change team by hiring the appropriate consultancies (if necessary) and finalize the scope and budget. SoCalGas will also identify the appropriate Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and community groups located in the disadvantaged and vulnerable communities and reach out to these CBOs and groups to discuss the scope of SoCalGas' work. SoCalGas plans to meet with the groups and have a collaborative back and forth to create an outline for SoCalGas' CEP. SoCalGas will document and incorporate the CBOs and community groups' input into the SoCalGas CEP. SoCalGas plans to meet with Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group members to communicate the outline of SoCalGas' CEP and solicit their advice. SoCalGas will document and incorporate any input received into the CEP. Regarding the Vulnerability Assessment, SoCalGas will begin the process of identifying climate risks to SoCalGas operations, services and assets, as indicated in D.20-08-046, OP 9.

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 must be received within 20 days of the date of this Advice Letter, which is May 10, 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

⁹ D.20-08-046, OP 1.

comments to this Advice Letter via e-mail to the e-mail address shown below on the same date it is mailed or e-mailed to the Commission.

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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 General Order (GO) 96-B, OP 13 in D.20-08-046, and as initially requested in Advice No. 5788. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests this Advice Letter become effective for service on March 31, 2021.

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.18-04-019. 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/ 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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505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

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