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As of August 3, 2021

Subject: Extension of Disconnection Suspension for Medium-Large Commercial and Industrial Customers to September 30, 2021.

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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

Subject: Your Advice Letter Filing

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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July 9, 2021

Advice No. 5840
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Extension of Disconnection Suspension for Medium-Large Commercial and Industrial Customers to September 30, 2021

Purpose

The purpose of this submittal is to formally extend the suspension of disconnections for non-payment for medium-large commercial and industrial customers through September 30, 2021, in accordance with Decision (D.) 21-04-015 and D.21-06-036.

Background

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a State of Emergency that identified the COVID-19 pandemic as a disaster emergency affecting the State of California.¹ On March 16, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-28-20, requesting that the Commission monitor the measures by public and private utility providers to implement customer protections in response to COVID-19.²

On March 17, 2020, Commission Executive Director Alice Stebbins directed utilities to submit advice letters implementing the applicable customer protections set forth in D.19-07-015 and to apply such protections retroactively to March 4, 2020, when the State of Emergency was declared.³ On April 16, 2020, the Commission adopted Resolution (Res.) M-4842, Emergency Authorization and Order Directing Utilities to Implement Emergency Customer

¹ Executive Department, State of California, "Proclamation of a State of Emergency" (March 4, 2020), available at: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>.

² Executive Department, State of California, Executive Order N-28-20 (March 16, 2020), available at: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.16.20-Executive-Order.pdf>.

³ Executive Director Alice Stebbins Letter (March 17, 2020), available at: https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/News_Room/NewsUpdates/2020/Exe

Protections to Support California Customers During the COVID-19 pandemic, directing utilities to offer the protections adopted in D.19-07-015 to all residential and small business customers through April 16, 2021, with an option to extend.⁴

On December 21, 2020, an expedited Phase 3 of the Emergency Disaster Relief proceeding was initiated through the assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling.⁵ The assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling framed Phase 3 to explore what disaster relief the Commission may provide medium-large commercial and industrial customers, at a time when the coronavirus remains prevalent.⁶

On February 11, 2021, the Commission adopted Res. M-4849, Authorization and Order Directing Utilities to Extend Emergency Customer Protections to Support California Customers Through June 30, 2021, and to File Transition Plans for the Expiration of the Emergency Customer Protections.⁷

On April 19, 2021, the Commission issued D.21-04-015 for Phase 3 of the Emergency Disaster Relief proceeding, adopting June 30, 2021, as the end date of the disconnection moratorium for medium-large commercial and industrial customers to align with the Commission's COVID-19 relief programs.⁸ D.21-04-015 states "should the residential and small business COVID-19 protections adopted in Resolution(s) M-4842 and M-48[4]9 be extended beyond June 30, 2021, the relief for medium-large commercial and industrial customers adopted here shall be extended for the same length of time, by the same order."⁹

On June 30, 2021, the Commission issued D.21-06-036, directing Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) to suspend disconnections for non-payment until September 30, 2021.¹⁰

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⁴ Resolution M-4842, California Public Utilities Commission (April 16, 2020), available at: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M333/K482/333482381.PDF>.

⁵ Assigned Commissioner's Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling for Expedited Phase 3, R.18-03-011 (Dec. 21, 2020), available at: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M356/K253/356253463.PDF>.

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Resolution M-4849, California Public Utilities Commission (Feb. 11, 2021), available at: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M366/K625/366625011.PDF>.

⁸ Ordering Paragraph (OP) 1 of Resolution M-4849 directs electric, gas, communication, and water corporations to apply customer protection measures for residential and small business customers adopted in D.19-07-015 and D.19-08-025, through June 30, 2021.

⁹ D.21-04-015, at OP 6.

¹⁰ D.21-06-036, at OP 1.

Compliance

SoCalGas hereby notifies the Commission that consistent with D.21-04-015 and D.21-06-036, SoCalGas will extend the suspension of disconnections for non-payment to core non-residential customers through September 30, 2021.¹¹

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 must be received within 20 days of the date of this advice letter, which is July 29, 2021. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is given below.

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

A copy 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 addresses shown below on the same date it is mailed or e-mailed to the Commission.

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Effective Date

This submittal is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B and is submitted in accordance with D.21-04-015 and D.21-06-036. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal be approved and made effective July 9, 2021, the date submitted.

¹¹ On June 29, 2021, Energy Division sent an email clarifying that the “utilities should be applying the extension of the disconnection moratorium through September 30, 2021 to all customer classes including medium-large C&I costumers.”

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service lists in R.18-03-011 and R.21-02-014. 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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San Francisco, CA 94102
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