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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Modification to Preliminary Statement Part VI COVID-19 Pandemic Protections Memorandum Account (CPPMA), in Accordance with Decision 21-06-036

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) revisions to its CPPMA Preliminary Statement Part VI – Memorandum Accounts, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

Purpose

This Advice Letter (AL) modifies the CPPMA to continue recording costs associated with residential and small business Emergency Customer Protections in accordance with Decision (D.) 21-06-036, which extends the COVID-19 disconnection moratorium period for residential and small business customers to September 30, 2021.

Background

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic and followed up on March 19, 2020, with an executive order for Californians to shelter in place except to meet essential needs.¹ In response, on April 16, 2020, the Commission adopted Resolution (Res.) M-4842, *Emergency Authorization and Order Directing Utilities to Implement Emergency Customer Protections to Support California Customers During the COVID-19 Pandemic*.² Res. M-4842 ordered the utilities to submit Tier 2 ALs describing all reasonable and necessary actions to implement the Emergency

¹ Executive Department of California, Proclamation of 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>; California Executive Order N-33-20 (March 19, 2020), available at: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.19.20-attested-EO-N-33-20-COVID-19-HEALTH-ORDER.pdf>.

² Res. M-4842, available at: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M333/K482/333482381.PDF>.

Customer Protections and set the end date for the Emergency Customer Protections as April 16, 2021.³

On May 22, 2020, SoCalGas submitted AL 5604-B to notify the Commission of SoCalGas' implementation of the applicable Emergency Customer Protections for core customers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. SoCalGas subsequently submitted partial supplemental AL 5604-C on June 4, 2020, 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.

On February 11, 2021, the CPUC approved Res. M-4849, *Authorization and Order Directing Utilities to Extend Emergency Customer Protections to Support California Customers Through June 30, 2021, and to File Transaction Plans for the Expiration of the Emergency Customer Protections*, which extended the Emergency Customer Protections to June 30, 2021, and ordered the creation of transition plans to facilitate the smooth transition for customers when the Emergency Customer Protections are lifted.⁴

On February 22, 2021, SoCalGas submitted AL 5768 to demonstrate compliance with the extension of Emergency Customer Protections to June 30, 2021 and included revisions to its tariffs. On February 24, 2021, SoCalGas submitted supplemental AL 5768-A to include the following sections: Eligibility and Time Limits for Emergency Customer Protections, complete Description of Adopted Customer Protections, CPPMA, and Tracking Uncollectible Expense Associated with COVID-19 Customer Protections, which were inadvertently excluded in AL 5768.

On March 19, 2021, SoCalGas submitted AL 5781 in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 6 of D.19-07-015 and provided reporting at the 12-month period from March 4, 2020, the date when the Emergency Customer Protections were implemented, through March 4, 2021, for residential and small business customers.

On April 1, 2021, SoCalGas submitted AL 5794 pursuant to OP 5 of Res. M-4849,⁵ with its transition plan that included: 1) a timeline of the new start and resumed activities, 2) a marketing, education, and outreach (ME&O) strategy, 3) an explanation of the activities' timeline and ME&O strategy for compliance and safety, and 4) a progress tracking and reporting plan. On April 27, 2021, SoCalGas submitted supplemental AL 5794-A pursuant to the Energy Division's direction to include an additional reporting metric for the arrearage management program.

On June 24, 2021, the Commission approved D.21-06-036, *Decision Addressing Energy Utility Customer Bill Debt Via Automatic Enrollment In Long Term Payment Plans*, which among other items, extended the disconnection moratorium for nonpayment until September 30, 2021, for residential and small business customers. In addition, the Commission directed

³ Res. M-4842 at 4.

⁴ Res. M-4849, available at:

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M366/K625/366625011.PDF>.

⁵ Res. M-4849, OP 5 at 34.

SoCalGas to track costs in the CPPMA⁶ to the extent additional budgets are required to implement the Decision, including costs associated with securing access to state and federally funded COVID-19 arrearage relief programs on behalf of their customers.⁷

On July 26, 2021, SoCalGas submitted AL 5847 in compliance with OP 6 of D.19-07-015 to conclude the extended Emergency Customer Protections period, that was authorized by Res. M-4849 and instituted to support residential and small business customers during the COVID-19 pandemic and to detail the: 1) protections offered (the Emergency Customer Protections), 2) start and end periods that customers received protections, 3) outreach efforts concluded, 4) customer impacts, and 5) associated cost recovery.

Proposed Revisions

SoCalGas modifies the CPPMA to continue recording the costs associated with residential and small business customer protections through September 30, 2021. In addition, the CPPMA will record costs associated with implementing D.21-06-036, including costs associated with securing access to state and federally funded COVID-19 arrearage relief programs on behalf of the customers. The revised CPPMA is provided on Attachment A.

No cost information is required for this AL.

Protests

Anyone may protest this AL 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 AL, which is August 26, 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 AL via U.S. mail or fax. Please submit protests or comments to this AL via e-mail to the addresses shown below on the same date it is mailed or e-mailed to the Commission.

⁶ D.21-06-036, OP 7 at 51.

⁷ D.21-06-036, Conclusion of Law 7 at 49.

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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 D.21-06-036. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal be approved and made effective on August 6, which is the date submitted.

Notice

A copy of this AL 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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ATTACHMENT A
Advice No. 5855

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 (D.) 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. Pursuant to Resolution M-4849, dated February 12, 2021, the applicable customer protections are extended to June 30, 2021.

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. Pursuant to Resolution M-4849, the required emergency customer protection measures are extended to June 30, 2021. In accordance with D.21-06-036, the CPPMA will continue to record costs associated with ongoing customer protections incurred during the Disconnection Moratorium, which is scheduled to end on September 30, 2021. In addition, the CPPMA will record costs associated with implementing D.21-06-036, including costs associated with securing access to state and federally funded COVID-19 arrearage relief programs on behalf of the customers.

For those protections the Utility shall:

- a. Maintain customer protections effective March 4, 2020, through September 30, 2021, unless further extended by the Commission.
- 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.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT
COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROTECTIONS MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (CPPMA)

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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 and implementation of the program requirements authorized by D.21-06-036;
- b. A debit entry equal to waived charges;
- c. A debit entry for incremental uncollectible expense attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic consumer protections;
- d. A debit entry for other incremental costs related to implementing the COVID-19 pandemic customer protections; and
- e. An entry equal to the interest on the average balance in the account at the beginning of the month and the balance after the entries above at a rate equal to 1/12 of the interest rate on three-month nonfinancial Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor publication.

5. Disposition

Pursuant to Resolution M-4842, the disposition of the amounts in this account will be addressed through either a separate application or an existing annual proceeding with an expedited schedule (e.g., less than one year for approval).

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