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Southern California Gas Company
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Subject: Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form Update Pursuant to Decision 22-02-025

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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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March 21, 2022

Advice 4587-G

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID 39-G)

Advice 5951-G

(Southern California Gas Company ID 904-G)

Advice 3073-G

(San Diego Gas and Electric Company ID 902-G)

Advice 1208-G

(Southwest Gas Corporation ID 905-G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form Update Pursuant to Decision 22-02-025.

Purpose

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 22-02-025 (“Decision”) Implementing Senate Bill (SB) 1440 Biomethane Procurement Program, Ordering Paragraph (“OP”) 36, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”), Southern California Gas Company (“SoCalGas”), San Diego Gas and Electric Company (“SDG&E”), and Southwest Gas Corporation (“SWG”) (collectively, the “Joint Utilities”) submit this Tier 1 Advice Letter to update the Biomethane Incentive Reservation form.

Background

On December 5, 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved D.19-12-009 Establishing a Reservation System for the Biomethane Incentive Program, Extending Date and Addressing Rate Recovery for Pipeline Interconnection Infrastructure. This decision implemented an Incentive Reservation System for the biomethane monetary incentive program initially established pursuant to D.15-06-029. The biomethane monetary incentive program provides up to \$3 million for non-dairy cluster projects and \$5 million for dairy clusters that successfully interconnect with the natural gas pipeline system and operate by December 31, 2026. The Biomethane Incentive Reservation System allows project developers to reserve incentive funds during the development phase of a project and receive the funds once the project is interconnected and operating in accordance with utility tariffs. Applications for the

Incentive Reservation System are designed to ensure that only viable projects can secure a spot on the reservation and waiting lists managed by the CPUC's Energy Division.

On December 19, 2019, the Joint Utilities filed their respective advice letters developing a standard Biomethane Incentive Reservation form that meets the criteria outlined in Section 3.2 and 3.3 of D.19-12-009. These advice letters were approved with an effective date of December 19, 2019.¹

On February 24, 2022, the CPUC approved D.22-02-025. This decision implements SB 1440 by setting biomethane (renewable natural gas (RNG) and/or bio-synthetic natural gas (bio-SNG)) procurement targets for the gas utilities' core customers to reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions and adopts provisions to achieve additional co-benefits and timetables for each investor-owned utility providing gas service in California. This decision also requires, among other items, the following as indicated in OP 36:

Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Southern California Gas Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Corporation shall each file a Tier 1 Advice Letter updating the Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form to include an agreement to limit hydrogen sulfide in gathering lines to 10 parts per million.

In accordance with OP 36, the Joint Utilities collaborated to revise the established standard Biomethane Incentive Reservation form for biomethane producers seeking a monetary incentive to acknowledge this new requirement (Attachment A). Further the Joint Utilities collaborated to develop a Biomethane Incentive Reservation supplemental form intended for biomethane producers who are already on the waitlist to receive a monetary incentive to acknowledge and comply with this new requirement (Attachment B).

Once the Joint Utilities' Tier 1 advice letters are approved by the Energy Division, the updated standard Biomethane Incentive Reservation forms will be made available for download on each utility's website.

Tariff Revisions

The submittal would not increase any current rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

¹ PG&E Advice 4192-G, SDG&E Advice 2827-G, SoCal Gas Advice 5556-G and Southwest Gas Advice 1122-G

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent electronically via E-mail, no later than April 11, 2022, which is 21² days after the date of this submittal. Protests must be submitted to:

CPUC Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

The protest shall also be electronically sent to the Joint Utilities via E-mail at the address shown below on the same date it is electronically delivered to the Commission:

For PG&E: Sidney Bob Dietz II
Director, Regulatory Relations
c/o Megan Lawson

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

For SoCal Gas: Attn: Gary Lenart
Regulatory Tariff Manager

E-mail: GLenart@socalgas.com
E-mail: Tariffs@socalgas.com

For SDG&E: Attn: Greg Anderson
Regulatory Tariff Manager

E-mail: GAnderson@sdge.com & SDGETariffs@sdge.com

For SWG: Valerie J. Ontiveroz
Regulatory Manager/California
Southwest Gas Corporation

E-mail: valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com

² Pursuant to Rule 1.5 of General Order 96-B, PG&E requests to extend the protest period by one additional day because twenty days following submission of this advice letter is Sunday, April 10, 2022.

Any person (including individuals, groups, or organizations) may protest or respond to an advice letter (General Order 96-B, Section 7.4). The protest shall contain the following information: specification of the advice letter protested; grounds for the protest; supporting factual information or legal argument; name and e-mail address of the protestant; and statement that the protest was sent to the utility no later than the day on which the protest was submitted to the reviewing Industry Division (General Order 96-B, Section 3.11).

Effective Date

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, Rule 5.1, and OP 36 of D.22-02-025, this Advice Letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. The Joint Utilities request that this Tier 1 Advice Letter become effective upon date of submittal, which is March 21, 2022.

Authorization

This Advice Letter is submitted by PG&E on behalf of, and with the authorization from, SoCalGas, SDG&E, and SWG.

Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section IV, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically to parties shown on the attached list and the parties on the service list for R.13-02-008. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to PG&E at email address PGETariffs@pge.com. For changes to any other service list, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or at Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov. Send all electronic approvals to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter submittals can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

/S/

Sidney Bob Dietz II
Director, Regulatory Relations

Attachments:

Attachment A – Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form
Attachment B -- Biomethane Incentive Reservation Supplemental Form

cc: Service List R.13-02-008



ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 G)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person: Stuart Rubio

Phone #: (415) 973-4587

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: SHR8@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4587-G et al

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form Update Pursuant to Decision 22-02-025

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.22-02-025

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: N/A

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: 3/21/22

No. of tariff sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and correspondence regarding this AL are to be sent via email and are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division Tariff Unit Email:
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Contact Name: Sidnev Bob Dietz II. c/o Megan Lawson
Title: Director, Regulatory Relations
Utility/Entity Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-2093
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email: PGETariffs@pge.com

Contact Name:
Title:
Utility/Entity Name:

Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
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Email:

CPUC
Energy Division Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
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Clear Form

Attachment A

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form

(Per CPUC Decision 19-12-009 and D. 22-02-025 and in conjunction with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Corporation)

Instructions: Please download the form and complete all data fields. Print and sign the form and return with the required documentation via email as referenced below to the applicable Utility.

BioMethaneIncentiveReservation@SoCalGas.com

KeyAccountManagement@swgas.com

Biomethane@pge.com

The receipt of this fully and accurately completed Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form is required to apply for placement in the incentive reservation queue. Submission of this form does NOT guarantee payment.

I) Contact Information

First name	
Last Name	
Title	
Company Name	
Street Address	
City	
County	
State	
Zip Code	
Office Phone	
Mobile Phone	
Fax Number	
Email	

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form

(Per CPUC Decision 19-12-009 and D. 22-02-025 and in conjunction with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Corporation)

II) Interconnecting Facility Information

Project Name:

Project Address:

Project Type:

- Dairy Cluster per D. 15-06-029 and D. 16-12-043
 Other

Approximate location and information of the proposed Point of Interconnection:

Site Plan showing facility location and Point of Interconnection

(Please attach)

Gathering Line 10 ppm H₂S Limit

Per D. 22-02-025, by checking the Confirm box and signing below, Interconnector acknowledges that Interconnector is required to demonstrate compliance and agree on an ongoing basis that the biogas it produces has its hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) levels reduced to 10 ppm or less prior to entering a gathering line to match industry standards and allowable eight-hour work limits established by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

- Confirm
 Reject

III) Proposed schedule

Proposed commercial Operation Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Proposed Terms of Service (years)

IV) Documentation of a pending application for pipeline interconnection Utility with:

(a) Check Appropriate Box to Indicate your Utility:

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form

(Per CPUC Decision 19-12-009 and D. 22-02-025 and in conjunction with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Corporation)

- SoCalGas
- SDG&E
- PG&E
- Southwest Gas

(b) Attach the fully executed and funded Step 3 agreement for appropriate Utility:

- SoCalGas* *Detailed Engineering Study*
- SDG&E* *Detailed Engineering Study*
- PG&E* *Engineering and Construction Phase Agreement*
- Southwest Gas* *Interconnection Engineering Studies*

Authorized Signature	
Date	
Print Name	
Title	

V) Utility to Fill in:

Date of Receipt by Utility of Completed Incentive Reservation Form (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Time of Receipt by Utility of Completed Incentive Reservation Form	AM / PM
Utility Verification of Incentive Reservation Qualifications	YES / NO
Date of Application for Interconnection ¹ (MM/DD/YYYY)	

¹ For applications received on the first day, the Commission will award reservations in order of the date of application for interconnection, which is date of the fully executed and funded Step 3 agreement per D.19-12-009.

Attachment B

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Supplemental Form

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Supplemental Form

(Per CPUC Decision D. 22-02-025 and in conjunction with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Corporation)

I) Contact Information

First Name	
Last Name	
Title	
Company Name	
Email	

II) Interconnecting Facility Information

Project Name:	
Project Address:	
Original Date of Application:	
Gathering Line 10 ppm H ₂ S Limit	<p>Per D. 22-02-025, by checking the Confirm box and signing below, Interconnector acknowledges that Interconnector is required to demonstrate compliance and agree on an ongoing basis that the biogas it produces has its hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) levels reduced to 10 ppm or less prior to entering a <u>gathering line</u> to match industry standards and allowable eight-hour work limits established by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Confirm <input type="checkbox"/> Reject</p>

Check Appropriate Box to Indicate your Utility: SoCalGas SDG&E PG&E Southwest Gas

Authorized Signature	
Date	
Print Name	
Title	

III) Utility to Fill in:

Date of Receipt by Utility of Completed Incentive Reservation Supplemental Form (MM/DD/YYYY)	
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