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Advice No. 5958
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: 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 on SoCalGas' climate change team, describing annual activities of the climate change team in the last year, and anticipated upcoming milestones.

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 various departments across the IOUs.³ D.20-08-046 requires the new climate change

¹ D.20-08-046 at 5.

² *Id.* at 2.

³ *Id.* at 5.

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 the 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 (SDG&E).

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
Infrastructure	SVP & Chief Customer Officer	Gillian Wright, Executive Sponsor
	Director of Customer Programs and Assistance	Brian Prusnek
Regulatory Affairs SDG&E & SoCalGas	Director of Regulatory Affairs SoCalGas	Joseph Mock
	CPUC Regional Case Manager III	Corinne Sierzant

**2. Engagement with Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Communities (DVCs)
Community Engagement Plan and Community Engagement Survey:**

Department	Title	Team Member
Public Policy & Planning	Public Policy & Planning Manager	Geoffrey Danker
Gas System Integrity & Programs	GIS Applications Team Lead	Daniel Carrasco
Communications, Local Government & Community Affairs	Director of Regional Public Affairs	Joseph Avila
	Director of Community Relations	Trisha Muse
	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 Threat & Risk Engineer	Karineh Gregorian
	Project Manager	Paulette Grigorian
	Engineering Design Manager	Lissa Quon
	Civil/Structural Design Team Lead	Mehrshad Ketabdar

II. Climate Change Team Annual Activities

SoCalGas' staff reviewed D.20-08-046 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 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 DVCs, as defined by D.20-08-046.⁹ Finally, SoCalGas created internal briefing materials to formally present to internal staff.

In December 2021, SoCalGas contracted with Henningson, Durham and Richardson (HDR) Incorporated to provide services necessary to meet the Community Engagement Plan requirements described in D.20-08-046.¹⁰ As of this submittal, the SoCalGas core HDR CEP team is comprised of the primary staff and consultants:

- Jarrett Davis, HDR Program Manager, Oil and Gas
- Melissa Diamant, HDR Project Manager, Strategic Communications
- Tracey Chavira, HDR/Veritas, Community Engagement Manager

The SoCalGas CEP team has performed the following activities to support development of the Community Engagement Plan:

Stakeholder Assessment

- Developing Stakeholder Assessment to include list of SoCalGas Regional Area Managers (RAMs) and Public Area Managers (PAMs). The Assessment will also set out communication protocols between the CEP team and the RAM/PAMs.
- Building list of community-based organizations and community organizations in DVCs with information from RAMs and SoCalGas Director of Community Relations, Trisha

⁹ D.20-08-046, OP 1.

¹⁰ D.20-08-046 at OP 5.

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- Scheduled meetings with the RAMs next month to review the Community Based Organization (CBO) and community groups in DVCs.
- Aggregating information into a CEP specific Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Database. The CRM will be used throughout the development of CEP as a repository for community engagement activities, stakeholder information, comment management, and outreach metrics reporting.

DVC Maps

- Coordinating with the SoCalGas GIS team to establish proper data layers to represent the DVCs at regional and local levels.
- CBOs and community groups will be inserted into DVC maps by SoCalGas service territory/regions.

Media Monitoring

- HDR's monitoring platform captures traditional and social media posts, articles and comments while identifying key demographics, locations, and media sources. The platform detects audience and communications preferences and identifies opportunities to improve messaging and communication.

In December 2021, SoCalGas contracted with Golder Associates, USA, Inc. (Golder) to provide services necessary to meet the Vulnerability Assessments requirements described in D.20-08-046.¹¹ As of this submittal, the core Golder VA team is comprised of the primary staff and consultants:

- Jennifer Panders, Project Director
- Timothy Grose, Climate Vulnerability Assessment Lead
- Manali Tipnis, Senior Pipeline Engineer/Project Manager

The VA team will be responsible for performing vulnerability assessments on the gas infrastructure in both SoCalGas and SDG&E territories.

The VA team has performed the following activities to support development of the Vulnerability Assessments:

- Kick off meetings with internal SoCalGas and SDG&E stakeholders
- Started information and data gathering on gas infrastructure, operations, services, and assets in both the SoCalGas and SDG&E territories

¹¹ D.20-08-046 at OPs 8 and 9.

SoCalGas held its 1st Climate Advisory Group Meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2022. Internal stakeholders from Operations, Storage, Transmission, Distribution, Regulatory, Public Policy, Public Affairs, Community Relations, and customer Strategy & Engagement were present. Background on the Climate Adaptation OIR was presented, and current and future action items were discussed.

III. Upcoming Milestones

Anticipated CEP development tasks to be performed between March and December 2022:

- Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group introductory meeting and CEP discussion.
- Build educational tools for community consumption such as digital and print collateral, website information, social media postings, and GIS Story Maps.
- Develop and host a workshop with RAM/PAMs to share information, advise about CEP schedule and training.
- Host 1:1 or grouped as appropriate meetings with CBOs and community organizations as advised by RAM/PAMs.
- Draft CEP Outline.
- Present CEP Outline to Environmental Justice Advisory Committee and Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group and solicit feedback.
- Distribute CEP outline to DVCs and engage for feedback, interests, and potential leadership roles.

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 CBOs and community groups located in the DVCs 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.

Anticipated Vulnerability Assessment tasks to be performed between March and December 2022:

- Continue Information Gathering and Finalize Analysis Approach. This includes data collection and documentation of entire gas infrastructure, operations, services, and assets, conducting an internal stakeholder workshop(s), and finalizing analysis approach.
- Climate Exposure Analysis. This includes analysis of climate projections and how the climate hazards affect the assets included in the study, exposure results data and documentation.
- Climate Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Prioritization. This includes, stressor damage documentation, user impact results, and risk assessment results.

SoCalGas anticipates holding its 2nd Climate Advisory Group Meeting in Q4 2022.

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 submitted electronically and must be received within 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter, which is April 20, 2022. Protests should be submitted to the attention of the Energy Division Tariff Unit at:

E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this Advice Letter should also be sent electronically to the attention of:

Attn: Gary Lenart
Regulatory Tariff Manager
E-mail: GLenart@socalgas.com
E-mail: Tariffs@socalgas.com

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. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests this be approved and made effective March 31, 2022, the date submitted.

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

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Utility type:

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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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