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**Southern California Gas Company**  
**GAS (Corp ID 904)**  
**Status of Advice Letter 6059G**  
**As of March 1, 2023**

Subject: Additional Hazardous Substance Site to Include in SoCalGas's Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account

Division Assigned: Energy

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<b>Disposition:</b>	<b>Accepted</b>
<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>12-23-2022</b>

Resolution Required: No

Resolution Number: None

Commission Meeting Date: None

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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.

The AL status certificate indicates:

- Advice Letter Number
- Name of Filer
- CPUC Corporate ID number of Filer
- Subject of Filing
- Date Filed
- Disposition of Filing (Accepted, Rejected, Withdrawn, etc.)
- Effective Date of Filing
- Other Miscellaneous Information (e.g., Resolution, if applicable, etc.)

The Energy Division has made no changes to your copy of the Advice Letter Filing; please review your Advice Letter Filing with the information contained in the AL status certificate, and update your Advice Letter and tariff records accordingly.

All inquiries to the California Public Utilities Commission on the status of your Advice Letter Filing will be answered by Energy Division staff based on the information contained in the Energy Division's PAL database from which the AL status certificate is generated. If you have any questions on this matter please contact the:

Energy Division's Tariff Unit by e-mail to  
**[edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov)**



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November 23, 2022

Advice No. 6059  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Additional Hazardous Substance Site to Include in SoCalGas's  
Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account**

**Purpose**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby requests approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to include the site located at 115 North New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90004 (Site) in the Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account (HSCRA) within SoCalGas's Preliminary Statement Part V (Regulatory Accounts – Balancing) in compliance with Decision No. (D.) 94-05-020. This is the site of a hazardous substance clean-up.

**Background**

D.94-05-020 requires California utilities to submit an advice letter to include additional sites not originally identified for treatment within the Hazardous Substance Mechanism. For each site, the advice letter shall list: 1) the name of the site, 2) the location of the site; 3) the source, nature and approximate date of the contamination; 4) utility operations (historical and current) at the site, if any; and 5) environmental agency and oversight regarding the site, if any.

In addition, D.96-07-016 requires utilities to demonstrate that: 1) clean-up costs for which recovery is being sought are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure; and 2) all of the costs for which recovery is being sought are hazardous waste clean-up costs (including insurance costs) found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Clean-up Cost Recovery Collaborative Report, dated November 19, 1993 (Collaborative Report). SoCalGas owns and maintains natural gas distribution lines around the Site.

**Required Information**

The relevant information for the Site is as follows:

- **Site Name and Location**

115 N. New Hampshire Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90004.

- **Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination**

On July 28, 2022, during removal of a non-SoCalGas standard regulator in line with the master gas meter in the basement of the residential building at the Site, SoCalGas employees identified elemental mercury released from the equipment onto the concrete basement floor. SoCalGas immediately stopped work and commenced removal of mercury from the concrete. After an initial removal of all visible mercury, residual mercury was detected on the basement floor using a mercury detecting instrument. SoCalGas thereafter engaged hazardous substances removal contractors to undertake a thorough remediation of the site, which included treatment with a solution to bind and remove residual mercury, vacuuming, heating and ventilation, and removal and replacement of impacted concrete.

- **Utility Operations (Historical and Current) at the Site**

An active natural gas distribution line owned and operated by SoCalGas has historically served and currently serves the apartment building at the Site.

- **Environmental Agency Actions and Oversight**

There is no agency involvement with this property. The amount of mercury released was determined to be below the levels requiring agency oversight.

**Nature of Costs**

The remediation costs that SoCalGas is seeking to recover through the procedure are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure. All clean-up costs included by SoCalGas in the procedure are hazardous and non-hazardous waste clean-up costs found appropriate for recovery in the Collaborative Report.

**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

December 13, 2022. Protests should be submitted to the attention of the Energy Division Tariff Unit at:

E-mail: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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](mailto:GLenart@socalgas.com)  
E-mail: [Tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto:Tariffs@socalgas.com)

### **Effective Date**

SoCalGas believes that this submittal is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal become effective on December 23, 2022, which is 30 days after the submittal date.

### **Notice**

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in A.91-04-044. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via e-mail to [Tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 proposed<sup>1</sup>:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

<sup>1</sup>Discuss 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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