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Advice No. 6116

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 (Climate Change Adaptation OIR).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 file an annual Tier 1 Advice Letter with a status update describing the activities of the climate change team and anticipated upcoming milestones. Specifically, 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

¹ D.20-08-046 at 5.

² *Id.* at 2.

the climate change team in the last year and anticipated upcoming milestones that will lead up to the next vulnerability assessment filing.³

SoCalGas hereby provides SoCalGas' current climate change team, describes team membership, the annual progress of the climate change team and anticipated upcoming work. SoCalGas' Community Engagement Plan (CEP) and Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (CAVA) 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).

I. Climate Change Team

1. Climate Governance:

Department	Title
Infrastructure	SVP & Chief Customer Officer
	VP – Customer Solutions
Regulatory Affairs SDG&E & SoCalGas	Director of Regulatory Affairs SoCalGas
	CPUC Regulatory Case Manager II

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

Department	Title
Public Policy & Planning	Public Policy & Planning Manager
Gas System Integrity & Programs	GIS Applications Team Lead
Communications, Local Government & Community Affairs	VP – Communications, Local, Government, & Community Affairs
	Director of Community Relations
	Director of Customer Strategy & Engagement

³ *Id.* at 129 (OP 13).

3. Climate Vulnerability Assessment:

Department	Title
Gas Engineering & System Integrity	Integrity Risk Strategy Manager
	Senior Threat & Risk Engineer
	Project Manager
	Engineering Design Manager
	Civil/Structural Design Team Lead

II. Climate Change Team Annual Activities

SoCalGas held its second Climate Advisory Group Meeting on Thursday, November 16, 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 Change Adaptation OIR was presented, and current and future action items were discussed.

In December 2022, SoCalGas initiated quarterly Climate Equity Initiative meetings with CPUC representatives. During the meetings, SoCalGas updates the CPUC on the company's climate change equity efforts according to the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan and the progress of SoCalGas's CEP and CAVA.

In February 2023, SoCalGas established a Tribal Affairs Working Group comprised of SoCalGas business units, including Climate Change, Low Income, Regional Public Affairs, and Supplier Diversity to consider matters impacting tribal groups. SoCalGas held the first meeting on February 8, 2023. As a part of the working group, SoCalGas has retained Tribal Affairs Specialist, Pérez-Pacheco Consulting to advise on SoCalGas's climate outreach and tribal cultural considerations.

III. Community Engagement 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 Disadvantaged Vulnerable Communities (DVCs), as defined by D.20-08-046.⁴ Finally, SoCalGas created internal briefing materials to formally present to internal SoCalGas staff.

⁴ D.20-08-046 at 119 (OP 1).

SoCalGas also administered an initial survey to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to identify baseline awareness of and interest in the Climate Change Adaptation OIR. SoCalGas received 104 responses from CBOs over the course of approximately one month. From the survey responses, SoCalGas was able to identify partner groups for the next phase of engagement. CBO partners were identified based on their expressed interest (via the survey) in participating in the climate change adaptation community engagement process, their connection to target DVCs, and/or their experience with climate change/adaptation or environmental justice work.

SoCalGas provided training to thirty-four staff that will be directly or tangentially involved with Climate Change Adaptation OIR work. The training focused on providing staff with the resources to promote equitable engagement with DVCs and building cultural competence and awareness. For this training, SoCalGas partnered with local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firm, Del Sol Group (Del Sol), which has extensive expertise in both Southern California and developing equitable engagement strategies for historically underprioritized communities. Del Sol developed a local-focused training to enable SoCalGas staff to not only learn the nuances of effective communication and engagement with DVCs but also to expand staff's cultural competence needed to successfully meet people where they are at. Two training sessions were held on October 25 and November 10, 2022, with each session lasting approximately six hours. Prior to the training, Del Sol conducted a survey of SoCalGas staff directly involved with the Climate Change Adaptation OIR. The survey focused on SoCalGas' staff's knowledge levels as they related to engagement with DVCs. These responses helped Del Sol identify gaps and further refine and tailor the training to SoCalGas. The training also focused on engaging new and hard-to-reach stakeholder groups, building equity-based outreach programs.

IV. Vulnerability Assessment Activities

In December 2021, SoCalGas contracted with Golder Associates, USA, Inc. (Golder) to provide services necessary to meet the Vulnerability Assessments requirements described in D.20-08-046.⁵ As of this submittal, the core Golder VA team is comprised of the primary staff and consultants:

- Project Director
- Climate Vulnerability Assessment Lead
- 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:

- Monthly meetings with internal SoCalGas and SDG&E stakeholders
- Monthly meetings with Golder, HDR, and internal SoCalGas stakeholders
- As-needed meetings with Golder and internal SoCalGas stakeholders

⁵ *Id.* at 124-128 (OPs 8-9).

- Gathered and shared with Golder information and data on gas infrastructure, operations, services, and assets in both the SoCalGas and SDG&E territories.
- Finalized Vulnerability Assessment Methodology Approach. Conducted internal stakeholder workshops to present methodology, obtain feedback, and finalize methodology approach.
- Started climate exposure analysis focused on extreme temperatures.

V. Climate Change Team Upcoming Milestones

SoCalGas anticipates holding its third and fourth Climate Advisory Group Meeting in the second and fourth quarter of 2023.

VI. Community Engagement Milestones

SoCalGas will formalize partnerships with CBOs in the first quarter of 2023. These partnerships will be the foundation of SoCalGas' CBO-led climate adaptation Regional Advisory Boards (RABs). SoCalGas will host bi-monthly workshops with each of the RABs that will offer the opportunity for the RABs to provide formal feedback to SoCalGas on the Community Engagement Plan (CEP). Regional Advisory Boards will also support SoCalGas in reaching DVC communities through on-the-ground outreach and co-hosted community meetings later in the year. The development of the CEP will be an iterative process between SoCalGas, the RABs/CBOs, and the DVCs. SoCalGas will document and incorporate the input received from all groups into its final CEP.

DVC engagement will begin in the second half of the year. SoCalGas will develop a community events calendar, that will be vetted by the RABs, to develop a targeted plan that focuses outreach efforts and resources on reaching key DVC audiences. This outreach will serve the purpose of getting community feedback early and often, setting the stage for a more robust CEP process. The focus of DVC engagement will be to establish awareness of the Climate Change Adaptation program in communities and to provide resources and educational materials to customers to have meaningful conversations about climate change and adaptation in their communities. SoCalGas will also proactively seek feedback on the CEP and Vulnerability Assessment (VA) methodology from DVC communities. As part of this effort, SoCalGas will host DVC open houses to reach more community members. These open houses will be coordinated with CBO members of the RAB. Feedback obtained from outreach, workshops, and formal open houses will be incorporated into the final version of the CEP. SoCalGas will communicate to both the DVCs and the CBOs how feedback has been included and what changes were made to show that SoCalGas is listening and taking seriously the feedback it receives.

Local government engagement will begin Spring 2023. This engagement will be secondary to CBO engagement with SoCalGas staff providing quarterly updates to local governments about the Climate Change Adaptation OIR process, as well as updates when relevant engagement opportunities are occurring in their areas. As recommended by the Climate Change Adaptation OIR, SoCalGas is focusing its outreach on CBOs as the main points of contact for liaising with DVCs. SoCalGas will file its CEP in the first quarter of 2024. This CEP will be socialized with DVCs and CBOs months before the final is submitted to the CPUC.

SoCalGas has begun research and the process of identifying appropriate resources and strategies to initiate a robust tribal engagement approach in 2023. Tribal engagement is expected to coincide with the start of DVC engagement towards the start of the summer.

SoCalGas plans to hire a full-time-employee (FTE) Climate Adaptation Advisor in 2023 to support the directives set forth in D.20-08-046 for the development of SoCalGas's CAVA and CEP. SoCalGas intends to record the costs arising from the Climate Adaptation Advisor position in the CAVA Memorandum Account (CAVAMA) which SoCalGas established through filing Advice Letter 5694 on September 20, 2021.⁶

VII. Vulnerability Assessment Milestones

Anticipated Vulnerability Assessment tasks to be performed between March and December 2023:

- Climate Exposure Analysis. This includes analysis of climate projections, how the climate hazards affect the assets included in the study, and exposure results documentation.
- Climate Risk Assessment and Vulnerability Prioritization. This includes, stressor damage documentation, user impact results, and risk assessment results.

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, 2023. 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
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⁶ In D.20-08-046, the Commission recognized the IOUs' need for funding to implement the Decision's directives. The Commission stated that "funding will have to be considered as well, either in [the] IOUs' GRCs or a separate proceeding." To that end, the Commission specified in Finding of Fact (FOF) 26: "the IOUs should track costs directly related to their vulnerability assessments and community engagement pertaining to these vulnerability assessments in a memorandum account.

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 and D.20-08-046, OP 13. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests this be approved and made effective March 31, 2023, 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
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Director - Regulatory Affairs



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