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Advice No. 6146-G-A
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Supplement - Revisions to Detailed Plan and Set of Procedures for Community Based Organization Compensation Pursuant to Decision (D.) 22-12-055 Approving the Angeles Link Memorandum Account to Record Phase One Costs

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 22-12-055 Approving the Angeles Link Memorandum Account to Record Phase One Costs ("Decision"), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits revisions with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on the detailed plan and set of procedures for Community Based Organization (CBO) compensation developed in coordination with Energy Division and Angeles Link Planning Advisory Group (PAG) members.

Purpose

In accordance with D.22-12-055 Ordering Paragraph (OP) 8 (c), SoCalGas coordinated with Energy Division and Angeles Link PAG members to devise a plan and set of procedures to compensate CBOs and submits revisions to the compensation details to the Commission in this Advice Letter for approval.

This submittal replaces Advice No. (AL) 6146, submitted and approved on May 31, 2023, in its entirety, to update the compensation plan and procedures.

Background

On December 15, 2022, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted the Decision granting SoCalGas the authority to establish the Angeles Link Memorandum Account to record certain costs related to the Angeles Link Project (Project).¹ The Decision found that clean renewable hydrogen has the potential to decarbonize California's and the Los Angeles Basin's energy future and bring economic opportunities and new jobs to the Los

¹ D.22-12-055 at 73 (Ordering Paragraphs (OP) 1 and 2).

Angeles region,² and that clean renewable hydrogen is also one of the only few viable carbon-free energy alternatives for the hard-to-electrify industries, electric generation, and the heavy-duty transportation sector.³

OP 8 (c) of the Decision requires SoCalGas to “coordinate with Energy Division and its PAG members to devise a plan and a set of procedures to compensate CBOs and file a Tier 2 advice letter with the Commission’s Energy Division as soon as practicable with a detailed plan and set of procedures for CBO compensation.”⁴

In accordance with the Decision, preliminary draft compensation plans were communicated to Energy Division during a coordination meeting on February 21, 2023, and SoCalGas followed up with the proposed compensation rates via email. Energy Division agreed with the proposed compensation structure.

The preliminary compensation details were then communicated to PAG members during the first PAG meeting held on March 15. Thereafter, SoCalGas provided PAG members draft compensation procedures for their feedback on April 10, 2023, and requested feedback by April 14, 2023. SoCalGas received comments from one PAG member (The Utility Consumers’ Action Network (UCAN)) on April 18, 2023. SoCalGas revised its compensation procedures in response to some of the input received and coordinated with Energy Division staff on the revisions made during a meeting held on April 26, 2023.

SoCalGas now revises those plans and procedures to accurately reflect our current payment process to CBOs. The plans and procedures were shared with Energy Division on March 3, 2024, with no comments received. They were subsequently provided to PAG and CBO members on April 23, 2024, with no comments received.

Plan and Procedures

For every quarterly stakeholder engagement meeting, SoCalGas will provide each participating CBO⁵ a flat rate of \$500, along with meals for any member that chooses to attend these meetings in-person. Additionally, CBOs will be compensated \$150 per hour for their participation in any Angeles Link noticed meetings including workshops. SoCalGas commits to paying CBOs the greater dollar amount of these two options for their participation in the quarterly meetings.

UCAN requested that SoCalGas compensate each CBO for meeting preparation, provide the basis for the compensation structure, and eliminate the request that CBOs provide invoices to receive compensation. SoCalGas does not propose increasing the proposed rate for each quarterly meeting as the amount is already inclusive of meeting preparation time. Proposed compensation amounts are based on several data points including the CPUC’s intervenor

² *Id.* at 61 (Finding of Fact (FoF) 1).

³ *Id.* at 61 (FoF 2).

⁴ *Id.* at 78 (OP 8 (a)).

⁵ Payment will be made to each CBO and not the individual participant.

hourly rate tables⁶ and compensation provided to members of the CPUC's Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG). SoCalGas uses the "Advocate" category in the CPUC hourly rate chart as a guidepost for compensation where a Program Manager's median hourly compensation rate ranges from \$99.87 to \$188.43.⁷ Members of the DACAG are currently eligible for \$100 per diem compensation and receive no per diem compensation for preparation work.⁸ DACAG meetings last approximately 3 hours.⁹ SoCalGas selected an hourly rate of \$150 for compensation for each CBO.

Payment will be provided to CBOs on behalf of SoCalGas by a third-party consultant, Lee Andrews Group, who will send compensation (via check) no later than seven days after receipt of an invoice after each meeting. CBOs who attended the governance-focused interim meeting on May 18, 2023, will be paid after CPUC approval of the Tier 2 Advice Letter. CBOs will not be paid for the first quarterly meeting held on March 16, 2023 as it was introductory in nature. This was communicated up-front with the CBOs who attended the first quarterly meeting as well as discussed with Energy Division staff.

Payments will be made directly to the CBO and not to the individual in attendance. The invoice process through Lee Andrews Group is the quickest and most efficient method for CBO groups to receive payment and is not meant to be a burdensome process. During each meeting Lee Andrews Group will provide the invoice form (see Attachment 1) to each CBO in attendance. The invoice form requests basic information, such as the name of the organization and the address to which payment should be sent. Invoice forms can be filled out in person during each meeting or sent via email to Lee Andrews Group. Instructions on how to submit completed invoice forms will be communicated during each CBO meeting. Lee Andrews Group will also follow up with each CBO that does not submit an invoice within 3 business days after a meeting to help expedite the payment process.

Protest

SoCalGas asks that the Commission, pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, General Rule 7.5.1, maintain the original protest and comment period designated in Advice No. 6146 and not reopen the protest period. The modifications included in this supplemental AL do not make substantive changes that would affect the overall evaluation of the AL.

⁶ CPUC Hourly Rate Chart (Effective January 1, 2021). Available at: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/administrative-law-judge-division/documents/icompmaterials/hourlyratechart-03182024-v2.xlsm>

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Resolution E-5050. Amending the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group Charter. Available at: <https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M329/K740/329740607.pdf>

⁹ DACAG Meeting Information Available at: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/meeting/2023-06/disadvantaged-communities-advisory-group-meeting>

Any correspondence regarding this Advice Letter should 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 asserts 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 June 08, 2024, which is 30 calendar days after the date submitted.

Notice

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to SoCalGas's General Order (GO) 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in A.22-02-007. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via e-mail to Tariffs@socalgas.com or call 213-244-2424.

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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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:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Name:
Title:
Utility Name:
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City:
State: Zip:
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email:

Name:
Title:
Utility Name:
Address:
City:
State: Zip:
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email:

ATTACHMENT A
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CBO Payment Invoice Form

INVOICE



Date:

Organization:

Address:

The purpose of the CBOSG is to create opportunities for feedback on, and information sharing regarding, a proposed clean renewable hydrogen pipeline system that could deliver safe, clean renewable, reliable energy to the Los Angeles region. Each participating CBO will be provided with a stipend of \$150 an hour per meeting. In order to receive the full payment, CBOs were required to attend the entire meeting. Please note, final compensation is contingent upon approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Item Description	Rate:
<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Date: _____ Participation in a CBOSG Quarterly Meeting or Workshop Total meeting hours: _____ Hours Attended: _____	\$150/hour

Total Due \$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

BILLING TO
Lee Andrews Group*
700 Flower St. Suite 1275
Los Angeles, CA 90017

*Payment is being made on behalf of SoCalGas for the Angeles Link Project.