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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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Energy Division's Tariff Unit by e-mail to
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May 31, 2023

Advice No. 6146
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: 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 for approval with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a 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 has coordinated with Energy Division and Angeles Link PAG members to devise a plan and set of procedures to compensate CBOs and submits compensation details to the Commission in this Advice Letter for approval.

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 Angeles region,² and that clean renewable hydrogen² 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

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

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

³ *Id.* at 61 (FoF 2).

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.

Preliminary compensation details were 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 Monday April 10, 2023, and requested feedback by Friday April 14, 2023. SoCalGas received comments from one PAG member (The Utility Consumers’ Action Network (UCAN)) on Tuesday 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.

Plan and Procedures

SoCalGas plans to compensate each CBO⁵ a flat rate of \$500 for each quarterly stakeholder engagement meeting. Each meeting is scheduled to last approximately 2 hours and, for any persons who attend in person, SoCalGas will provide meals. SoCalGas is also planning to compensate CBOs \$150 for their participation in any interim stakeholder engagement meetings held in addition to the quarterly meetings. These interim meetings will be virtual and will last approximately one hour.

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 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 \$96.67 to \$182.⁷ Members of the DACAG are currently eligible for \$100 per diem compensation and receive no per diem compensation for

⁴ *Id.* at 78 (OP 8 (a)).

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

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-03102023-v2.xlsm>

⁷ *Ibid.*

preparation work.⁸ DACAG meetings last approximately 3 hours.⁹ SoCalGas selected an hourly rate of \$150 for compensation for each CBO. Given that each CBO quarterly stakeholder meeting will last approximately 2 hours, the additional amount (\$200) SoCalGas proposes to compensate CBOs above the assumed hourly rate ($\$150 \times 2 = \300) should cover preparation time and modest travel expenses (although a virtual option will be provided if CBOs choose not to travel or are otherwise unable to attend in person).

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.

Protests

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 June 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
Regulatory Tariff Manager
E-mail: GLenart@socalgas.com
E-mail: Tariffs@socalgas.com

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>

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 30, 2023, 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
Joseph Mock
Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

Attachment 1 - CBO Payment Invoice Form



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
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San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

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ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 6146

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 per optional meeting and \$500 per quarterly meeting. Please note, final compensation is contingent upon approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

	Item Description	Rate:
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 18 - Attendance at CBOSG Optional Meeting	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 22- Attendance at CBOSG Quarterly Meeting	\$500

Total Due

\$

Make Check Payable to:

BILLING TO

Lee Andrews Group* 700
Flower St. Suite 1275 Los
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*Payment is being made on behalf of
SoCalGas for the Angeles Link Project.