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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Backbone Transmission Capacity Notification Pursuant to Decision  
(D.)22-07-002**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits this Backbone Transmission Capacity notification to the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) pursuant to Decision (D.) 22-07-002 (Decision).<sup>1</sup>

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to comply with Appendix A of the Decision, which requires a utility to notify Energy Division and the R.20-01-007 service list via a Tier 1 Advice Letter on the first day its backbone transmission capacity fails to meet the minimum design standard as described in Appendix A of D.22-07-002.<sup>2</sup>

### **Background**

The Decision requires SoCalGas to maintain adequate backbone transmission capacity to meet the average day in a 1-in-10 cold and dry year standard established by D.06-09-039, which serves as a floor for daily available backbone transmission capacity. SoCalGas is required to notify Energy Division and the R.20-01-007 service list via a Tier 1 Advice Letter on the first day the total available backbone transmission capacity does not meet the minimum design standard as described in Appendix A.<sup>3</sup> Utilities must report their available backbone capacity in both million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) and dekatherms (Dth) in this Tier 1 advice letter.

The Decision provides that, for SoCalGas and the purposes of this requirement, the total available backbone transmission capacity is equal to the sum of the following for Cycle 1: (1) the capacity available for Total North Desert and Total Wheeler Ridge; (2) the capacity

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<sup>1</sup> Rulemaking (R.)20-01-007.

<sup>2</sup> D.22-07-002 at A-1 – A-2, A-4 – A-5.

<sup>3</sup> D.22-07-002 Appendix A, Attachment A at A-1.

available for the Blythe Sub-Zone plus the scheduled volume at Otay Mesa, the sum of these not to exceed 1,210 MMcfd; and (3) scheduled volumes for Total California Production.<sup>4</sup>

### **Notice of First Day of Total Available Capacity Below the Threshold Floor**

For Gas Day April 17, 2024, SoCalGas's calculation of total available capacity for Cycle 1 compared to the Threshold Floor is as follows:

**Table 1 – Total Available Capacity**

Gas Day	Units	North Desert Available Capacity	Wheeler Available Capacity	Blythe Available Capacity	Otay Mesa Scheduled Volumes	California Production Scheduled Volumes	Total Available Capacity	Annual Daily Demand: 1-in-10 Cold/Dry Year
4/17/2024	MMcfd	970	800	562	0	48	2,380	2,381
4/17/2024	Mdth	997	828	576	0	52	2,453	2,458

<sup>1</sup> Required to maintain adequate backbone capacity to meet the average day in a 1-in-10 cold and dry year standard established by D.06-09-039. The 1-in-10 cold and dry year, for 2024, is 2,381 MMcf as referenced in the 2022 California Gas Report, Table 25.

In addition to other ongoing required pipeline integrity/safety work impacting system capacity, most recently on April 15, 2024, remediation of Line 235 East also necessitated under pipeline integrity/safety requirements was initiated which reduced Northern Zone capacity by 620 MMcfd. A subsequent reduction in CA Producer Cycle 1 scheduled receipts for Gas Day April 17, 2024, resulted in capacity falling below the threshold by 1 MMcfd (5 Mdth). The maintenance was updated April 15, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. PCT in Envoy's Archived Maintenance Schedules.

For Gas Day April 18, 2024, SoCalGas's calculation of total available capacity for Cycle 1 compared to the Threshold Floor returned above the threshold.

The total available capacity information is posted on SoCalGas Envoy <https://scgenvoy2.sempra.com/index.jsp#nav=/Public/ViewExternal.showHome>.

### **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 May 7, 2024. 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)

<sup>4</sup> D.22-07-002-Appendix A, Attachment 1 at A-5.

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**

This submittal is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal be approved and made effective April 17, 2024, 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 R.20-01-007. 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 213-244-2424.

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](mailto:Process_office@cpuc.ca.gov).

*/s/ Joseph Mock*  
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# 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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San Francisco, CA 94102  
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