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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY  
PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION  
(TRIENNIAL COST ALLOCATION PROCEEDING)  
APPLICATION NO. A.14-12-017**

On December 18, 2014, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) filed its Phase 1 Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (TCAP) Application (A.14-12-017) (Application) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to revise its rates for natural gas transportation service effective January 1, 2016.

TCAPs are regulatory proceedings in which SoCalGas updates the allocation of its costs of providing gas service to customer classes and determines the transportation rates it charges customers. Generally, these costs have been previously authorized by the CPUC for recovery in rates. SoCalGas also forecasts how much gas its customers may use (demand), its balancing accounts (which ensure only authorized costs are collected) and the gas prices used to calculate various rate components. All of these forecasts have an impact on customers' rates. Phase 1 includes updating the allocation of costs related to the underground storage of natural gas for the period 2016 through 2019<sup>1</sup>. Phase 2 will include updating the allocation of all other costs related to gas transportation service as well as the demand, balancing account and gas price forecasts for a three-year period of 2017-2019. The CPUC will consider whether these particular proposals are just and reasonable when it establishes new rates for SoCalGas.

**EFFECT ON GAS RATES AND BILLS**

In Phase 1, SoCalGas proposes an increase in overall transportation revenues of \$3.8 million, or 0.2% for 2016. This overall increase would only apply to the transportation component of a total gas bill and is primarily due to reallocations of storage costs.

<sup>1</sup> Due to the expiration of a provision in the currently authorized TCAP, Phase 1 includes an additional year, for a total of four years. The two Phases should then be aligned in subsequent TCAPs.

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**Illustrative Change in Class Average Rates Due**  
**to Proposed TCAP Effective January 1, 2016**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Present Rates (¢/therm)</b>	<b>Proposed Rates (¢/therm)</b>	<b>¢/therm Change (¢/therm)</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Residential (Core) <sup>*</sup>	66.3	66.3	0.1	0.1%
Commercial/Industrial (Core) <sup>*</sup>	30.6	31.3	0.6	2.0%
Commercial/Industrial-Distribution Level (Noncore) <sup>**</sup>	6.7	6.8	0.1	1.2%
Electric Generation-Distribution Level (Noncore) <sup>**</sup>	3.8	3.9	0.1	2.6%
Transmission Level Service <sup>***</sup>	1.3	1.4	0.1	8.4%
Backbone Transmission Service <sup>****</sup>	15.4	15.4	0.0	0.0%

\* Core customers generally use smaller quantities of gas and the Utility purchases their gas.

\*\* Noncore customers are generally large gas users who purchase their own natural gas supplies for SoCalGas to transport.

\*\*\* Transmission Level Service is for noncore service on the Local Transmission System from the SoCal Citygate.

\*\*\*\* Backbone Transmission Service is rights that customers may purchase to transport gas over the backbone system to the SoCal Citygate. Core customers who purchase gas supplies from SoCalGas have this charge included in the gas commodity rate.

In Phase 1, a typical monthly bill for a residential customer using 39 therms per month will increase 0.05% from \$46.73 at present rates to \$46.76 in 2016. A monthly bill includes charges for transportation, Public Purpose Program Surcharges and natural gas commodity.

***The impact on each customer and each customer class could vary depending on individual usage and the Commission's final decision.***

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

You may request additional information or obtain a copy of the application and related exhibits by writing to: Joseph Mock, Regulatory Case Manager, Southern California Gas Company, 555 W. Fifth St., GT14D6, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011. SoCalGas will provide a copy of this application including the public testimony, upon request. SoCalGas' application and attachments may be inspected at the CPUC's Central Files Office, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102.

The application is available electronically on SoCalGas' website at [www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc.shtml](http://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc.shtml).

Copies of this bill insert will be available for viewing and printing on SoCalGas' website at [www.socalgas.com/regulatory](http://www.socalgas.com/regulatory).

**CPUC PROCESS**

This Application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge (Judge) who will determine how to receive evidence and other related documents, necessary for the CPUC to establish a record upon which to base its decision. Evidentiary Hearings (EHs) may be held where parties of record will present their testimony and may be subject to cross-examination by other parties. These EHs are open to the public, but only those who are parties of record can participate.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision which may adopt SoCalGas' proposal, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

As a party of record, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) reviewed this application. ORA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. ORA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise

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in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. Other parties of record will also participate in the CPUC's proceeding to consider this application. For more information about ORA, please call (415) 703-1584, email [ora@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ora@cpuc.ca.gov) or visit ORA's website at <http://ora.ca.gov/default.aspx>.

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