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**NOTICE OF CPUC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS  
REGARDING PROPOSED RATE INCREASES FOR  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY CUSTOMERS  
APPLICATION NO. 14-11-004**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear your comments about Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas®) request to increase your rates beginning January 1, 2016. To do so, the CPUC invites you to attend a CPUC Public Participation Hearing (PPH) where you may comment or simply listen to what others in your community are saying. A CPUC Administrative Law Judge (Judge) will preside over the hearing. The CPUC Commissioners are invited to attend, but it is unknown at this time if any will attend. The CPUC has also asked SoCalGas to provide customer service staff outside the hearing room, in case you would like to ask them questions about your bills.

Hearing locations are wheelchair accessible. If you need other arrangements, such as language interpretation, please contact the CPUC Public Advisor's Office at least five days before the hearing you are attending. The Public Advisor's Office contact information is noted below. The dates, times and locations of the PPHs follow:

<u>May 12, 2015</u> 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.	<u>RIVERSIDE</u> Riverside Convention Center Meeting Room 4 & 5 3637 Fifth Street Riverside, CA 92501
<u>May 14, 2015</u> 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.	<u>VISALIA</u> Visalia Convention Center - (San Joaquin D Room) 303 E. Acequia Avenue Visalia, CA 93291
<u>May 18, 2015</u> 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.	<u>INGLEWOOD</u> Inglewood Community Center One W. Manchester Blvd. Inglewood, CA 90301

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<p><u>May 19, 2015</u> 1 p.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p>	<p><u>CARSON</u> Carson Community Center - Room 107-A, B, &amp; C 3 Civic Plaza Drive Carson, CA 90745</p>
<p><u>May 20, 2015</u> 1 p.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p>	<p><u>SANTA ANA</u> Santa Ana City Hall Council Chambers 22 Civic Center Plaza Santa Ana, CA 92701</p>
<p><u>May 21, 2015</u> 1 p.m. &amp; 6 p.m.</p>	<p><u>SYLMAR</u> Casa Torres - Banquet Room 14117 Hubbard Street Sylmar, CA 91342</p>

### **SOCALGAS' RATE INCREASE REQUEST**

On November 14, 2014, SoCalGas filed with the CPUC, a request to increase its revenue requirement by \$256 million for 2016. On March 25, 2015, SoCalGas reduced its revenue requirement request to \$246 million for 2016. This revised request represents an increase of 4.3 percent over 2015 system average rates which would increase an average residential monthly bill usage of 39 therms a month by \$2.61.

SoCalGas' request (which is referred to as a General Rate Case, or GRC, Application) is asking for increased revenue to operate and provide natural gas service to customers in a safe and reliable manner. This includes increased costs to store gas, transmit gas through its territory and distribute the gas to homes and businesses. Also included in the request are other business costs such as operating and maintenance expenses, depreciation expenses, taxes, and return on invested capital. The cost of the natural gas itself is not part of this case.

Based on all the information presented in this proceeding, the CPUC will determine the revenue requirement for 2016. As part of this proceeding, the CPUC will also decide whether to approve SoCalGas' proposed revenue requirement increases of an additional 5.3% in 2017 and an additional 3.8% in 2018.

## **INFORMATION REGARDING SOCALGAS' GRC APPLICATION**

For more information about SoCalGas' GRC application filing, you may write to Charles Manzuk, Regulatory Affairs Department, Southern California Gas Company, 9305 Lightwave Ave., San Diego, CA 92123-1447. You may also view a copy of the application on SoCalGas' web site: <http://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/A1411004.shtml>

Copies of this insert will be available for viewing and printing on the SoCalGas web site. <http://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/bill-inserts/>

## **CPUC PROCESS**

This Application will be assigned to 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 all evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision determining whether to adopt all or part of SoCalGas' request, modify it, or deny it. The CPUC Commissioners may sponsor an alternate decision and the issue will be decided at a scheduled Commission Voting Meeting.

As a party of record, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) will review 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 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, e-mail [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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