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# NOTICE OF APPLICATION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES AND REVENUES FOR LAKESIDE PIPELINE LLC'S DAIRY BIOMETHANE PILOT PROJECT APPLICATION FILING 25-08-009

#### Why am I receiving this notice?

On August 15, 2025, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) and Lakeside Pipeline LLC filed Application 25-04-009 for Lakeside Pipeline LLC's Senate Bill (SB) 1383 Dairy Biomethane Pilot Project Reasonableness Review with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The application is requesting a total increase of \$ 14.5 million in revenue to recover costs above the approved project estimate of \$ 20.2 million, to total \$34.7 million.

If the CPUC approves this request, SoCalGas will recover the recorded project developer costs in gas rates over a 1-year period beginning after approval of the application and SoCalGas's costs over the life of the facility. This will increase your monthly bill.

### Why is SoCalGas requesting this rate increase?

The CPUC authorized the Dairy Biomethane Pilot program to implement six dairy biomethane pilot projects pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1383 to produce Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) and to demonstrate interconnection to the utilities' natural gas pipeline system. RNG is an important component of California's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and achieve climate goals. These Dairy Biomethane Pilot projects support the development and integration of RNG into the state's energy system. The Dairy Biomethane Pilot projects include SoCalGas facility upgrades and pilot project developer costs.

For this application, facility and projects costs were expended by SoCalGas and Lakeside Pipeline LLC (pilot project developer). The project was completed and exceeded its initial forecasts of RNG production and carbon reductions. SoCalGas and Lakeside Pipeline LLC requests the CPUC approve the costs as reasonable and prudent to successfully demonstrate this Dairy Biomethane Pilot project consistent with the goals of SB 1383.

#### How could this affect my monthly gas rates?

If SoCalGas's request is approved by the CPUC, SoCalGas's rates for gas service will increase. The average residential gas monthly bill using 36 therms per month would increase by approximately \$0.12 or 0.1% per month in 2026.

The table below does not necessarily reflect the changes that you may see on your bill. Changes in individual bills will also depend on how much electricity or gas each customer uses.

#### **Summary of Illustrative Gas Class Average Rates**

<u>Customer Class</u>	Present 7/1/2025 Rates	Proposed Total Rates for 2026	Increase	Increase
	(¢/therm)	(¢/therm)	<u>(¢/therm)</u>	%
Residential (Core)	146.315	146.649	0.334	0.2%
Average Residential Bill \$/month	73.39	73.51	0.12	0.2%
Commercial/Industrial (Core)	96.037	96.234	0.196	0.2%
Commercial/Industrial				
(Noncore Distribution Level Service)	27.546	27.588	0.042	0.2%
Electric Generation				
(Noncore Distribution Level Service)	26.263	26.299	0.036	0.1%
Transmission Level Service (EG Class	24.718	24.730	0.012	0.0%
Average)				
Backbone Transmission Service ¢/dth/day	57.976	57.976	0.000	0.0%
System Total	63.670	63.792	0.122	0.2%

# How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SoCalGas's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

#### **Contact CPUC**

Parties to the proceeding may review SoCalGas's application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call 1-415-703-1584, email <a href="PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov">PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov</a>, or visit **PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2508009 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on SoCalGas's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office

505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 Please reference SoCalGas's Biomethane Application 25-08-009 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

## Where can I get more information?

If you have questions about SoCalGas's request, you may contact them using the methods below.

#### **Contact SoCalGas**

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A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at: www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc