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Pursuant to Rule 11.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission"), Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas") requests an order allowing it to file under seal for a period of three years and to maintain the confidentiality of Schedules I, II, III-A, III-B, and X, including estimated construction expenses, a cash flow statement, a statement of cash requirements, and projected capitalization rations, filed concurrently herewith in support of the Company's Application for Debt Authorization (the "Application"), pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 583, California Public Records Act Sections 6254(d)(1) and (k) and General Order 66-D. Schedules I, II, III-A, III-B, and X to the Application contain forward-looking statements that are necessarily subject to various risks and uncertainties and are subject to change.

SoCalGas notes that the Commission has previously granted confidential treatment to these same schedules to SoCalGas and others in similar proceedings in the past for the same

reasons that SoCalGas is presently seeking confidential treatment.¹

Because the unredacted version of the Application, including Schedules I, II, III-A, III-B, and X, contains material, non-public financial information, the Company seeks confidential treatment of those schedules and requests that the Commission accept the filing of Schedules I, II, III-A, III-B, and X under seal for a period of three years after the date of a final decision in this proceeding. Notably, in the decision approving SoCalGas's previous Long Term Debt Authorization request, the Commission permitted that these types of schedules should be filed under seal for a three-year period in response to SoCalGas's Motion to File Under Seal.²

SoCalGas supports this Motion with the attached Declaration Supporting Confidential

Designation on Behalf of Southern California Gas Company by its Declarant, Mia DeMontigny,

Chief Financial Officer and Controller of Southern California Gas Company. See Attachment A.

As is required by Rule 11.4, noted above, accompanying this Motion is a Proposed Ruling that would implement the relief specified in this Motion.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of

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² D.21-01-009 at 23-24 and OP 6.

¹ See e.g., D.15-01-030 at 2 and Ordering Paragraph ("OP") 18 (according confidential treatment to the exact same schedules); D.12-04-015 at 2-3 and OP 7 (according confidential treatment to financial schedules that have related sensitivities); see also, D.21-01-009 at 23-24 and OP 6 (according confidential treatment these schedules in SoCalGas' previous Long Term Debt Application)

PROPOSED RULING

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ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 11.4 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission"), Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas") filed a motion on April 15, 2022 (the "Motion") requesting authority to file and maintain certain confidential, commercially sensitive and proprietary information under seal for a period of three years after the date of a final decision in this proceeding. The Motion sought confidential treatment of four financial schedules, Schedules I, II, III-A, III-B, and X, which accompany the Application captioned above.

The information for which confidential treatment is sought is protected by Public Utilities Code §583, California Public Records Act §§6254(d)(1) and (k). In its supporting Declaration of Mia L. DeMontigny, SoCalGas represents that these schedules contain material, non-public and financially sensitive information that is subject to United States Securities and Exchange Commission disclosure requirements, if their confidential status is not protected by the Commission. The financial information is of a forward-looking nature that is necessarily subject to various risks and uncertainties that are subject to change. This information has not been

disclosed to the public and has been protected as confidential by SoCalGas. The data cannot be aggregated, further redacted, summarized, masked or otherwise protected in a way that allows partial disclosure.

Therefore, it is ordered that:

- 1. SoCalGas' Motion to File Under Seal is granted.
- 2. The confidential information contained in SoCalGas' April 15, 2022 Application captioned above, consisting of Schedules I, II, III-A, III-B, and X, shall remain sealed and is not to be disclosed to anyone other than Commission staff, the Assigned Commissioner, the assigned Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") or an ALJ designated to decide this motion for a period of three years after the date of a final decision in this proceeding;
- 3. Further, proceedings, if any, held with respect to matters contained in the confidential information shall be conducted in a manner the assigned ALJ deems reasonably necessary to protect the confidentiality of the materials described herein;
- 4. Non-market participants may request access to the confidential information pursuant to applicable rules; and
- 5. All additional documentary evidence in this proceeding that addresses or relates to the subject matter of the confidential information must be treated in the confidential manner described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above.

	Administrative Law Judge
Dated:	



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DECLARATION SUPPORTING CONFIDENTIAL DESIGNATION ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

1. I, Mia L. DeMontigny, am the Chief Financial Officer and Controller of Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas"). My business office is located at:

Southern California Gas Company 555 West 5th Street, GT21C2 Los Angeles, CA 90013

- 2. As indicated in the Motion to File Under Seal accompanying this Declaration, SoCalGas seeks an order from the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC" or "Commission") deeming confidential the following Schedules that support SoCalGas' concurrently filed Application, captioned above:
 - Schedule I Estimated Capital Expenditures for Years 2023-2025;
 - Schedule II Monthly Cash Flow Projections for Years 2023-2025;
 - Schedule III-A Statement of Cash Requirements for the Years 2023-2025;
 - Schedule III-B Amount and Percentage of Internal Funds Provided for Years
 2023-2025; and
 - Schedule X Capital Ratios as of December 31, 2021 and Pro-forma.

My Declaration explains the reasons why confidential treatment of these schedules is necessary and SoCalGas' Motion to File Under Seal should be granted.

3. These documents have been marked as confidential, and the basis for confidential treatment is because they contain material, nonpublic financially sensitive information that is subject to United States Securities Exchange Commission disclosure requirements, if their

forward-looking nature that is necessarily subject to various risks and uncertainties and is subject to change. This information has not been disclosed to the public, and has been protected as confidential by SoCalGas. Debt applications such as this one are routinely monitored by the investment community. If they are made public, investors could later argue that they relied on

these forecasts and were harmed, which creates grounds for a potential lawsuit. Further,

confidential status is not protected by the Commission. The financial information is of a

premature disclosure of future cash requirements or capital expenditures could impact SoCalGas'

bidding strategy with lenders and other potential counterparties, resulting in higher service costs.

4. The importance of maintaining the confidentiality of this information outweighs any public interest in disclosure of this information. This information should be exempt from the public disclosure requirements under the Public Records Act and should be withheld from disclosure.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on this 15th day of April, 2022 at Los Angeles, California.

Mia L. DeMontigny

Chief Financial Officer and Controller

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