

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

**ORDER INSTITUTING RULEMAKING TO ESTABLISH POLICIES, PROCESSES AND
RULES TO ENSURE SAFE AND RELIABLE GAS SYSTEMS IN CALIFORNIA AND
PERFORM LONG-TERM GAS SYSTEM PLANNING**

(R.20-01-007)

(2nd DATA REQUEST FROM UCAN)

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QUESTION 1:

Please provide the following information about the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Field for calendar years 2015-2019 inclusive: (for years the field was out of service omit this information)—the quantity of gas that was sold (in MCF or BCF) for electric generation that were supplied via withdrawals from Aliso Canyon. Please disaggregate this information on a monthly basis for each of the calendar years. For each month indicate the maximum daily ramp increment that was attributable to gas sales for electric generation.

RESPONSE 1:

While ENVOY publishes daily system net Injection and Withdrawal data in total (publicly available for download*), it would not be possible to sub-divide that Storage balancing activity exclusive to EG end use only customers.

First, while customers can schedule injection and withdrawals, SoCalGas as the System Operator operates all four of its storage fields in concert, as required to maintain the system, (independently of any nominations made by its storage customers). As such, storage customers do not nominate gas specifically from the Aliso Canyon, Honor Rancho, Playa del Rey, or La Goleta storage fields.

Second, and most importantly to any such analysis, many EG end use facilities are supplied by Contracted Marketers**, whose total deliveries are pooled and re-directed to all its customers (that transcend **all** customer classes). Such pooling services makes it impossible to assign imbalances to any one class of customer.

* Information can be directly obtained from SoCalGas' public archives available in ENVOY, "Informational Postings", "Operations", "Daily Operations", "Archive", selecting Daily Operations, the year and the month, and referencing column titled "Net Injections(Withdrawals)". This Envoy data can be accessed by pasting the following link into a web browser.

<https://scgenvoy.sempira.com/index.html#nav=/Public/ViewExternalDailyOperations.getDailyOperation%3Frand%3D136>

**Contracted Marketers are gas agents who represent customers in either one or both Utility territories and may inject to a generic storage account or withdraw to a pool of customers in the majority of cases.

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QUESTION 2:

During 2015-2016, when Aliso Canyon was out of service please provide information about gas withdrawals for electric generation that was provided from withdrawals from SoCalGas's other gas storage fields. Please provide information about electric generation associated gas storage withdrawals on a monthly basis. Please use MCF or BCF to identify total gas sales.

RESPONSE 2:

SoCalGas objects to this request to the extent it misstates the facts and lacks foundation. Notwithstanding that objection and subject thereto, SoCalGas responds as follows:

Please see Response 1 as to why this data is unavailable. Moreover, in D.18-09-032, the Commission found that the Aliso Canyon Storage Field was not out of service for nine consecutive months or longer following the gas leak that occurred there beginning on October 23, 2015.

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QUESTION 3:

Please identify the top ten dates in each calendar year of gas sales for electric generation, listing the amount sold and the level of sales during the peak period during each of the ten days.

RESPONSE 3:

Attached are the top 10 electric generation demand days for the combined SoCalGas/SDG&E system in each year from 2015-2019. Since electric generators contract for their own gas supply, the “level of sales” during the peak period is not available.



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QUESTION 4:

For the dates identified in Question 3 please disaggregate how much of the peak demand was supplied by each of SoCalGas's four storage fields.

RESPONSE 4:

Please see Response 1 as to why this data is unavailable.

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QUESTION 5:

At its current supply and pressure limitations:

- a) How much gas can Aliso Canyon supply during peak periods for electric generation purposes, on a daily basis?
- b) How much can it supply to meet peak demand on each of the dates identified in Question 3?

RESPONSE 5:

Please see Response 1 as to why this data is unavailable. Consistent with the July 23, 2019 Aliso Canyon Withdrawal Protocol, Aliso Canyon is available to support all customer demand in the Los Angeles basin, including electric generation. Aliso Canyon's daily withdrawal rate varies based on various criteria. Please refer to the following for information on the Aliso Canyon storage field and its capabilities.

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Aliso/>

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