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# NOTICE OF APPLICATION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES AND REVENUES FOR THE 2023-2025 GAS DEMAND RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAMS APPLICATION FILING A.23-01-004

# WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?

On January 6, 2023, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) filed its 2023-2025¹ Gas Demand Response Pilot Programs with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of the application, SoCalGas is requesting a total of \$12.5 million. The proposed Gas Demand Response Pilot Programs (Pilot Programs) are designed to provide gas demand response programs to residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural customers. These Pilot Programs seek to help customers reduce their energy usage during times of peak demand.

If the CPUC approves this application, SoCalGas will recover forecasted costs in gas rates over a 3-year period beginning in 2024. This will impact your monthly bill.

# WHY IS SOCALGAS REQUESTING THIS RATE INCREASE?

As the State rapidly deploys renewable energy to become carbon-free by 2045<sup>2</sup>, the reliability services and capabilities provided by the gas grid are increasingly being called upon. To support the reliability of the gas system and electric grid, the proposed Pilot Programs are integral to informing whether future demand response program(s) can effectively help with natural gas curtailments and system reliability. Implementing these Pilot Programs will allow SoCalGas to

SoCalGas is proposing that the 2023-2025 Gas Demand Response Pilot Programs begin 04 of 2023 and that the 2023 costs be rolled into 2024 such that rates will not be impacted until 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Senate Bill 100 (De Leon, Chapter 312, Statutes of 2018).

test the effectiveness of reducing customer gas usage during system peak demand periods. The findings from the Pilot Programs for years 2023-2025 may inform future gas demand response program designs that could advance system reliability, providing benefits to the ratepayers.

## HOW COULD THIS AFFECT MY MONTHLY GAS RATES?3

If SoCalGas's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill using 35 therms per month would increase by approximately \$0.05 or 0.1% per month in 2024, compared to estimated 2023. Individual customer bills may vary.

TABLE 1: PROPOSED GAS RATE INCREASE

Customer Class Core-CARE	Current Rates \$/th	2024		2025		2026	
		\$/th	% change	\$/th	% change	\$/th	% change
Residential	\$1.54592	\$1.54644	0.03%	\$1.54777	0.09%	\$1.54760	-0.01%
Commercial/Industrial	\$1.15852	\$1.15877	0.02%	\$1.15940	0.05%	\$1.15932	-0.01%
Gas AC	\$1.09854	\$1.09862	0.01%	\$1.09881	0.02%	\$1.09879	0.00%
Core-Non CARE							
Residential	\$1.96190	\$1.96242	0.03%	\$1.96375	0.07%	\$1.96359	-0.01%
Commercial/Industrial	\$1.47195	\$1.47219	0.02%	\$1.47282	0.04%	\$1.47274	-0.01%
Gas AC	\$1.34459	\$1.34467	0.01%	\$1.34486	0.01%	\$1.34484	0.00%
Gas Engine	\$1.02505	\$1.02537	0.03%	\$1.02620	0.08%	\$1.02610	-0.01%
Natural Gas Vehicle	\$1.04410	\$1.04410	0.00%	\$1.04410	0.00%	\$1.04410	0.00%
Noncore							
Commercial/Industrial	\$0.19262	\$0.19266	0.02%	\$0.19275	0.05%	\$0.19274	-0.01%

# **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' 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.

Parties to the proceeding may review SoCalGas' 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 PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The gas rates information will be available later.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

### Contact SoCalGas

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

#### Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2301004 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' 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:

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free)

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Please reference **Application A.23-01-004** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

