

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
Compression Services Application
(A.11-11-011)
(2nd DATA REQUEST FROM Clean Energy)

Question 1:

Please provide a copy the “existing policy” that SoCalGas referenced in its Response 2 to Question 2 in Clean Energy’s First Data Request in A.11-11-011, and any other written evidence that such a policy exists.

Response 1:

SoCalGas adheres to the Council of American Survey Research Organizations (CASRO) code of standards for all utility surveys, which includes the confidentiality of survey respondents.¹ In part, the code of standards states that survey research organizations, such as SoCalGas, are responsible for “...protecting from disclosure to third parties--including Clients and members of the Public--the identity of individual Respondents as well as Respondent-identifiable information, unless the Respondent expressly requests or permits such disclosure.” In accordance with the CASRO code of standards, the survey in question included a privacy policy that states, in part, “...When you participate in a panel research survey conducted by our organization, you can be confident that any personal information that you share with us will stay with us. Any time you participate as a respondent in one of our panel surveys, you can be assured that your individual responses will be kept confidential and never linked to your personal identifying information without your express permission. ...”

The CASRO code of standards and survey privacy policy are consistent with Public Utilities Code 583, which states “No information furnished to the commission by a public utility, or any business which is a subsidiary or affiliate of a public utility, or a corporation which holds a controlling interest in a public utility, except those matters specifically required to be open to public inspection by this part, shall be open to public inspection or made public except on order of the commission, or by the commission or a commissioner in the course of a hearing or proceeding. Any present or former officer or employee of the commission who divulges any such information is guilty of a misdemeanor.”

¹ <http://www.casro.org/codeofstandards.cfm>

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Question 2:

Does SoCalGas assert that non-participating utility ratepayers would not be adversely affected in any way, directly or indirectly, by any economic losses arising from commercial circumstances such as those described in Question 3 at any time?

Response 2

No, SoCalGas did not make such an assertion. Please see SoCalGas' response to 1st Data Request, Question 3.