

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**RE: Request for Guidance Regarding Compliance with the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling in Consolidated General Rate Case Applications 22-05-015 and 22-05-016 Related to the Ventura Compressor Modernization Project Application**

Dear Joseph Mock:

In your letter dated November 23, 2022, on behalf of Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), you request guidance on filing an application for the Ventura Compressor Modernization (VCM) Project (Request).

The Request states that the forthcoming infrastructure General Order (GO) requirements in Rulemaking (R.) 20-01-007 have triggered uncertainty on how SoCalGas should file its VCM Project application. SoCalGas presents two options to consider the procedural path to file the VCM Project application. Under the first option, the Request states that SoCalGas intends to file a ratemaking application by December 15, 2022, as ordered in the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) issued in the general rate case proceeding Applications (A.) 22-05-015/016. SoCalGas further states that after the GO is adopted in R.20-01-007, it will submit a draft Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) in the ratemaking proceeding and subsequently amend the application to comply with the GO requirements.

Under the second option, the Request seeks an extension of time pursuant to the Commission's Rule 16.6 to file a consolidated VCM Project application after the infrastructure GO is adopted. The Request states that the extension will allow SoCalGas sufficient time to prepare and submit a draft PEA and file a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) application in compliance with the requirements of the GO and the Scoping Memo.

The Request further states that SoCalGas does not know how long it will take to prepare the PEA for the VCM Project. SoCalGas did not provide a filing date for its consolidated application.

Granting an extension pursuant to Commission's Rule 16.6 to file a consolidated application would allow SoCalGas to meet the requirements of the Scoping Memo, in addition to complying with provisions for a PEA and a CPCN application pursuant to R.20-01-007. It would be an efficient use of the Commission's, intervenors', and SoCalGas' resources to work on a consolidated application rather than review the same information in separate filings to be

consolidated later. Therefore, I grant SoCalGas an extension of time to file a consolidated VCM Project application to comply with the Scoping Memo and the GO.

SoCalGas must submit the consolidated application within a reasonable time to avoid delay in the Commission's project review. In addition to the safety and reliability of an upgraded system, the communities north of Ventura rely on gas supplies from the compressor station. Under these circumstances, SoCalGas shall provide to Energy Division the timing of filing a consolidated application before December 31, 2022. While the extension request is granted, SoCalGas must file a consolidated application in compliance with the Scoping Memo and the GO within 120 days of the issuance of the final infrastructure GO decision adopted in R.20-01-007.<sup>1</sup>

Pursuant to Rule 16.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, SoCalGas must promptly inform all parties to the general rate case proceeding A.22-05-015/016 and R.20-01-007 of the extension and must state in the opening paragraph of the consolidated VCM Project application that the Executive Director has authorized the extension.

Sincerely,



Rachel Peterson  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> Commission decision on gas Infrastructure General Order (GO) in R.20-01-007 was adopted at the December 1, 2022, Commission voting meeting.