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Advice Letter 5556-G

Ronald van der Leeden
Director, Regulatory Affairs
Southern California Gas Company
555 W. Fifth Street, GT14D6
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

SUBJECT: Biomethane Incentive Reservation Application Form.

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5556-G is effective as of December 19, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/
Director, Energy Division

December 19, 2019

Advice 4192-G

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company U 39 G)

Advice 2827-G

(San Diego Gas & Electric Company U 902 G)

Advice 5556-G

(Southern California Gas Company U 904-G)

Advice 1122-G

(Southwest Gas Corporation U 905 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Biomethane Incentive Reservation Application Form

Purpose

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 1 of Decision (D.)19-12-009 (Decision), Pacific Gas and Electric Company, (PG&E), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) (“the Utilities”) respectfully submits this Tier 1 advice letter to establish a standard Biomethane Incentive Reservation Application form.

Background

On December 5, 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved D.19-12-009 *Establishing a Reservation System for the Biomethane Incentive Program, Extending Date and Addressing Rate Recovery for Pipeline Interconnection Infrastructure*. This decision implements an Incentive Reservation System for the biomethane monetary incentive program initially established pursuant to D.15-06-029. The biomethane monetary incentive program provides up to \$3 million for non-dairy cluster projects and \$5 million for dairy clusters that successfully interconnect with the natural gas pipeline system and operate by December 31, 2026.

The Biomethane Incentive Reservation System allows project developers to reserve incentive funds during the development phase of a project and receive the funds once the project is interconnected and operating in accordance with utility tariffs. Applications for

the Incentive Reservation System are designed to ensure that only viable projects can secure a spot on the reservation list managed by the CPUC's Energy Division.

In accordance with OP 1, the Utilities collaborated to develop a standard Biomethane Incentive Application form that meets the criteria outlined in Section 3.2 and 3.3 of D.19-12-009 (Attachment A), which includes the following information:

- Contact Information including: first name, last name, title, company name, street address, city, county, state, zip code, office phone, mobile phone, fax number, and email address
- Interconnecting Facility Information including: project name, project location, and approximate location and information of the proposed Point of Interconnection (site plan showing facility location and Point of Interconnection)
- Proposed schedule including: proposed commercial Operation Date and proposed Terms of Service (years)
- Documentation of a pending application for pipeline interconnection with the utility including commencement of the Step 3 study process with PG&E (Engineering and Construction Phase) and SoCalGas/SDG&E (Detailed Engineering Study) or a completed Interconnection Engineering Study with Southwest Gas, as well as payment of any amount required by the Utility to initiate construction of the interconnection equipment.

Once the Utilities' Tier 1 advice letter is approved by Energy Division, the standard Biomethane Incentive Reservation Application (downloadable) form will be available as soon as possible at each Utility website.¹

This submittal would not increase any current rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than January 8, 2020, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. Protests must be submitted to:

¹ The Biomethane Incentive Reservation Application form will be available at the Utilities' websites: PG&E biomethane@pge.com, SoCalGas <https://www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/energy-market-services/new-or-expanded-interconnection-receipt-points>, SDG&E <https://www.sdge.com/rng> and Southwest Gas KeyAccountManagement@swg.com

CPUC Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies of protests also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

The protest shall also be sent to the Utilities either via E-mail or U.S. mail (and by facsimile, if possible) at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

For PG&E:

Erik Jacobson
Director, Regulatory Relations
c/o Megan Lawson
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B13U
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-3582
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

For SoCalGas / SDG&E:

Ray Ortiz
Tariff Manager - GT14D6
555 West Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957
E-mail: rortiz@socalgas.com

Megan Caulson
Regulatory Tariff Manager
8330 Century Park Ct., CP31F
San Diego, CA 92123-1548
E-mail: mcaulson@sdge.com

For Southwest Gas Corporation:

Mr. Justin Lee Brown
Senior Vice President/General Counsel
Southwest Gas Corporation
P.O. Box 98510
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
Email: justin.brown@swgas.com
Facsimile: 702-364-3452

Any person (including individuals, groups, or organizations) may protest or respond to an advice letter (General Order 96-B, Section 7.4). The protest shall contain the following information: specification of the advice letter protested; grounds for the protest; supporting factual information or legal argument; name, telephone number, postal address, and (where appropriate) e-mail address of the protestant; and statement that the protest was sent to the utility no later than the day on which the protest was submitted to the reviewing Industry Division (General Order 96-B, Section 3.11).

Effective Date

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, Rule 5.1, and OP 1 of D.19-12-009, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. The Utilities request that this Tier 1 advice submittal become effective upon date of submittal, which is December 19, 2019.

Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section IV, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list and the parties on the service list for R.13-02-008. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to PG&E at email address PGETariffs@pge.com. For changes to any other service list, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or at Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov. Send all electronic approvals to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter submittals can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

/S/

Erik Jacobson
Director, Regulatory Relations

Attachment

cc: Service List R.13-02-008



ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39G)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person: Kimberly Loo

Phone #: (415)973-4587

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: KELM@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4192-G

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Biomethane Incentive Reservation Application Form

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.19-12-009

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 12/19/19

No. of tariff sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Name: Erik Jacobson, c/o Megan Lawson
Title: Director, Regulatory Relations
Utility Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Address: 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B13U
City: San Francisco, CA 94177
State: California Zip: 94177
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-2093
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-3582
Email: PGETariffs@pge.com

Name:
Title:
Utility Name:
Address:
City:
State: District of Columbia Zip:
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email:

Advice 4192-G et al.
December 19, 2019

Attachment A

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form

(Per CPUC Decision 19-12-009 and in conjunction with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Corporation)

Instructions: Please download the form and complete all data fields. Print and sign the form and return with the required documentation via email as referenced below to the applicable Utility.

BioMethaneIncentiveReservation@SoCalGas.com

KeyAccountManagement@swgas.com

Biomethane@pge.com

The receipt of this fully and accurately completed Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form is required to apply for placement in the incentive reservation queue. Submission of this form does NOT guarantee payment.

I) Contact Information

First name	
Last Name	
Title	
Company Name	
Street Address	
City	
County	
State	
Zip Code	
Office Phone	
Mobile Phone	
Fax Number	
Email	

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form

(Per CPUC Decision 19-12-009 and in conjunction with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Corporation)

II) Interconnecting Facility Information

Project Name:

Project Address:

Project Type:

- Dairy Cluster per D.15-06-029 and D. 16-12-043
 Other

Approximate location and information of the proposed Point of Interconnection:

Site Plan showing facility location and Point of Interconnection

(please attach)

III) Proposed schedule

Proposed commercial Operation Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Proposed Terms of Service (years)

Biomethane Incentive Reservation Form

(Per CPUC Decision 19-12-009 and in conjunction with Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southwest Gas Corporation)

IV) Documentation of a pending application for pipeline interconnection

Utility with:

(a) Check Appropriate Box to Indicate your Utility:

- SoCalGas
- SDG&E
- PG&E
- Southwest Gas

(b) Attach the fully executed and funded Step 3 agreement for appropriate Utility:

- SoCalGas* *Detailed Engineering Study*
- SDG&E* *Detailed Engineering Study*
- PG&E* *Engineering and Construction Phase Agreement*
- Southwest Gas* *Interconnection Engineering Studies*

Authorized Signature	
Date	
Print Name	
Title	

V) Utility to Fill in:

Date of Receipt by Utility of Completed Incentive Reservation Form (MM/DD/YYYY)	
Time of Receipt by Utility of Completed Incentive Reservation Form	AM / PM
Utility Verification of Incentive Reservation Qualifications	YES / NO
Date of Application for Interconnection ¹ (MM/DD/YYYY)	

¹ For applications received on the first day, the Commission will award reservations in order of the date of application for interconnection; which is date of the fully executed and funded Step 3 agreement per D.19-12-009.

**PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Submittal List
General Order 96-B, Section IV**

AT&T	Downey & Brand	Pioneer Community Energy
Albion Power Company	East Bay Community Energy	Praxair
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	
	Energy Management Service	
Alta Power Group, LLC	Engineers and Scientists of California	Redwood Coast Energy Authority
Anderson & Poole	Evaluation + Strategy for Social Innovation	Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
	GenOn Energy, Inc.	SCD Energy Solutions
Atlas ReFuel	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	
BART	Green Charge Networks	SCE
	Green Power Institute	SDG&E and SoCalGas
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Hanna & Morton	
P.C. CalCom Solar	ICF	SPURR
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	International Power Technology	San Francisco Water Power and Sewer
California Energy Commission	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Seattle City Light
California Public Utilities Commission	Kelly Group	Sempra Utilities
California State Association of Counties	Ken Bohn Consulting	Southern California Edison Company
Calpine	Keyes & Fox LLP	Southern California Gas Company
	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. Linde	Spark Energy
Cameron-Daniel, P.C.	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	Sun Light & Power
Casner, Steve	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sunshine Design
Cenergy Power	MRW & Associates	Tecogen, Inc.
Center for Biological Diversity	Manatt Phelps Phillips	TerraVerde Renewable Partners
	Marin Energy Authority	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Chevron Pipeline and Power	McKenzie & Associates	
City of Palo Alto		TransCanada
	Modesto Irrigation District	Troutman Sanders LLP
City of San Jose	Morgan Stanley	Utility Cost Management
Clean Power Research	NLine Energy, Inc.	Utility Power Solutions
Coast Economic Consulting	NRG Solar	Utility Specialists
Commercial Energy		
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works	Office of Ratepayer Advocates	Verizon
Crossborder Energy	OnGrid Solar	Water and Energy Consulting Wellhead Electric Company
Crown Road Energy, LLC	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	Peninsula Clean Energy	Yep Energy
Day Carter Murphy		
Dept of General Services		
Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.		
Douglass & Liddell		