

Energy Division Central Files Document Coversheet

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2. All documents are required to be submitted in an electronically *searchable* format.
3. Documents need to reference the reason for the mandate that ordered the filing in Section B or C. If you are unable to reference a proceeding or explain the origin of your filing, please contact Energy Division Central Files.
4. To find a proceeding number (if you only have a decision number), go to <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/DecisionsSearchForm.aspx>; enter the decision number, and the results shown include the proceeding number.

A. Document Name

Today's Date (Date of Submittal) 12/10/2018

Name:

1. Utility Name: SoCalGas
2. Document Submission Frequency (Annual, Quarterly, Monthly, Weekly, Once, Ad Hoc): Ad Hoc
3. Report Name: Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account – November 2018 Wildfires
4. Reporting Interval (the date(s) covered by the data, e.g. 2015 Q1): As Needed
5. Name Suffix: Cov (for an Energy Division Cover Letter), Conf (for a confidential doc), Ltr (for a letter from utility)
6. Document File Name (format as 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5): CEMA_SoCalGas_November 2018

Sample Document Names:

Utility Name + Submittal Frequency + Report Name + Year + Reporting Interval

SCE Annual Procurement Report 2014

SDG&E Ad Hoc DR Exception 2015Q1 Conf

SEMPRA Monthly Gas Report 201602

SEMPRA Daily Gas Report 20160230 <no suffix for regular, non-confidential compliance data>

SEMPRA Daily Gas Report 20160230 Cov

SEMPRA Daily Gas Report 20160230 Ltr

7. Identify whether this filing is original or revision to a previous filing.
 - a. If revision, identify date of the original filing:

B. Documents Related to a Proceeding

All submittals should reference both a proceeding and a decision, if applicable. If not applicable, leave blank and fill out Section C.

1. Proceeding Number (starts with R, I, C, A, or P plus 7 numbers): Resolution (Res.) E-3238
2. Decision Number (starts with D plus 7 numbers): N/A
3. Ordering Paragraph (OP) Number from the decision: Page No. 3

C. Documents Submitted as Requested by Other Requirements

If the document submitted is in compliance with something other than a proceeding, (e.g. Resolution, Ruling, Staff Letter, Public Utilities Code, or sender's own motion), please explain: N/A

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Pursuant to Commission Resolution E-3238, SoCalGas is providing notice that its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) has been invoked due to recent catastrophic events of several wildfires in Southern California which led to proclamations of State of Emergency by Acting Governor Gavin Newsom. This letter is provided in accordance with SoCalGas' tariff book Preliminary Statement, Part VI, CEMA

(<https://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/tariffs/tm2/pdf/CEMA.pdf>), which requires SoCalGas to notify the Commission regarding the CEMA, and to provide information concerning the catastrophic event, its impact to facilities, and an estimate of costs that have been or will be incurred in response to the catastrophic event.

The CEMA requires that if possible, within thirty (30) days after the catastrophic event that SoCalGas provide the Executive Director of the CPUC information concerning the catastrophic event including the impact on its facilities and a preliminary estimate of the costs that have been or will be incurred in response to the catastrophic event.

D. Document Summary

Provide a Document Summary that explains why this report is being filed with the Energy Division. This information is often contained in the cover letter, introduction, or executive summary, so you may want copy if from there and paste it here.

Recent catastrophic events of several wildfires in Southern California led to proclamations of State of Emergency by Governor Edmund Brown, Jr. These wildfires have damaged critical infrastructure, destroyed hundreds of homes and caused the evacuation of several hundred thousand residents.

E. Sender Contact Information

1. Sender Name: SoCalGas Tariffs
2. Sender Organization: Southern California Gas Company
3. Sender Phone: 213-244-2837
4. Sender Email: Tariffs@SoCalGas.com

F. Confidentiality

1. Is this document confidential? No Yes
 - a. If Yes, provide an explanation of why confidentiality is claimed and identify the expiration of the confidentiality designation (e.g. Confidential until December 31, 2020).

G. CPUC Routing

Energy Division's Director, Edward Randolph, requests that you not copy him on filings sent to Energy Division Central Files. Identify below any Commission staff that were copied on the submittal of this document.

1. Names of Commission staff that sender copied on the submittal of this Document:

CPUC President Michael Picker
Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves
Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen
Commissioner Carla J. Peterman
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December 10, 2018

Ms. Alice Stebbins
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Re: Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account – November 2018 Wildfires

Dear Ms. Stebbins:

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) Resolution E-3238, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is providing notice that its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) has been invoked due to recent catastrophic events of two wildfires in Southern California which led to a proclamation of a State of Emergency by Acting Governor Gavin Newsom. This letter is provided in accordance with SoCalGas' tariff book Preliminary Statement, Part VI, CEMA,¹ which requires SoCalGas to notify the Commission regarding the CEMA, and to provide information concerning the catastrophic event, its impact to facilities, and an estimate of costs that have been or will be incurred in response to the catastrophic event.

Catastrophic Event Declared – November 2018 Wildfires

On November 9, 2018, Acting Governor Gavin Newsom issued an emergency proclamation for Los Angeles and Ventura counties due to the effects of the Hill and Woolsey fires,² which had begun burning on November 8, 2018. As noted in the proclamation, the fires destroyed homes, threatened critical infrastructure and caused the evacuation of residents.

¹ Preliminary Statement – Part VI – CEMA. Available at <https://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/tariffs/tm2/pdf/CEMA.pdf>.

² See Acting Governor Newsom's Proclamation of State of Emergency for Los Angeles and Ventura County. Available at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2018/11/09/state-of-emergency-in-los-angeles-and-ventura-counties/>.

CEMA Background

The CEMA requires that if possible, within thirty (30) days after the catastrophic event SoCalGas is to provide the Executive Director of the CPUC information concerning the catastrophic event, including the impact on its facilities and a preliminary estimate of the costs that have been or will be incurred in response to the catastrophic event. The costs eligible for entry into the CEMA include costs associated with: 1) restoring utility services to customers; 2) repairing, replacing, or restoring damaged utility facilities; and 3) complying with government agency orders associated with events declared disasters. Costs recorded in the CEMA shall be restricted to those incremental costs incurred by SoCalGas in response to the catastrophic event. Before recovery of any costs recorded in CEMA in jurisdictional customer rates, SoCalGas will make a formal increase request and recommendation by an application to the CPUC.

Impacts on Service and Facilities from the November Wildfires

SoCalGas worked closely with first responders and other authorities in the areas affected by the wildfires including shutting off gas service to almost 1,400 customers. The fires destroyed and severely damaged at least 500 customers' homes to the point that gas service abandonment was necessary, while approximately 900 customers' homes required service restoration. In support of the restoration and recovery efforts, SoCalGas field representatives worked alongside first responders to quickly restore service to homes directly affected by the fires.

The wildfires also damaged portions of SoCalGas' distribution system and caused disruption to field operations. Emergency response teams were responsible for keeping onsite personnel safe while also continuing with normal operations. SoCalGas has incurred costs as a result of the Woolsey and Hill fires related to service replacement, meter replacement, main repair, and paving. SoCalGas' efforts to repair, replace, and/or restore utility facilities damaged by the wildfires continues throughout the affected counties. Preliminary estimates of the total direct costs anticipated to be incurred in response to these catastrophic events are in the range of \$1 to \$2 million in Operations & Maintenance costs and \$1.5 to \$3 million in capital costs, for a total direct cost estimate in the range of \$2.5 to \$5 million.

SoCalGas may incur additional costs beyond these preliminary estimates associated with restoring services and repairing damaged utility facilities and properties. Because some costs have yet to be incurred and/or quantified, the preliminary cost estimate may change. SoCalGas understands that all costs may be recovered in rates only upon SoCalGas' formal request and subsequent approval by the Commission as to the reasonableness of such costs.

Questions should be directed to SoCalGas Tariffs by email to Tariffs@Socalgas.com.

Alice Stebbins
California Public Utilities Commission

December 10, 2018



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Service List, R.18-03-011