

CPUC PROCESS

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If you would like additional information or would like to attend these hearings, you can contact the Public Advisor's Office. You may also send your comments to the Public Advisors' address, 320 West 4th St., Ste. 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013, or send an e-mail to: public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov. Any correspondence received will become part of the formal file in this rulemaking. Please reference Rulemaking No. R.11-02-019 in any correspondence.



SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN GAS RATES PIPELINE SAFETY RULEMAKING IMPLEMENTATION PLANS RULEMAKING NO. R.11-02-019

On August 26, 2011, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E®) and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) jointly filed with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) their Comprehensive Implementation Plan to replace or pressure test all their natural gas transmission pipelines that have not been tested or for which sufficient documentation of testing is not available. The CPUC ordered in Decision 11-06-017 dated June 9th that all California natural gas transmission pipeline operators prepare and submit their Implementation Plans for testing or replacing all transmission pipelines as soon as practicable. At the completion of the implementation period, all California natural gas transmission pipeline segments must be (1) pressure tested, (2) have traceable, verifiable, and complete records readily available, and (3) where warranted, be capable of accommodating in-line inspection devices.

The CPUC opened this Rulemaking on February 24, 2011 to adopt new safety and reliability regulations for natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines and related ratemaking mechanisms. The Rulemaking is a forward-looking effort to establish a new model of natural gas pipeline safety regulations for all pipelines in California. SDG&E and SoCalGas have over 4,000 miles of transmission lines that will be affected by the new regulations. SDG&E and SoCalGas have developed their Implementation Plans as directed by the CPUC focusing first on pipeline segments located in populated areas, with pipeline segments in other locations given lower priority for pressure testing or replacement.

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**SDG&E REQUESTS A TOTAL INCREASE OF
\$36.5 MILLION TO CARRY OUT THE IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN STARTING IN 2012**

SDG&E is requesting a total revenue increase of \$36.5 million over the currently authorized revenues for gas distribution and transmission service as approved in SDG&E's General Rate Case, with the increase effective in 2012. SDG&E's Implementation Plan includes: the replacement of natural gas pipelines; hydrostatic testing of natural gas pipelines; interim safety enhancement measures; and consideration of retrofitting pipelines for in-line inspection tools and where appropriate, improved shut-off valves.

ESTIMATED IMPACT OF THIS REQUEST ON GAS RATES

SDG&E has estimated the requested \$36.5 million increase in gas revenues under the proposed rates as shown in the tables below. The actual distribution of the increase to each customer class depends on how the CPUC ultimately decides all issues in the Rulemaking. The Illustrative rates shown below are for the first four (4) years of the Implementation Plan. Rate impacts in subsequent years will be requested in the utility's General Rate Case application, or another applicable proceeding. The actual distribution for the required revenues for those future applications will be decided by the CPUC in that future proceeding.

**Illustrative Revenue and Proposed Rate Increase
Per Customer Class**

Customer Class	Annual \$ (million)	% increase
Residential	\$ 28.2	12.8%
Small Commercial/ Industrial	\$ 5.5	14.0%
Natural Gas Vehicles	\$ 0.2	11.8%
Non Core	\$ 2.6	10.4%
Other	\$ 0.0	0.0%
Total	\$ 36.5	12.8%

If the CPUC approves SDG&E's request for a gas rate increase, the bill for a typical bundled residential customer under the proposed rate allocation method using 33 therms per month would increase \$2.92, or 7.5% percent, from **\$38.76 to \$41.68**. Individual customer bills may differ. **Rates would become effective in 2012.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may request additional information or obtain a copy of the Implementation Safety Plan by writing to: Jeffery Salazar, Case Manager, 555 W. Fifth St., GT14D6, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011. SDG&E will provide a copy of the Implementation Plan, including the public testimony, upon request. SDG&E's Implementation Plan and attachments may be inspected at the CPUC's Central Files Office, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. A copy of the Implementation Plan and any amendments may be inspected at the SDG&E business offices listed below:

436 H Street
Chula Vista, CA 91910

104 N. Johnson Ave.
El Cajon, CA 92020

644 W. Mission Ave.
Escondido, CA 92025

2405 Plaza Blvd.
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336 Euclid Ave.
San Diego, CA 92114

440 Beech St.
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Carlsbad, CA 92008

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