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In accordance with the Joint Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge's Post Order to Show Cause Hearing Ruling, dated February 16, 2012, and Rules 8.2 and 8.3 of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby gives late notice of the following ex parte communication in the above proceeding.

The written communication occurred on November 28, 2011 at 4:37pm. SoCalGas representative Billy Blattner initiated the communication by emailing Michael Colvin,

ATTACHMENT

Hassan, Kim

Subject: FW: ESAP status

From: Blattner, William
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2011 4:37 PM
To: 'michael.colvin@cpuc.ca.gov'
Subject: ESAP status

Michael,

Just wanted to follow up quickly on our conversation about the status of our ESAP budget. We looked into using other authority (e.g. EE flexibility), but it does not look to us like it would apply across programs (among other complications). As I mentioned, we had also explored an expedited AL with ED (much credit to Hazlyn for working with us). In any event, all paths seem to lead to the same conclusion: a decision would be required from the Commission which could not occur in time to avoid suspending the programs even if there were some mechanism to secure additional funds. Consequently, today we sent a letter to the contractors notifying them that we are suspending ESAP activities and reached out to them personally. The suspension will be effective Dec. 1 and will last until bridge funding kicks in after the first of the year.

Thanks for your guidance on this issue. We will take your advice to heart and plan to include funding flexibility language in future requests, but most importantly, try to anticipate these kinds of situations in the future and find a way to avoid them!

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