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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13-11-005

Order Instituting Rulemaking  
Concerning Energy Efficiency Rolling  
Portfolios, Policies, Programs,  
Evaluation, and Related Issues.

Rulemaking 13-11-005

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING PROVIDING  
OPPORTUNITY REGARDING CRITERIA FOR FINDING SUFFICIENT AND  
APPROPRIATE POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE  
ADHERENCE TO COMMISSION INTENT FOR CODES AND STANDARDS  
ADVOCACY AND FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' ADOPTION  
OF REACH CODES**

This ruling provides opportunity to comment on the specific criteria that Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) must meet, and how SoCalGas must demonstrate that it meets those criteria, in order for the Commission to reach a finding that SoCalGas possesses sufficient and appropriate policies, practices and procedures to ensure adherence to Commission intent for codes and standards advocacy and for supporting local governments' adoption of reach codes.

Decision (D.) 22-03-010, issued March 21, 2022, imposes an indefinite prohibition on SoCalGas's cost recovery from ratepayer-funded accounts for participating in any codes and standards programs as defined by that decision, other than to transfer funds to the statewide codes and standards lead.<sup>1</sup>

D.22-04-034, issued April 18, 2022, imposes an indefinite prohibition on

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<sup>1</sup> D.22-03-010, at 30-31 and Ordering Paragraph 6.

SoCalGas's cost recovery from ratepayer-funded accounts for participating in any codes and standards programs as defined by that decision, other than to transfer funds to the statewide codes and standards lead.<sup>2</sup>

Both D.22-03-010 and D.22-04-034 provide that the Commission may lift each decision's prohibition either on the Commission's own motion or upon finding that SoCalGas possesses sufficient and appropriate policies, practices and procedures to ensure adherence to Commission intent for codes and standards advocacy and, in the case of D.22-03-010, for supporting local governments' adoption of reach codes. Parties are invited to comment on the specific criteria that SoCalGas must meet, and how SoCalGas must demonstrate that it meets those criteria, in order for the Commission to reach such a finding. Comments responsive to this ruling must be filed within 30 days after the issue date of this ruling. Reply comments must be filed with 15 days after the final date to file comments.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated May 2, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ VALERIE U. KAO  
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Valerie U. Kao  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> D.22-04-034, at 47-48 and Ordering Paragraph 7.