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

John Meding and Dolores Meding,

Complainants

vs

Southern California Gas Company  
(U904G),

Defendant

(ECP)

Case 25-10-016

**EMAIL RULING ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY PERIOD;  
ORDERING RESUMPTION OF SERVICES;  
AND VACATING JANUARY 22, 2026 EXPEDITED COMPLAINT HEARING**

Dated December 30, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JEFFREY K. LEE

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Administrative Law Judge

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Email Ruling Establishing Discovery Period; Ordering Resumption of Services;  
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Ruling Establishing Discovery Period; Ordering Resumption of Services; and  
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TO ALL PARTIES ON THE SERVICE LIST:

In the December 27, 2025 procedural email communication below to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), Complainant John Meding stated that he was denied necessary discovery in this expedited complaint proceeding C.25-10-016 (ECP) and, presuming no discovery was allowed in such a proceeding, requested that the Commission convert it into a regular complaint proceeding. That email communication was not served on the other parties, including Defendant Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas).

Complainants were ordered in the ALJ's December 26, 2025 ruling – and are reminded here - that while this case is pending, all communications to the Administrative Law Judge shall be by email, *copied to all parties on the Service List*, with “C.25-10-016” in the subject line.

**ECP Proceeding** -- This ECP proceeding record presently indicates that the amount in controversy is below the \$10,000 threshold for such expedited proceedings. Discovery is not barred and shall be conducted by the parties in this

expedited complaint proceeding as described below. Accordingly, this proceeding will remain as an expedited complaint proceeding.

**Discovery Period** – The parties shall engage in the process known as discovery to exchange evidence to be presented at the ECP hearing in this proceeding.

All discovery requests must be served on the opposing party in writing and provide a deadline of **at least 10 calendar days** to produce the requested evidence.

The parties shall make good faith efforts to meet and confer and to provide the requested materials and resolve disputes arising from all written discovery requests. No written discovery requests may be made after **February 27, 2026**.

**Discovery Disputes** -- Any disputes regarding the exchange of evidence under a written discovery request that the parties cannot resolve between themselves may be resolved by the ALJ.

A party that has been refused information requested in writing may file and served upon the service list a *Motion to Compel Discovery*, including on the ALJ, by the requesting party in a written motion (a) identifying the allegedly withheld evidence; (b) stating the need for the requested information that is alleged to be withheld; and (c) attaching the written discovery request. No Motion to Compel Discovery may be filed or served after **March 10, 2026**.

A party withholding evidence requested in a written Motion to Compel Discovery may either (1) provide all or some of the materials requested; and/or (2) file a response opposing all or some of the Motion to Compel in writing and serve it on the service list, including the ALJ, as a *Response to Motion to Compel* within **10 calendar days** of being served a Motion to Compel Discovery.

**ECP Hearing** – To accommodate the discovery period above, the ECP Hearing previously scheduled for January 22, 2026 is vacated and may be rescheduled by separate order, if necessary.

**Resumption of Gas Service** – Defendant SoCal Gas is ordered to (1) immediately provide service for Complainants’ residence; and (2) begin a new account to track and bill Complainants for such new service. Complainants may decline or terminate such service in writing directly to SoCal Gas and shall be responsible for payment for any resumed service.

**Joint Status Report** -- By no later than **March 13, 2026**, the Parties must meet and confer.

By no later than **March 20, 2026**, Defendant must prepare, file, and serve a Joint Status Report on behalf of all parties discussing the status of the dispute, including whether a hearing is necessary, the issues to be decided by the ALJ, the amount in controversy, and whether this dispute is suitable for the Commission’s Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program.

The parties may jointly request a referral by the ALJ to the ADR program.

Again, all communications to the Administrative Law Judge shall be by email, copied to all parties on the Service List, with “C.25-10-016” in the subject line.

**The Docket Office shall formally file this Email Ruling.**

**IT IS SO RULED.**

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Dear Sir; I sent an information request and it was denied due to the expedited procedure that I selected. I was unaware that discovery was not permitted. If I cannot acquire the documents I need to prevail then I would like to change the procedure to a regular hearing. I am pro se because I cannot find legal representation and cannot proceed without anything. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Respectfully submitted; John M. Meding

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TO ALL PARTIES ON THE SERVICE LIST:

**1. Instructions for WebEx Videoconference Expedited Complaint Hearing**

The remote Expedited Complaint Hearing in this proceeding is scheduled for  
**January 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time.**

Below, this ruling (1) provides hearing participation instructions and (2) sets  
forth requirements for the Parties' exchange and service of witness and exhibit  
lists, marked exhibits, and a Joint ADR statement.

As directed in the November 20, 2025 Amended Instructions to Answer, the  
Parties shall participate in the hearing virtually through the California Public  
Utilities Commission's (Commission) WebEx videoconference platform. The  
Parties and witnesses shall log-in 15 minutes before the start of the hearing to test  
their WebEx connections.

**Webex link:**

[https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?TID=m7811cccf6a03374f329b4177d83b83  
6](https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?TID=m7811cccf6a03374f329b4177d83b836)

- **Meeting number (access code):** 2486 421 0923
- **Meeting Password:** ReYUfT4Wa95
- **Call-in Audio by toll-free phone:** [1-855-282-6330](tel:1-855-282-6330)
- **Call-in (access code):** 2486 421 0923##

The audio for this WebEx Event will be through WebEx. The above Call-in Audio  
by toll-free phone number is provided for the convenience of anyone who needs  
to connect to the WebEx via telephone (versus a computer only).

As *backup* only, the hearing may be conducted by a dial-in telephone conference line if technical or other issues prevent its conduct via Webex. The ALJ will determine whether use of the backup conference line is necessary and email instructions to the Service List.

## **2. Exchange and Service of Documents, Exhibits, Witnesses and Joint ADR Statement**

**By no later than January 22, 2026**, the Parties must meet and confer to exchange all documents they intend to introduce as evidence at the hearing, identify all witnesses that will testify, and prepare the documents a, b, c, and d below.

The parties shall also discuss whether this dispute is suitable for the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program. The parties may jointly request a referral by the ALJ to the ADR program in a joint statement that specifically identifies any amount in controversy, if any, to be addressed by the Administrative Law Judge at the hearing.

The Parties shall pre-mark all Exhibits for identification with a short acronym for the sponsoring party, followed by sequential exhibit and page numbers in the format "[PARTY -- Exhibit number/Page number]" (for example, for Complainant exhibits, use "COMP - 1/1," "COMP - 1/2," ... "COMP - 2/1," etc., and for Defendant exhibits, use "DEF - 1/1," "DEF - 1/2," ... "DEF - 2/1," etc.).

The Parties shall prepare Exhibit Lists in the following table format:

**[Party Name] Exhibit List**

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Sponsor/Witness</u></b>	<b><u>Admissibility Stipulated? (Y/N)</u></b>	<b><u>Objection?</u></b>	<b><u>Admitted by Judge?</u></b>
COMP 1	01/10/2023 email from Jane Doe to John Smith	Jane Doe	Y	N	
DEF 1	12/31/2022 Monthly Invoice mailed by Defendant to Jane Doe	John Smith	N	Incomplete copy (page 2 missing)	


Final documents must be served upon all Parties and the ALJ by email to the Service List **by no later than January 15, 2026**:

- a. The Party's pre-marked Exhibits (containing Exhibit numbers corresponding to the Exhibit List);
- b. The Party's list of proposed witnesses that will testify at the hearing for the party;
- c. The Party's completed Exhibit List in the format provided above; and
- d. The Parties' Joint Statement (prepared by Defendant) regarding (1) the suitability of this case for a referral for Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR), (2) the material issues of fact on which the parties agree, and (3) the disputed material issues that must be addressed to resolve this dispute.

Final documents above shall be served by email to the official service list (including the ALJ) but shall **not** be formally filed with the Commission.

The parties are strongly urged to agree to prepare and serve **joint** versions of any updated documents a, b, c, and/or d above by the deadline. *Defendant* shall be responsible for timely service of any such joint documents.

At the hearing, each party must be fully prepared to present its case as directed by the ALJ, including presentation of documentary evidence and witness testimony, if necessary. Pursuant to the applicable Expedited Complaint Procedure rules, no party will be allowed legal representation at the hearing.

While this case is pending, no party shall engage in an *ex parte* communication with a Commissioner or a Commissioner's advisor. No party shall engage in an *ex parte* communication with the Judge other than for procedural or scheduling purposes.



Before the hearing, all communications to the Administrative Law Judge shall be by email, copied to all parties on the Service List, with "C.25-10-016" in the subject line.

**The Docket Office shall formally file this Email Ruling.  
IT IS SO RULED.**

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