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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California
Gas Company (U 904 G) for Approval
of the Branch Offices Closure
Proposal.

Application 25-05-001

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING CONFIRMING THE NEED FOR
EVIDENTIARY HEARING, DIRECTING THE COMPILATION OF A WITNESS
LIST, AND PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

This ruling confirms the need for evidentiary hearing in the matter of Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) Application (A.)25-05-001 for approval of its branch offices closure proposal. It includes a list of the issues identified as potentially contested issues of material fact in the April 17, 2026, Joint Case Management Report, and an attachment of the joint proposed evidence list, as updated by SoCalGas on May 11, 2026.

1. Issues Identified as Potential for Stipulation

In the April 17, 2026, Joint Case Management Report, parties identified the following issues as ones that "could be resolved in a stipulation:"¹

1. Should Southern California Gas Company utilize Community Based Organizations and Faith Based Organizations to assist in communicating the closure process and other relevant information to customers, including, but not limited to, low-income, elderly, disabled, or otherwise vulnerable customers that may be affected by the proposed branch office closures?

¹ April 17, 2026, Joint Case Management Report at 2-4.

2. How will Southern California Gas Company notify customers of available locations to pay bills or ask service-related questions in person?
3. What is the appropriate amount of time for Southern California Gas Company to provide advance notice to each of its customer classes regarding any branch office closures?
4. What data tracking, reporting, and outreach commitments should be required of Southern California Gas Company to ensure accountability for customer impacts during and after the branch office closure process?

2. Outstanding Issues of Contested Material Facts

The parties identified the following as issues that are considered outstanding issues of material fact in the April 17, 2026, Joint Case Management Report:²

1. How would Southern California Gas Company's proposal to close its remaining 43 branch offices affect its ability to provide its customers just and reasonable service, pursuant to Public Utility Code (Pub. Util. Code) §451?
2. How will the closure of Southern California Gas Company's branch offices affect ratepayers' rates across all customer classes?
3. What are the environmental and social justice implications of Southern California Gas Company's proposal to close its 43 remaining branch offices, including disproportionate impacts on low-income, elderly, disabled, or linguistically isolated customers?
4. Has Southern California Gas Company adequately consulted with customers and community stakeholders, especially those representing vulnerable populations, in developing its proposal?

² April 17, 2026, Joint Case Management Report at 4.

3. Directives for SoCalGas Prior to the Evidentiary Hearing

To ensure adequate time is allotted for each expected witness, SoCalGas shall confer with parties to determine the items identified below following, and, no later than 5:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) Thursday, May 21, 2026, provide a proposed schedule for the May 26 and May 29, 2026 evidentiary hearing to the service list that includes:

1. Which witnesses expected to be called, including their title, affiliation, and associated testimony;
2. The projected amount of time required to hear testimony for each witness;
3. Any timing conflicts that would inhibit a witness from participating in the May 26 or May 29, 2026, remote evidentiary hearings.
4. Any stipulations that will be proffered to be considered as evidence.

4. Marked Exhibits

The exhibits identified in Attachment A of this ruling are marked and the Proposed Exhibit Numbers shall be used when discussing the proposed exhibits during the evidentiary hearing.

5. Evidentiary Hearing Access

Party witnesses shall, no later than 5 p.m. PDT, on May 21, 2026, provide the appropriate email address to ensure appropriate access to be a panelist to the remote evidentiary hearing. This information shall be provided to the assigned Administrative Law Judge via email at cs8@cpuc.ca.gov.

For public access, the WebEx information is as follows:

5.1. May 26, 2026, 10:00 A.M. PDT

Join link: <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m2fedf24e484c967a4f47d50b14380470>

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5.2. May 29, 2026, 10 A.M. PDT

Join link: <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m359c fb945009a1364de4e01b5434afe9>

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IT IS RULED that:

1. The date and time for evidentiary hearing in A.25-05-001 is set for 10 a.m. PDT on May 26 and May 29, 2026.
2. SoCalGas shall work with all parties to this proceeding to develop schedules for witness testimony on May 26 and May 29, 2026.
3. No later than 5:00 p.m. PDT on May 21, 2026, SoCalGas shall provide a proposed schedule for evidentiary hearing to the service list.
4. No later than 5:00 p.m. PDT on May 21, 2026, Witnesses shall provide the appropriate email address for panelist WebEx information to the ALJ via email to cs8@cpuc.ca.gov.

