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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (“SoCalGas”) (U 904 G)** hereby gives notice of the ex parte communication in the above captioned proceeding.

DATE AND TIME OF THE ORAL COMMUNICATION:

- Tuesday, September 22nd at 1:30 pm
- Meeting lasted approximately 25 minutes

LOCATION:

- Virtual via Webex

WHO INITIATED COMMUNICATION:

- SoCalGas

NAMES AND TITLES OF NON-CPUC ATTENDEES:

- Lily Backer, Clean Energy Regulatory Strategy Manager, SoCalGas
- Blaine Waymire, Senior Reliability Engineering, SoCalGas

NAMES AND TITLES OF SCHEDULED CPUC ATTENDEES:

- Victor Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff to Commissioner Houck
- Erica Petrofsky, Advisor to Commissioner Houck

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ORAL COMMUNICATION:

SoCalGas informed the CPUC that in June 2026, the City of Orange Cove adopted a Resolution opposing SoCalGas's proposed hydrogen blending demonstration project in Orange Cove. SoCalGas shared that it respects the City of Orange Cove's decision, has appreciated the opportunity to have worked collaboratively with the city, and remains committed to continuing to serve the city of Orange Cove safely and reliably as its natural gas utility.

SoCalGas provided background on Decision 22-12-057, which led to California's gas utilities proposing five complementary hydrogen blending demonstration projects that would help inform a recommendation for a renewable hydrogen blending standard. SoCalGas explained that its Orange Cove Project, which was included in the Amended Application 22-09-006, proposed gradually blending hydrogen from 0.1% up to 5% by volume into the city's medium-pressure distribution system to satisfy one of D.22-12-057's requirements. SoCalGas noted that in 2024, the City of Orange Cove adopted a Resolution authorizing collaboration on the project and sent a letter to the CPUC in support of the project.

SoCalGas shared that, if the Commission wishes to proceed with a California-specific demonstration of hydrogen blending from 0.1 to 5% in the distribution system, it could be integrated into other proposed projects. In addition, SoCalGas flagged that additional resins of polyethylene pipeline segments could also potentially be incorporated into other proposed projects.

WRITTEN DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:

None.

Respectfully submitted,

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