 **California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Media Contact: Terrie Prosper, 415.703.1366, news@cpuc.ca.gov Docket #: A.20-09-002

CPUC TO HOLD REMOTE PUBLIC FORUM ON
WEST COAST GAS COMPANY’S RATE CHANGE REQUEST

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4, 2021 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a remote public forum to provide an opportunity for customers of West Coast Gas Company to offer their perspective and input to the CPUC about the company’s rate request, as follows:

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021, 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Remote access via webcast or phone

* Webcast: [www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc) (for viewing only, comment cannot be made via webcast)
* Phone: (800) 857-1917, passcode: 5180519 (press \*1 (star one) to make a comment)

Customers from all parts of West Coast Gas territory are encouraged to participate in the public forum.

In response to the Governor’s directive concerning restrictions on public gatherings to protect customers and community members during COVID-19, these public forums (formally called Public Participation Hearings) will not have in-person attendance. Members of the public can view the public forums via the Internet, or listen and make comment by toll free phone line. Those who would like to make public comment must participate by phone.

You can also make your voice heard in this proceeding, and read the comments of others, on our online Docket Card comment section at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/A2009002Comments](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/A2009002Comments).

The remote public forums will begin with a brief overview of West Coast Gas’ request; then public comments will be heard via phone.

On September 8, 2020, West Coast Gas submitted its General Rate Case application requesting CPUC approval to decrease its total revenue by $15,750. If West Coast Gas’ rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill would decrease by approximately $0.37 per month or $4.44 per year.

West Coast Gas provides natural gas services for Mather Independence and Mather Commerce Center, formerly Mather Field Air Force Base in Sacramento County, Castle Airport and Development Center, formerly Castle Air Force Base in Merced County, and the Herlong Federal Correctional Institution in Lassen County.

The CPUC welcomes remote attendance and comment on West Coast Gas’ request at these public forums, as public comments will help the CPUC reach an informed decision. The Administrative Law Judge is scheduled to write a Proposed Decision in the case for CPUC Commissioner consideration within a year.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend these remote access public forums, no official action will be taken on this matter.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the public forum.

Further information is available at [www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph).

Documents related to this proceeding are available at: <https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A2009002>.

To receive electronic updates on CPUC proceedings, sign-up for the CPUC’s free subscription service at [http://subscribecpuc.cpuc.ca.gov](http://subscribecpuc.cpuc.ca.gov/).

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, protects consumers, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians’ access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information on the CPUC, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/).

###