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## *FOREWORD*

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## FOREWORD

The *2022 California Gas Report (CGR)* presents a comprehensive outlook for natural gas requirements and supplies for California through the year 2035. This report is prepared in even-numbered years, followed by a supplemental report in odd-numbered years, in compliance with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) Decision (D.) 95-01-039. The projections in the CGR are for long-term planning and do not necessarily reflect the day-to-day operational plans of the utilities.

The report is organized into three sections: Executive Summary, Northern California, and Southern California. The Executive Summary provides statewide highlights and consolidated tables on supply and demand. The Northern California section provides details on the requirements and supplies of natural gas for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), Southwest Gas Corporation (SWG), Wild Goose Storage, LLC., Central Valley Gas Storage, LLC., Gill Ranch Storage, LLC., and Lodi Gas Storage LLC. The Southern California section shows similar detail for Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), the City of Long Beach Municipal Oil and Gas Department, Southwest Gas Corporation, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E).

Each participating utility has provided a narrative explaining its assumptions and outlook for natural gas requirements and supplies, including tables showing data on natural gas availability by source, with corresponding tables showing data on natural gas requirements by customer class. Separate sets of tables are presented for average and cold year temperature conditions. Any forecast, however, is subject to considerable uncertainty. Changes in the economy, energy and environmental policies, natural resource availability, and the continually evolving restructuring of the gas and electric industries can significantly affect the reliability of these forecasts. This report should not be used by readers as a substitute for a full, detailed analysis of their own specific energy requirements.

A working committee comprised of representatives from each utility was responsible for compiling the report. The membership of this committee is listed in the Respondents Section at the end of this report.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **CALIFORNIA ENERGY MARKETS ARE EVOLVING**

Serving the needs of customers and providing safe, reliable, and affordable services are top priorities among the participating investor owned utilities (IOUs). As we meet these needs, there is a growing realization that California energy markets are evolving. Though still undergoing transformation, the economic drivers, customer preferences, climate change, technological innovation, and policy will point out the road forward for our energy system.

The joint IOUs are committed to achieving our state's carbon goals and are taking steps to reduce the energy system carbon footprint, while continuing to serve the energy needs of our customers. More traditional solutions to reduce these emissions include, but are not limited to, conservation measures such as adjusting thermostats to lower baselines, where possible, and energy efficiency measures such as building and appliance improvements. Additional efforts are becoming increasingly important as well, such as efforts to diversify and decarbonize energy portfolios and sources by incorporating low-carbon and renewable fuels. Accelerating the adoption of these low-carbon and renewable energy sources will be critical to meeting carbon neutrality goals and will also be transformational for California's energy system.

Reducing reliance on traditional fuels (fossil fuels) comes with significant tradeoffs. From an economic standpoint it may be costly and is certainly not expected to be rapid or easy. Nonetheless, the push to find ways forward and to provide energy solutions to customers in a clean and affordable way is an imperative.

What is required is a concerted and sustained effort in addition to active participation across multiple sectors, alongside dialogue with all stakeholders with an interest in energy security. Clear communication between governments, industry, consumers and utility service providers is an essential focal point for successful implementation. Through open-minded dialogue, we can ensure a secure and sustainable energy future.

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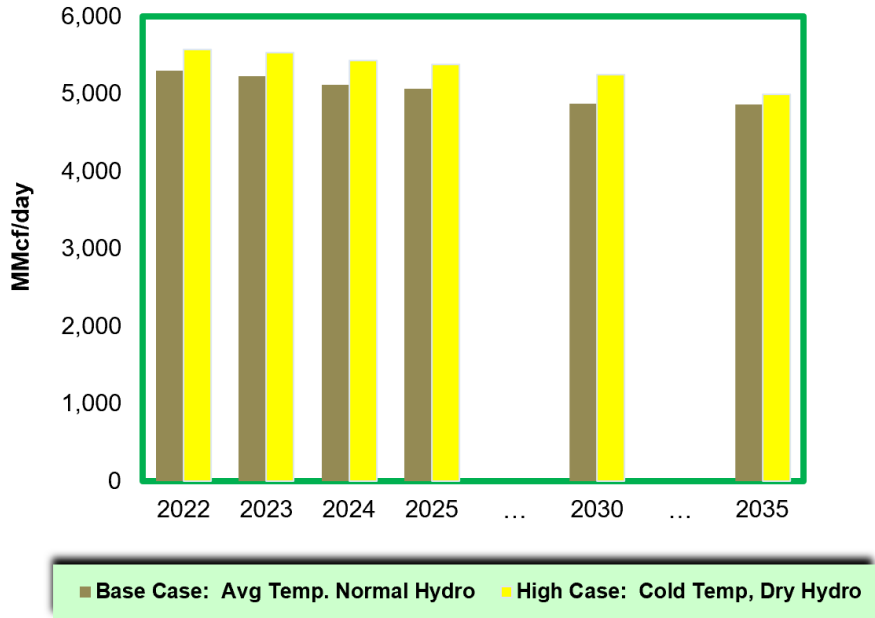
### DEMAND OUTLOOK

Utility-served, statewide natural gas demand is projected to decrease at an annual average rate of 1.1 percent per year through 2035. The decline is 0.1 percent faster than what had been projected in the 2020 California Gas Report (CGR). More aggressive energy efficiency and fuel substitution have accelerated the decline in forecasted throughput for the 2022 CGR relative to the 2020 findings. In this Report, fuel substitution refers to the conversion of all or a portion of existing energy uses from one fuel type to another with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions such as replacing a gas water heater with an electric water heater.

The projected decline comes from less gas demand in the major market segment areas of residential, electric generation (EG), commercial and wholesale markets. Total Statewide residential gas demand is projected to decrease at an annual average rate of 2.4 percent per year, a faster decline than the 1.7 percent annual rate of decline that had been forecasted in the 2020 Report. EG demand is projected to decrease at an annual rate of 1.1 percent per year, which is a slightly less rapid rate than the 1.5 percent annual decline that had been forecasted in 2020. The statewide commercial demand is projected to decrease at an annual average rate of 1.8 percent per year, which is slightly more accelerated than the 1.5 percent annual decline from the 2020 CGR. The aggregate statewide wholesale market segment is expected to decline at an annual average rate of 0.25 percent per year. The segments where growth in demand is expected are the natural gas vehicle (NGV) sector and the industrial market segments. The industrial market segment and the NGV sectors are expected to grow at an annual average rate of 0.16 percent and 2.3 percent per year over the forecast period.

There are several drivers of these declines across many of the key energy sectors. Aggressive energy efficiency programs and fuel substitution are expected to dampen gas demand in these sectors. Statewide efforts to minimize greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are depressing EG demand through aggressive programs that pursue demand side reductions and the acquisition of preferred power generation resources that produce few or no carbon emissions. Nevertheless, for the foreseeable future, gas-fired generation and gas storage will continue to be important technologies that support long-term electric demand growth and growing integration of intermittent renewable resource generation.

FIGURE 1 – CALIFORNIA GAS DEMAND OUTLOOK: 2022-2035



The graph above summarizes statewide gas demand under the Average Demand case (base case) and the Cold Weather, Dry Hydroelectric Generation<sup>1</sup> case (high case). The base case refers to the expected gas demand for an average temperature year and normal hydroelectric generation (hydro) year, and the high case refers to expected gas demand for a cold temperature year and dry hydro conditions. Under the base case, gas demand for the entire state is projected to average 5,298 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMcf/d) in 2022 decreasing to 4,857 MMcf/d by 2035, a decline of 0.67 percent per year.

Compared to the Average Year forecast, the Northern California high demand scenario is 3.3 percent higher in year 2022 while the Southern California demand is 3.0 percent higher for the same year.

<sup>1</sup> Hydroelectric generation refers to generation within the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC).



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### FOCUS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

California utilities continue to focus on conservation and energy efficiency. The IOUs are committed to helping their customers make the best possible energy decisions and helping customers identify and implement ways to benefit environmentally and financially from energy efficiency investments. An important role of the energy efficiency programs includes services, administered by the respective utilities, to help customers evaluate their energy efficiency options and adopt recommended solutions, as well as equipment-retrofit improvements, such as rebates for new hot water heaters and space heaters.

Gas demand for electric power generation is expected to be dampened by statewide GHG reduction goals and electric energy efficiency programs and additional renewable power generation. Both demand forecasts assume that renewable power will meet the CPUC 2021 Integrated Resource Plan Preferred System Plan (IRP PSP).

Renewable power capacity additions are driven, in part, by Senate Bill (SB) 100. Passed in 2018, SB 100 increased and accelerated the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) targets and established the policy goal that zero carbon energy resources supply 100 percent of electric retail sales to end-use customers by the year 2045. One major milestone will occur by 2030, when renewable power generation will generate at least 60 percent of retail electric sales. The currently approved IRP PSP helps the state move towards attainment of this goal.

Additional California legislation and policy direction<sup>2</sup> provides directives and incentives to increase energy efficiency. Some of these efforts require access to building performance data, encouraging pay-for-performance incentive-based programs, and the use of energy management technology for use in homes and businesses. Moreover, legislation requires energy utilities to develop a plan to educate residential customers and small and medium business customers about the incentive programs. The programs and targets must meet three requirements: (1) they must be cost-effective; (2) they must be feasible; and (3) they should not adversely impact the environment. In recent years, California has increasingly focused on the potential for fuel substitution to address GHG emission reduction goals. The Commission has developed a

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<sup>2</sup> For more information, see <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/energyefficiency/>.

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baseline for analyzing and evaluating energy efficiency and fuel substitution using a code baseline, industry standard practice and existing conditions. So far, the Commission standard requires that the fuel substitution measure must both save energy and not harm the environment as measured by GHG emissions.

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### CALIFORNIA'S LONG-TERM CLIMATE GOALS AND THE ENERGY TRANSITION: FUTURE GAS SYSTEM IMPACTS

California is facing the ambitious goal of economy-wide carbon neutrality by 2045 or sooner and has adopted a suite of policies that begin to move the State towards this goal. Many of these policies are discussed more specifically elsewhere in this Report, but there are still many unknowns about the exact timing and path of the energy transition. The current policy landscape does suggest that there will be significant changes to the way Californians use energy. California natural gas utilities are actively participating in, studying and monitoring this evolution.

While much uncertainty remains about the exact path California will take, the gas utilities recognize it is probable that two segments of natural gas customers in particular may potentially face substantial change – natural gas-fired electric generation (EG) and core (mainly residential and commercial buildings), as discussed above. Today, California relies on gas-fired EG, hydroelectric generation, and growing battery resources to balance its electric grid – a role that will likely persist through the energy transition. This role will evolve, however, as fuel-based electric generation is displaced by increasing amounts of solar and wind to meet energy decarbonization goals. While this is likely to result in less natural gas being used by the EG segment, gas fired EG is forecasted to be an important resource for providing electricity when intermittent renewables or variable hydroelectric generation are not available. This means that peak EG load could persist or grow while usage pattern will become more volatile and less predictable. This could have a greater influence over peak natural gas system design conditions and, accordingly, costs.

At the same time, decarbonization goals will accelerate energy efficiency and support fuel substitution for natural gas end-uses in the core building segment. This is likely to result in declining core gas use over time. The core segment currently contributes the majority of the gas utilities' revenue requirements. These issues combined, among other trends and factors, create the impetus for an evolved approach to natural gas and clean fuels in California – from perspectives of system design, financial, and rate reform. These issues are highlighted in this Report and the subject of the Long-term Gas Reliability and Planning Proceeding (R.20-01-007) currently in Track 2 at the CPUC.

One element of the energy transition and attaining the State’s decarbonization goals is building electrification also known as fuel substitution. The gas utilities’ forecasts have incorporated these evolving forecasts, including collaborating with the CEC developed fuel substitution scenarios. The state is in the early stages of the energy transition. Forecasts around the timing and degree of these changes are highly uncertain. These forecasts will improve over time as trends are observed in the real world and as policy and market drivers mature. The gas utilities will be actively monitoring these trends and expect that each update of the biannual California Gas Report will further refine these factors and their impacts on resultant gas demand forecasts.

It is important to note that the California Gas Report is relied upon for system planning purposes to help benchmark investment and operating policies that impact natural gas system capacity and reliability. The gas utilities recognize the need to evolve with the government-mandated energy transition. The utilities also recognize the necessity of maintaining flexibility during the energy transition to ensure California gas customers have safe, clean, reliable, and affordable sources of energy.

Since electric utility system operators must balance electrical demand with generation sources on a real-time basis, most system operators rely on “dispatchable” resources that can respond quickly to changes in demand. One challenge with renewable resources is that while they provide energy, the amounts are not always predictable and are not always immediately dispatchable.

The increase in future renewable generation in the state will reduce the total amount of natural gas usage. It is also expected that the increasing and intermittency of renewable generation will add to the daily and hourly load forecast variance on the gas-fired EG fleet. In the long-term, balancing electric supply and demand may come through the higher expected integration of energy storage devices (e.g., batteries, fuel cells, and hydroelectric pumped storage).

Due to the expansion of intermittent renewable resources, there may be an increased need for rapid response, gas-fired generators to follow electric net load fluctuations. Since gas-fired generation is the marginal resource in most hours, the amount of gas consumed for integrating

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more renewables will fluctuate hourly. The gas system will therefore need to be both robust and flexible to handle such fluctuations and continue to support electric reliability.

The expected growth in electrification poses considerable uncertainty on when, where, and how large the impacts will be on gas demand. In the building sector, electrification could decrease gas use. Recently, some California local jurisdictions have forbidden the use of gas in new building construction. Moreover, there are some indications that jurisdictions may actively pursue appliance substitution away from natural gas and to the electric alternative(s). The expected growth in electrification of vehicles and buildings would result in increasing electric load that could create a need for additional use of gas-fired generators.

Further adding to gas demand variance is the impact of natural gas burner-tip prices. Burner-tip gas prices represent what gas utility customers pay at their premises. For EG, relative geographic burner-tip prices impact generation dispatch economics. If prices in one portion of the state are higher or lower than another portion, gas demand can vary accordingly.

**GAS PRICE FORECAST****MARKET CONDITIONS**

The natural gas industry has experienced multiple changes over the past two decades. Gas supply rapidly grew on the back of the shale gas revolution. More recently, gas supply growth has come from the rise of associated gas production from tight oil supply growth. Additionally, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export demand has grown rapidly. Since the end of 2021, the European Union (EU) and United Kingdom (UK) imported record-high LNG volumes because of low natural gas inventories and interrupted gas pipeline supplies. As a result, the North American gas market has seen gas prices fluctuate. To exemplify this price variation, the U.S. EIA<sup>3</sup> reported the national benchmark price at Henry Hub was about \$3/Million British thermal units (MMBtu) in early June 2021. One year later, the gas price was about \$8.50/MMBtu.

Natural gas prices have risen, relative to the 2020 outlook, mainly because of five factors. First, the North American natural gas inventories have fallen below the five-year average. Second, there has been steady demand in U.S. LNG exports due to European natural gas shortages, which have been exacerbated by the war in Ukraine. Europe has become the main destination for U.S. LNG exports and accounted for 74 percent of total U.S. LNG exports during the first 4 months of 2022. Third, the current U.S. Administration is restricting licensing and drilling for traditional fuels including natural gas. Fourth, high demand for natural gas being driven by the growing needs of the electric power sector in the U.S. as a whole. Lastly, natural gas production investment has lagged behind the rapid growth of gas demand over the past year.

For the 2022 CGR, the gas price outlook<sup>4</sup> reflects market conditions in early 2022. The 2022 near term gas price average at the California city-gates<sup>5</sup> is a little above \$5.00/MMBtu. During the mid-2020s, gas prices are projected to decline to approximately \$4.00/MMBtu.

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<sup>3</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration [https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng\\_pri\\_fut\\_s1\\_d.htm](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_pri_fut_s1_d.htm).

<sup>4</sup> Nominal dollars.

<sup>5</sup> The two Citygate price hubs are the Southern California Gas Company Citygate (SoCal Citygate) and the Pacific Gas and Electric Citygate (PG&E Citygate).

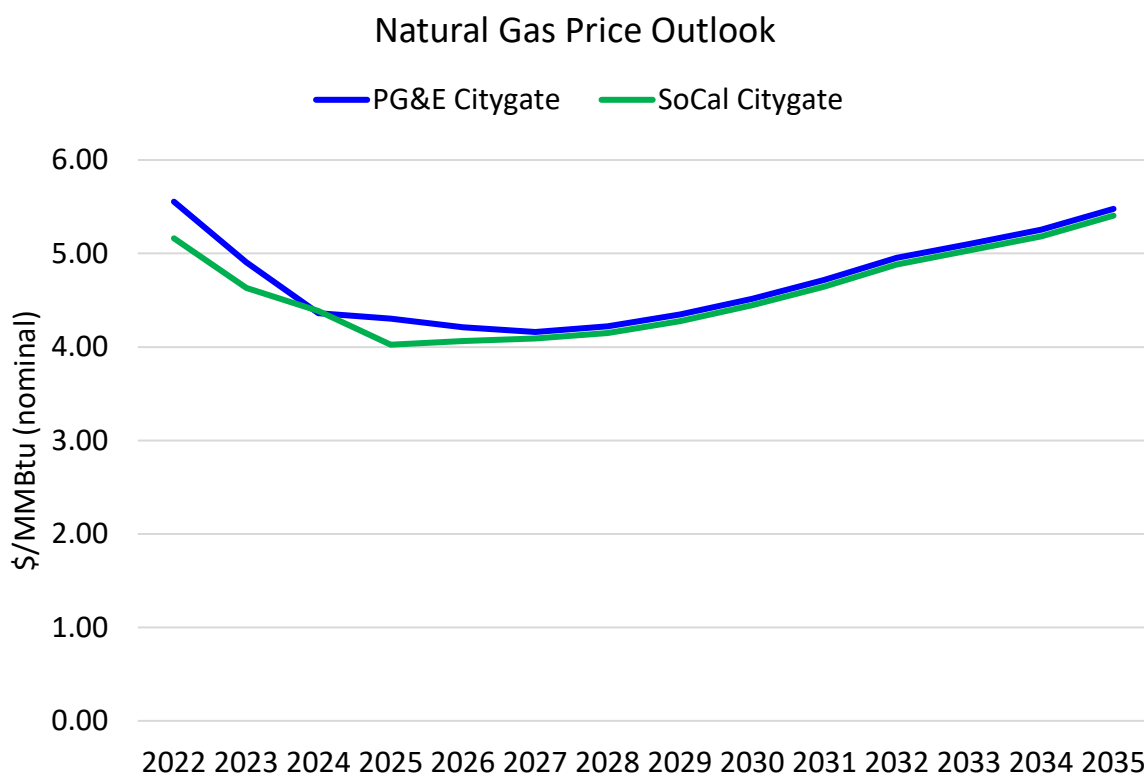
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Industry experts forecast that gas prices will increase about \$1.50/MMBtu thereafter to average approximately \$5.50/MMBtu by year 2035.

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAS PRICE FORECAST

The 2022 CGR gas price forecast was developed using a combination of market prices and fundamental long-term forecasts. For the 2022 through 2027 period, the gas prices represent a blend of contract futures prices from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange and S&P Global<sup>6</sup> basis differentials to Henry Hub. For 2030 and beyond, S&P Global fundamental price forecasts were used. The forecasts for 2028 and 2029 reflect a blending of futures prices and fundamental prices.

FIGURE 2 – FORECASTED NATURAL GAS PRICES



<sup>6</sup> S&P Global Commodity Insights North American Gas Regional Short-Term Forecast, March 22, 2022.

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It is important to recognize that natural gas price forecasts are inherently uncertain. The price forecast used in the Report were developed in early 2022. The prices seen in much of the first half of 2022 have been materially higher than the prices in the forecast. Additionally, gas prices have seen significant volatility.

PG&E, SoCalGas, and the respondents of the 2022 CGR, separately and collectively, do not warrant the accuracy of the gas price projections. PG&E, SoCalGas, or the respondents of the 2022 CGR shall not be liable or responsible for the use of or reliance on this natural gas price forecast.

### **GAS SUPPLY**

California's existing gas supply portfolio is regionally diverse and provides long-term supply availability. Gas production that California has access to includes California (onshore and offshore), Southwestern U.S. (the Permian, Anadarko, and San Juan basins), the Rocky Mountains, and Canada.

California natural gas utilities and customers gain access to this diverse supply portfolio using an extensive pipeline system. Interstate pipelines serving California include Ruby Pipeline LLC, El Paso Natural Gas Company, Kern River Transmission Company, Mojave Pipeline Company, Gas Transmission Northwest LLC (GTN), Transwestern Pipeline Company, Tuscarora Pipeline, and the Baja Norte/North Baja Pipeline. The map on the following page shows the locations of these supply sources and the natural gas pipelines serving California.



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**FIGURE 3 – WESTERN NORTH AMERICAN NATURAL GAS PIPELINES**



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|--|---|
| 1. West Coast Pipeline                       | 15. Rockies Express Pipeline            |
| 2. Woodfibre LNG Terminal                    | 16. Southern Star Pipeline              |
| 3. Terasen Sumas Gas Pipeline                | 17. TransColorado Pipeline              |
| 4. TransCanada Pipeline                      | 18. Kern River Pipeline                 |
| 5. Alliance Pipeline                         | 19. Pacific Gas and Electric Company    |
| 6. Northern Border Pipeline                  | 20. Southern California Gas Company     |
| 7. Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN Pipeline) | 21. San Diego Gas and Electric Company  |
| 8. Northwest Pipeline                        | 22. North Baja Pipeline                 |
| 9. Jordan Cove LNG (Proposed)                | 23. El Paso Natural Gas                 |
| 10. Pacific Connector (Proposed)             | 24. TransWestern Pipeline               |
| 11. Tuscarora Gas Transmission               | 25. Rosarito Pipeline                   |
| 12. Paiute Pipeline                          | 26. Transportadora de Gas Natural (TGN) |
| 13. Ruby Pipeline                            | 27. Costa Azul LNG                      |
| 14. Questar Pipeline                         |   |

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California benefits from substantial gas storage capacity in dedicated gas storage facilities across the state. These gas storage facilities supplement pipeline gas supply during high demand periods and also provide supply reliability. Additionally, storage allows gas customers to take advantage of low prices and store gas for use in periods with higher prices. Various regulations and standards<sup>7</sup> have been implemented to ensure safe and reliable operations of California gas storage facilities. The table below gives the current status of gas storage capacity in California.

<b>Table 1: California Natural Gas Storage Capacities</b>				
<b>Recorded Year 2021</b>				
	Inventory (Bcf)	Injection (MMcf/d)	Withdrawal (MMcf/d)	Cite
<b><u>Northern California</u></b>				
<b><u>Independent Storage Providers</u></b>				
Lodi Gas Storage	31	552	750	1
Wild Goose Storage	75	525	950	
Gill Ranch	15	165	162	
Central Valley	11	300	300	
<b><u>Pacific Gas &amp; Electric Company-Utility Storage***</u></b>				
	35	315	1,144	2
<b>Northern California Total</b>				
	167	1,857	3,306	
<b><u>Southern California</u></b>				
<b><u>Southern California Gas Company-Utility Storage</u></b>				
	137	790	2,660	3
<b>California Total</b>				
	375	3,432	7,995	
<b><u>Citations</u></b>				
1) Capacities derived from information provided by Independent Storage Providers				
2) ***Firm maximum inventory level				
3) Per the current active Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding, D 20-02-045				

<sup>7</sup> See Geologic Energy Management Division's Underground Natural Gas Storage for more details on regulations and standards at:

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/UndergroundGasStorage.aspx>.

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In addition to traditional sources of gas supply, multiple Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) interconnection projects in California have come online in recent years. As further detailed in this CGR, gas utilities see broad potential for RNG in California and are taking significant steps to make RNG interconnection easier and more transparent. As policies evolve and new programs are created, such as California's recently approved Renewable Gas Standard, we expect RNG to play a growing role in serving customers' energy needs beyond the transportation sector. Currently, incentive programs such as California's Low Carbon Fuel Standards (LCFS) and the federal Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) are successfully supporting the use of RNG in the transportation sector.

As California continues towards achieving a decarbonized energy system, hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) will become an important fuel source in achieving the State's emissions goals. There is growing potential for generating renewable H<sub>2</sub><sup>8</sup> and storing and delivering it using existing gas utility infrastructure to help meet California's dynamic energy needs. Hydrogen pathways can provide exceptional and important value, such as long-duration, high capacity and high energy storage capabilities relative to other clean energy storage technologies.

## **LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS**

In years past, the U.S. imported LNG to supplement North American supplies. Since the mid-2010s, LNG imports have primarily been used to serve peak winter load. However, U.S. imports of LNG have been declining since 2008. Since this time, the development of low-cost domestic shale gas supplies largely eliminated the need for LNG imports. Since 2016, the U.S. has been exporting LNG.

LNG exports are expected to continue growing. Current economic conditions and the sanctions imposed on Russia in response to its invasion of Ukraine have exacerbated natural gas shortages, primarily in Europe. The outlook suggests that LNG will continue to expand and grow because world needs are expanding.

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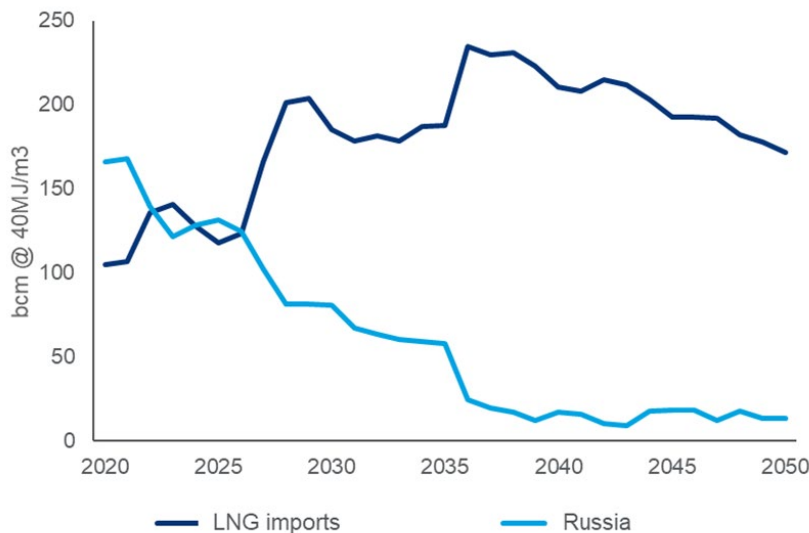
<sup>8</sup> Renewable hydrogen is hydrogen produced by renewable electricity, hydrogen derived from biomethane, or hydrogen derived from biomass using a thermal conversion process.

LNG is expected to help meet European heating load needs as well as its gas fired EG demand. Published studies have found that although the average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have declined over the last decade, marginal emissions have not decreased, but rather increased slightly due primarily to countries’ reliance on coal to satisfy marginal electricity use.<sup>9</sup> Flowing LNG supplies to Europe may mitigate the environmental impact of the forecasted energy shortage in Europe. The chart below illustrates the outlook that industry experts are projecting to sustain LNG demand growth in the European countries including the UK and Turkey for the next twelve years, with demand subsiding somewhat after 2034.

Worldwide LNG demand is expected to almost double from current levels by the year 2040. According to industry experts, the U.S. is expected to become the largest LNG exporter in 2022, leap-frogging Australia and Qatar. Industry surveys of global LNG developers have indicated plans to accelerate the expansion of operations to meet the growth in overseas demand over the long-term.

**Figure 4 - LNG Outlook**

**Europe: LNG imports vs Russian pipe**



Source: Wood Mackenzie Global gas strategic planning outlook, April 2022

<sup>9</sup> “Why are Marginal CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Not Decreasing for Electricity? Estimates and Implications for Climate Policy,” by Stephen Hallard, Matthew Kotchen, Erin Mansur and Andrew Yates. Presented at the 2022 American Economic Association annual meetings.

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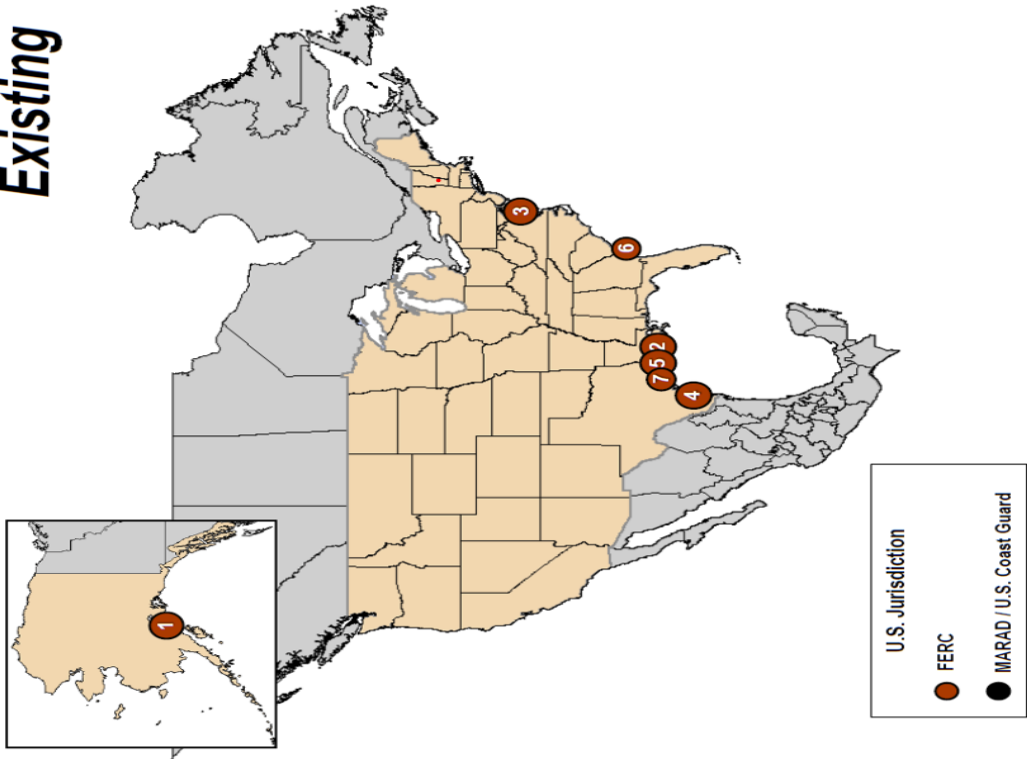
In the next few years, LNG export facilities will begin operations in Western Canada and Western Mexico. In the US, exports are expected to increase as global demand for LNG grows. The following maps illustrate (1) Existing U.S. LNG export terminals; (2) U.S. export terminals approved but not yet built; and (3) U.S. LNG export terminals proposed and being evaluated whose application status is in the process of being reviewed.

# LNG Export Terminals

EXISTING

Figure 5

## Existing



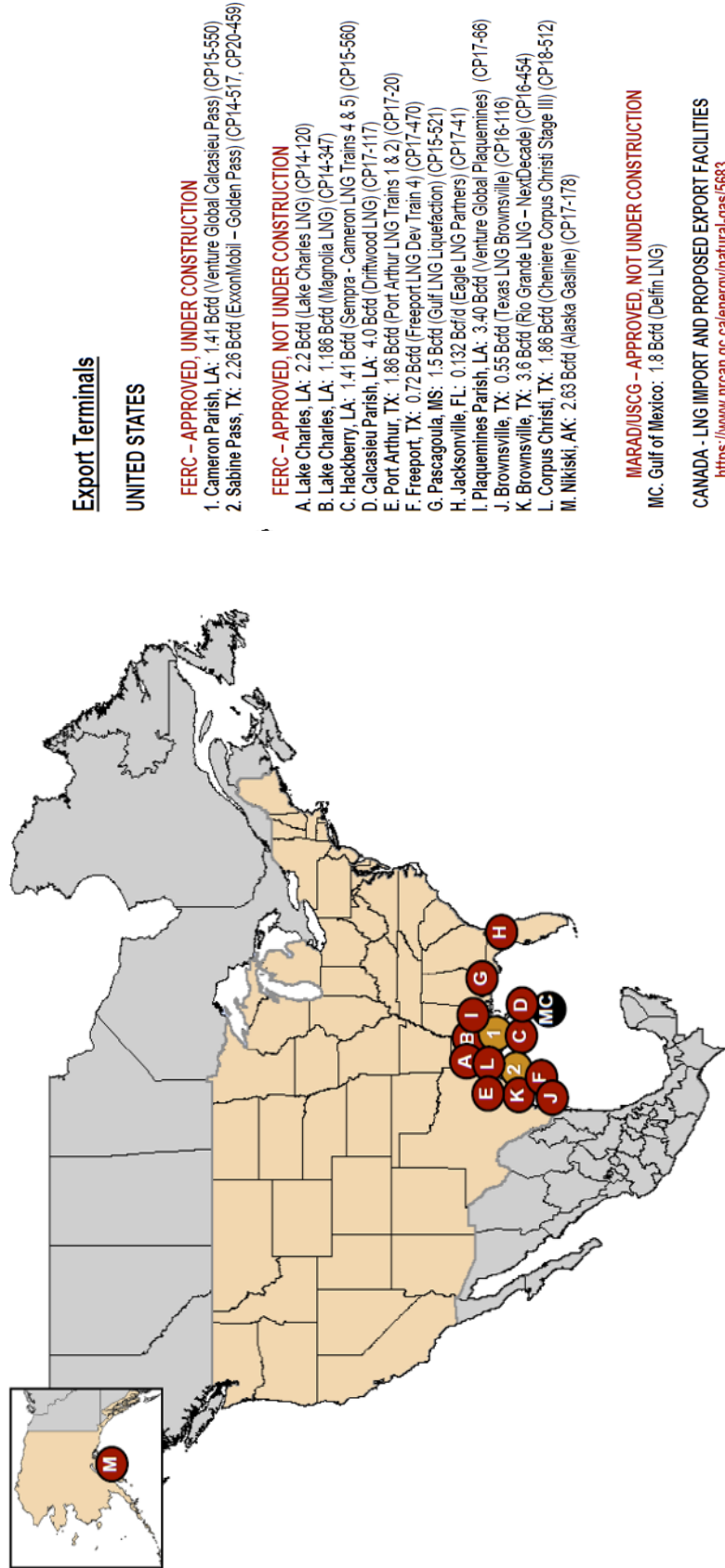
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Figure 6

## LNG Export Terminals Approved

(In Process: Not Yet Completed)



**U.S. Jurisdiction & Status**

- FERC - Approved, Under Construction
- FERC - Approved, Not Under Construction
- MARAD / U.S. Coast Guard

### Export Terminals

#### UNITED STATES

#### FERC – APPROVED, UNDER CONSTRUCTION

1. Cameron Parish, LA: 1.41 Bcf/d (Venture Global Calcasieu Pass) (CP15-550)
2. Sabine Pass, TX: 2.26 Bcf/d (ExxonMobil – Golden Pass) (CP14-517, CP20-459)

#### FERC – APPROVED, NOT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- A. Lake Charles, LA: 2.2 Bcf/d (Lake Charles LNG) (CP14-120)
- B. Lake Charles, LA: 1.186 Bcf/d (Magnolia LNG) (CP14-347)
- C. Hackberry, LA: 1.41 Bcf/d (Sempira - Cameron LNG Trains 4 & 5) (CP15-580)
- D. Calcasieu Parish, LA: 4.0 Bcf/d (Driftwood LNG) (CP17-117)
- E. Port Arthur, TX: 1.86 Bcf/d (Port Arthur LNG Trains 1 & 2) (CP17-20)
- F. Freeport, TX: 0.72 Bcf/d (Freeport LNG Dev Train 4) (CP17-470)
- G. Pascagoula, MS: 1.5 Bcf/d (Gulf LNG Liquefaction) (CP15-521)
- H. Jacksonville, FL: 0.132 Bcf/d (Eagle LNG Partners) (CP17-41)
- I. Plaquemines Parish, LA: 3.40 Bcf/d (Venture Global Plaquemines) (CP17-66)
- J. Brownsville, TX: 0.55 Bcf/d (Texas LNG Brownsville) (CP16-116)
- K. Brownsville, TX: 3.6 Bcf/d (Rio Grande LNG – NextDecade) (CP16-454)
- L. Corpus Christi, TX: 1.86 Bcf/d (Cheniere Corpus Christi Stage III) (CP18-512)
- M. Nikiski, AK: 2.63 Bcf/d (Alaska Gasline) (CP17-178)

#### MARAD/USCG – APPROVED, NOT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

- MC. Gulf of Mexico: 1.8 Bcf/d (Defin LNG)

#### CANADA - LNG IMPORT AND PROPOSED EXPORT FACILITIES

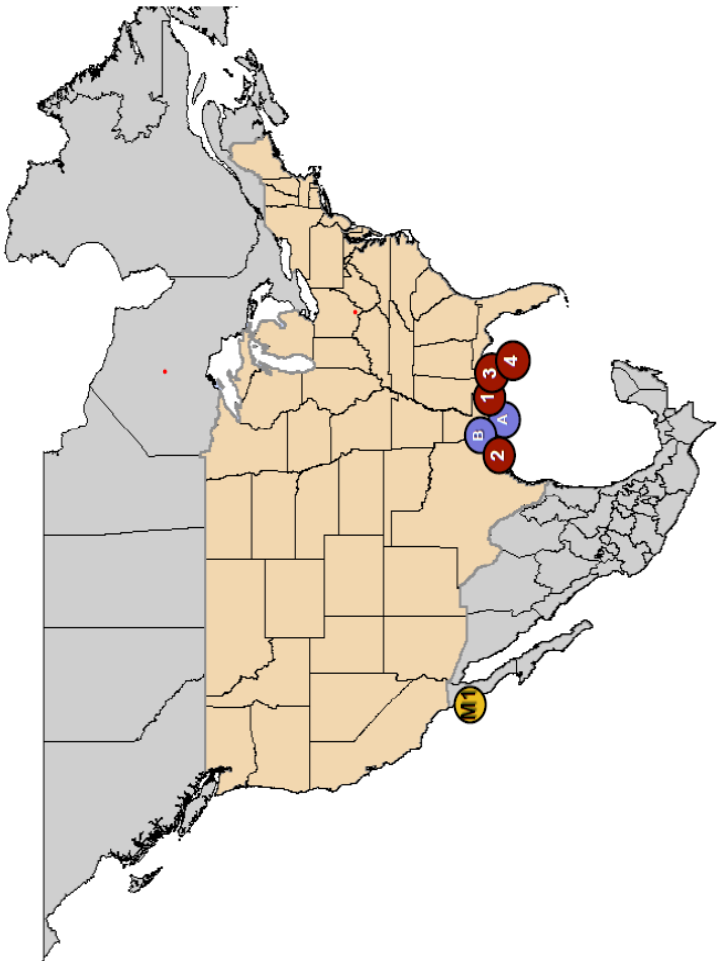
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Figure 7

# LNG Export Terminals PROPOSED & Under Evaluation

- UNITED STATES**
- PROPOSED TO FERC**
- Pending Applications:
1. Cameron Parish, LA: 1.18 Bcf/d (Commonwealth, LNG) (CP19-502)
  2. Port Arthur, TX: 1.86 Bcf/d (Sempra - Port Arthur LNG Trains 3 & 4) (CP20-55)
  3. Cameron Parish, LA: 1.45 Bcf/d (Venture Global CP2 Blocks 1-9) (CP22-21)
  4. Cameron Parish, LA: .057 Bcf/d (Venture Global Calcasieu Pass) (CP22-25)
- Projects in Pre-filing:
- A. LaFourche Parish, LA: 0.65 Bcf/d (Port Fourchon LNG) (PF17-9)
  - B. Plaquemines Parish, LA: 2.76 Bcf/d (Delta LNG - Venture Global) (PF19-4)
- CANADA**
- For Canadian LNG Import and Proposed Export Facilities:
- <https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/natural-gas/5683>
- MEXICO** (Projects in advanced planning/development stages)
- M1. Baja California, MX: 0.4 Bcf/d (Sempra – Energia Costa Azul Phase 1)



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Along the western North American coast, there are two LNG facilities. These include the LNG export terminal in Kenai Alaska owned and operated by Foreland and the LNG facility in Baja California/Mexico owned by Energia Costa Azul, a Sempra-owned subsidiary.

The Kenai plant in Nikiski, Alaska was once the only LNG export terminal in the U. S. but has not exported LNG since Fall 2015. In winter 2020, the FERC voted to approve Trans-Foreland’s project to make modifications and reactivate portions of the plant. The project will bring the plant out of “warm idle status” and would enable the transfer of gas to an adjacent refinery.

Energia Costa Azul is a liquefied natural gas joint venture between Sempra LNG and IEnova. It is the first and only LNG export project in Mexico. The project connects gas supplies from Texas and the northern U.S. directly to markets in Mexico and countries across the Pacific Basin.

**Figure 8 LNG Infrastructure Map in Baja California and Mexico**



More locally, in January 2022, under a grant agreement, Sysco Riverside developed a publicly accessible liquefied natural gas station to fuel their expanding fleet of natural gas-powered goods movement vehicles in Riverside, California. The new station established natural

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gas fueling infrastructure to support its fleet and others operating along one of the busiest stretches of highway in the nation. At the time of application, Sysco operated 35 trucks. This initial fleet is expected to grow to 125 liquefied natural gas trucks during the project life, thus creating a strong need for infrastructure to fuel its vehicles.

Sysco's contractor, Fullmer Construction, was responsible for the construction of the liquefied natural gas fueling station. Sysco's objective in constructing this station is to provide the additional necessary infrastructure needed to make alternative fuels like natural gas a commercially available and preferable fueling option. Natural gas contains less carbon than any other traditional fuel, and thus produces lower carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions per year. In fact, natural gas vehicles produce up to 20-30 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than comparable diesel vehicles. Natural gas is also typically less expensive than diesel, costing less per unit of energy.

### STATEWIDE CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY TABLES

The consolidated summary tables on the following pages show the statewide aggregations of projected gas supplies and gas requirements (demand) from 2022-2035 for Average Temperature and Normal Hydro years (base case) in addition to the Cold Temperature and Dry Hydro (high case).

Gas sales and transportation volumes are consolidated under the general category of system requirements. Details of gas transportation for individual utilities are given in the tabular data for Northern California and Southern California. The wholesale category includes the City of Long Beach Energy Resources Department, SDG&E, Southwest Gas (SWG), City of Vernon, Alpine Natural Gas, Island Energy, West Coast Gas, Inc., and the municipalities of Coalinga and Palo Alto.

Some columns may not sum precisely because of modeling accuracy and rounding differences and do not imply curtailments.

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**TABLE 2 – STATEWIDE TOTAL SUPPLY SOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS  
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND NORMAL HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2022-2026**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<b>California's Supply Sources</b>					
<i>Utility</i>					
California Sources	117	117	117	117	117
Out-of-State	4,428	4,408	4,310	4,257	4,252
Utility Total	4,545	4,525	4,427	4,374	4,369
<i>Non-Utility Served Load</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	1,024	1,010	990	995	999
<b>Statewide Supply Sources Total</b>	<b>5,570</b>	<b>5,535</b>	<b>5,416</b>	<b>5,368</b>	<b>5,369</b>
<b>California's Requirements</b>					
<i>Utility</i>					
Residential	1,101	1,077	1,054	1,031	1,008
Commercial	463	462	455	449	442
Natural Gas Vehicles	52	53	54	56	57
Industrial	906	920	933	938	937
Electric Generation <sup>(2)</sup>	1,377	1,327	1,252	1,219	1,245
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	27	27	27	27	27
Wholesale/International+Exchange	283	283	282	282	281
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	65	65	64	63	62
Utility Total	4,273	4,215	4,122	4,064	4,059
<i>Non-Utility</i>					
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	640	637	638	634	631
EOR Cogeneration/Industrial	54	52	49	52	45
Electric Generation	330	321	303	309	323
Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(1)</sup>	1,024	1,010	990	995	999
<b>Statewide Requirements Total</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>5,298</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>5,111</b>	<b>5,058</b>	<b>5,059</b>

**Notes:**

- (1) Consists of California production and deliveries by El Paso, Kern/Mojave and TGN pipelines to industrial, EOR Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant.  
Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.
- (2) Includes utility generation, wholesale generation, and cogeneration.
- (3) The difference between California supply sources and California requirements is PG&E's forecast of off system deliveries.

**TABLE 3 – STATEWIDE TOTAL SUPPLY SOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS  
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND NORMAL HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2027-2035**

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2035
<b>California's Supply Sources</b>					
<i>Utility</i>					
California Sources	117	117	117	117	117
Out-of-State	3,909	3,844	3,802	3,731	3,594
Utility Total	4,026	3,961	3,919	3,848	3,711
<i>Non-Utility Served Load</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	995	979	1,006	1,025	1,147
<b>Statewide Supply Sources Total</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>4,926</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>4,857</b>
<b>California's Requirements</b>					
<i>Utility</i>					
Residential	988	964	944	921	804
Commercial	435	425	417	408	366
Natural Gas Vehicles	59	60	62	63	70
Industrial	937	936	935	933	925
Electric Generation <sup>(2)</sup>	1,240	1,210	1,198	1,162	1,193
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	26	25	24	24	20
Wholesale/International+Exchange	281	280	279	278	274
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	61	61	60	59	58
Utility Total	4,026	3,961	3,919	3,848	3,711
<i>Non-Utility</i>					
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	628	627	672	712	878
EOR Cogeneration/Industrial	40	39	19	14	0
Electric Generation	327	313	316	299	269
Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(1)</sup>	995	979	1,006	1,025	1,147
<b>Statewide Requirements Total</b> <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>4,926</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>4,857</b>

Notes:

- (1) Consists of California production and deliveries by El Paso, Kern/Mojave and TGN pipelines to industrial, EOR Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant  
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- (2) Includes utility generation, wholesale generation, and cogeneration.
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**TABLE 4 – STATEWIDE TOTAL SUPPLY SOURCES-TAKEN  
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND NORMAL HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2022-2035**

<b>Utility</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<i>Northern California</i>					
California Sources <sup>(1)</sup>	56	56	56	56	56
Out-of-State	2,049	2,054	2,043	2,038	2,063
<b>Northern California Total</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>2,119</b>
<i>Southern California</i>					
California Sources <sup>(2)</sup>	61	61	61	61	61
Out-of-State	2,379	2,354	2,266	2,219	2,190
<b>Southern California Total</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>2,415</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>2,251</b>
<b>Utility Total</b>	<b>4,545</b>	<b>4,525</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>4,374</b>	<b>4,369</b>
<b>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>Statewide Supply Sources Total</b>	<b>5,570</b>	<b>5,535</b>	<b>5,416</b>	<b>5,368</b>	<b>5,369</b>
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<b>Utility</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2035</b>
<i>Northern California</i>					
California Sources <sup>(1)</sup>	56	56	56	56	56
Out-of-State	1,749	1,738	1,722	1,698	1,681
<b>Northern California Total</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>1,737</b>
<i>Southern California</i>					
California Sources <sup>(2)</sup>	61	61	61	61	61
Out-of-State	2,160	2,106	2,080	2,034	1,912
<b>Southern California Total</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>1,973</b>
<b>Utility Total</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>3,961</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>3,848</b>	<b>3,711</b>
<b>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>995</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,147</b>
<b>Statewide Supply Sources Total</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>4,926</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>4,857</b>
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Notes:					
(1) Includes utility purchases and exchange/transport gas.					
(2) Includes utility purchases and exchange/transport gas and City of Long Beach "own-source" gas.					
(3) Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant.					
Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.					

**TABLE 5 – STATEWIDE ANNUAL GAS REQUIREMENTS <sup>(1)</sup>  
 AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND NORMAL HYDRO YEAR  
 (MMcf/d)  
 2022-2026**

Utility	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<i>Northern California</i>					
Residential	491	473	460	445	432
Commercial - Core	208	214	213	210	208
Natural Gas Vehicles - Core	7	7	8	8	8
Natural Gas Vehicles - Noncore	4	4	4	4	4
Industrial - Noncore	462	477	492	497	498
Wholesale	9	9	9	9	9
SMUD Electric Generation	96	96	96	96	96
Electric Generation <sup>(2)</sup>	484	448	441	442	481
Exchange (California)	38	38	38	38	38
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	34	34	34	34	34
Northern California Total <sup>(3)</sup>	1,833	1,800	1,794	1,784	1,809
<i>Southern California</i>					
Residential	610	604	594	585	575
Commercial - Core	206	200	194	190	185
Commercial - Noncore	48	49	49	49	49
Natural Gas Vehicles - Core	41	42	43	44	45
Industrial - Core	54	54	53	52	51
Industrial - Noncore	389	390	389	389	388
Wholesale (excluding EG)	236	236	235	235	234
SDG&E, Vernon & Ecogas EG	127	117	104	97	97
Electric Generation (EG) <sup>(4)</sup>	670	667	612	584	571
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	27	27	27	27	27
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	31	30	29	29	28
Southern California Total	2,440	2,415	2,327	2,280	2,251
<b>Utility Total</b>	<b>4,273</b>	<b>4,215</b>	<b>4,122</b>	<b>4,064</b>	<b>4,059</b>
<b>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>Statewide Gas Requirements Total <sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>5,298</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>5,111</b>	<b>5,058</b>	<b>5,059</b>
Notes:					
(1) Includes transportation gas.					
(2) Electric generation includes cogeneration, PG&E-owned electric generation, and deliveries to power plants connected to the PG&E system. It excludes deliveries by the Kern Mojave and other pipelines.					
(3) Northern California Total excludes Off-System Deliveries to Southern California.					
(4) Southern California Electric Generation includes commercial and industrial cogeneration, refinery-related cogeneration, EOR-related cogeneration, and non-cogeneration electric generation.					
(5) Consists of California production and deliveries by El Paso, Kern/Mojave and TGN pipelines to industrial, EOR Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant.					
Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.					
(6) Does not include off-system deliveries.					

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**TABLE 6 – STATEWIDE ANNUAL GAS REQUIREMENTS <sup>(1)</sup>  
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND NORMAL HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2027-2035**

Utility	2027	2028	2029	2030	2035
<i>Northern California</i>					
Residential	423	412	402	391	338
Commercial - Core	205	200	195	189	163
Natural Gas Vehicles - Core	8	8	9	9	10
Natural Gas Vehicles - Noncore	4	5	5	5	5
Industrial - Noncore	499	499	499	498	496
Wholesale	9	9	9	9	9
SMUD Electric Generation	96	96	96	96	96
Electric Generation <sup>(2)</sup>	489	493	493	486	549
Exchange (California)	38	38	38	38	38
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	33	33	33	33	33
Northern California Total <sup>(3)</sup>	1,805	1,794	1,778	1,754	1,737
<i>Southern California</i>					
Residential	565	552	542	530	466
Commercial - Core	181	177	174	170	155
Commercial - Noncore	49	49	49	49	48
Natural Gas Vehicles - Core	46	47	48	50	54
Industrial - Core	50	49	48	47	44
Industrial - Noncore	388	388	388	387	385
Wholesale (excluding EG)	234	233	232	231	228
SDG&E, Vernon & Ecogas EG	96	92	92	88	87
Electric Generation (EG) <sup>(4)</sup>	558	529	516	493	461
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	26	25	24	24	20
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	28	27	27	26	25
Southern California Total	2,221	2,167	2,141	2,095	1,973
<b>Utility Total</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>3,961</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>3,848</b>	<b>3,711</b>
<b>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>995</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,147</b>
<b>Statewide Gas Requirements Total <sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,940</b>	<b>4,926</b>	<b>4,874</b>	<b>4,857</b>
Notes:					
(1) Includes transportation gas.					
(2) Electric generation includes cogeneration, PG&E-owned electric generation, and deliveries to power plants connected to the PG&E system. It excludes deliveries by the Kern Mojave and other pipelines.					
(3) Northern California Total excludes Off-System Deliveries to Southern California.					
(4) Southern California Electric Generation includes commercial and industrial cogeneration, refinery-related cogeneration, EOR-related cogeneration, and non-cogeneration electric generation.					
(5) Consists of California production and deliveries by El Paso, Kern/Mojave and TGN pipelines to industrial, EOR Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant. Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.					
(6) Does not include off-system deliveries.					

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**TABLE 7 – STATEWIDE TOTAL SUPPLY SOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS  
COLD TEMPERATURE <sup>(4)</sup> AND DRY HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2022-2026**

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>California's Supply Sources</b>					
<i>Utility</i>					
California Sources	117	117	117	117	117
Out-of-State	4,561	4,581	4,487	4,438	4,443
Utility Total	4,678	4,698	4,604	4,555	4,560
<i>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(1)</sup></i>	1,159	1,144	1,130	1,129	1,152
<b>Statewide Supply Sources Total</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>5,842</b>	<b>5,734</b>	<b>5,684</b>	<b>5,713</b>
<b>California's Requirements</b>					
<i>Utility</i>					
Residential	1,186	1,165	1,142	1,118	1,094
Commercial	488	481	473	467	460
Natural Gas Vehicles	52	53	54	55	57
Industrial	911	924	935	940	939
Electric Generation <sup>(2)</sup>	1,378	1,374	1,307	1,278	1,315
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	27	27	27	27	27
Wholesale/International+Exchange	297	297	295	295	295
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	67	67	66	65	64
Utility Total	4,406	4,388	4,299	4,245	4,250
<i>Non-Utility</i>					
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	639	635	638	629	628
EOR Cogeneration/Industrial	48	50	50	50	41
Electric Generation	472	460	442	450	484
Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(1)</sup>	1,159	1,144	1,130	1,129	1,152
<b>Statewide Requirements Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>5,565</b>	<b>5,532</b>	<b>5,429</b>	<b>5,374</b>	<b>5,403</b>

**Notes:**

- (1) Consists of California production and deliveries by El Paso, Kern/Mojave and TGN pipelines to industrial, EOR Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant.  
Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.
- (2) Includes utility generation, wholesale generation, and cogeneration.
- (3) The difference between California supply sources and California requirements is PG&E's forecast of off-system deliveries.
- (4) 1-in-35 cold year temperature for SoCalGas; 1-in-10 cold year temperature for PG&E.



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**TABLE 8 – STATEWIDE TOTAL SUPPLY SOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS  
COLD TEMPERATURE <sup>(4)</sup> AND DRY HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2027-2035**

	2027	2028	2029	2030	2035
<b>California's Supply Sources</b>					
<i>Utility</i>					
California Sources	117	117	117	117	117
Out-of-State	4,116	4,043	4,000	3,925	3,792
Utility Total	4,233	4,160	4,117	4,042	3,909
<i>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(1)</sup></i>	1,143	1,147	1,209	1,204	1,077
<b>Statewide Supply Sources Total</b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>5,326</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>4,987</b>
<b>California's Requirements</b>					
<i>Utility</i>					
Residential	1,073	1,049	1,028	1,004	884
Commercial	453	443	434	425	382
Natural Gas Vehicles	58	60	61	63	70
Industrial	939	938	937	935	927
Electric Generation <sup>(2)</sup>	1,326	1,290	1,277	1,239	1,279
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	26	25	24	24	20
Wholesale/International+Exchange	294	293	293	292	288
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	64	63	62	62	60
Utility Total	4,233	4,160	4,117	4,042	3,909
<i>Non-Utility</i>					
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	625	627	719	756	906
EOR Cogeneration/Industrial	37	37	21	17	6
Electric Generation	481	483	470	431	165
Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(1)</sup>	1,143	1,147	1,209	1,204	1,077
<b>Statewide Requirements Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>5,326</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>4,987</b>

**Notes:**

- (1) Consists of California production and deliveries by El Paso, Kern/Mojave and TGN pipelines to industrial, EOR Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant. Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.
- (2) Includes utility generation, wholesale generation, and cogeneration. The difference between California supply sources and California requirements is PG&E's forecast of off-system deliveries.
- (3) of off-system deliveries.
- (4) 1-in-35 cold year temperature for SoCalGas; 1-in-10 cold year temperature for PG&E.

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**TABLE 9 – STATEWIDE TOTAL SUPPLY SOURCES-TAKEN  
COLD TEMPERATURE <sup>(4)</sup> and DRY HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2022-2026**

<b>Utility</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<i>Northern California</i>					
California Sources <sup>(1)</sup>	56	56	56	56	56
Out-of-State	2,109	2,149	2,144	2,141	2,177
<b>Northern California Total</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>2,197</b>	<b>2,233</b>
<i>Southern California</i>					
California Sources <sup>(2)</sup>	61	61	61	61	61
Out-of-State	2,452	2,432	2,343	2,298	2,267
<b>Southern California Total</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>2,328</b>
<b>Utility Total</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>4,698</b>	<b>4,604</b>	<b>4,555</b>	<b>4,560</b>
<b>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>1,152</b>
<b>Statewide Supply Sources Total</b>	<b>5,837</b>	<b>5,842</b>	<b>5,734</b>	<b>5,684</b>	<b>5,713</b>
<hr/>					
<b>Utility</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2035</b>
<i>Northern California</i>					
California Sources <sup>(1)</sup>	56	56	56	56	56
Out-of-State	1,876	1,863	1,844	1,821	1,800
<b>Northern California Total</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>1,856</b>
<i>Southern California</i>					
California Sources <sup>(2)</sup>	61	61	61	61	61
Out-of-State	2,239	2,180	2,156	2,104	1,992
<b>Southern California Total</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>2,053</b>
<b>Utility Total</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>3,909</b>
<b>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,077</b>
<b>Statewide Supply Sources Total</b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>5,326</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>4,987</b>
<b>Notes:</b>					
(1) Includes utility purchases and exchange/transport gas.					
(2) Includes utility purchases and exchange/transport gas and City of Long Beach "own-source" gas.					
(3) Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant. Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.					
(4) 1-in-35 cold year temperature for SoCalGas; 1-in-10 cold year temperature for PG&E.					

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**TABLE 10 – STATEWIDE ANNUAL GAS REQUIREMENTS <sup>(1)</sup>  
COLD TEMPERATURE <sup>(7)</sup> and DRY HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2022-2026**

<b>Utility</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
<i>Northern California</i>					
Residential	527	512	500	485	472
Commercial - Core	224	224	222	220	217
Natural Gas Vehicles - Core	7	7	8	8	8
Natural Gas Vehicles - Noncore	3	4	4	4	4
Industrial - Noncore	467	480	493	499	499
Wholesale	10	10	10	10	10
SMUD Electric Generation	96	96	96	96	96
Electric Generation <sup>(2)</sup>	485	490	490	493	543
Exchange (California)	38	38	38	38	38
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	36	35	35	35	35
<b>Northern California Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,893</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,887</b>	<b>1,923</b>
<i>Southern California</i>					
Residential	660	653	642	632	622
Commercial - Core	214	208	202	197	193
Commercial - Noncore	49	49	49	50	50
Natural Gas Vehicles - Core	41	42	43	44	45
Industrial - Core	55	55	53	52	51
Industrial - Noncore	389	390	389	389	388
Wholesale (excluding EG)	249	249	248	248	247
SDG&E, Vernon & Ecogas EG	127	118	105	98	98
Electric Generation (EG) <sup>(4)</sup>	670	671	616	591	578
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	27	27	27	27	27
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	32	31	30	30	29
<b>Southern California Total</b>	<b>2,513</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>2,359</b>	<b>2,328</b>
<b>Utility Total</b>	<b>4,406</b>	<b>4,388</b>	<b>4,299</b>	<b>4,245</b>	<b>4,250</b>
<b>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>1,152</b>
<b>Statewide Gas Requirements Total <sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>5,565</b>	<b>5,532</b>	<b>5,429</b>	<b>5,374</b>	<b>5,403</b>
<p>(1) Includes transportation gas.</p> <p>(2) Electric generation includes cogeneration, PG&amp;E-owned electric generation, and deliveries to power plants connected to the PG&amp;E system. It excludes deliveries by the Kern Mojave and other pipelines.</p> <p>(3) Northern California Total excludes Off-System Deliveries to Southern California.</p> <p>(4) Southern California Electric Generation includes commercial and industrial cogeneration, refinery-related cogeneration, EOR-related cogeneration, and non-cogeneration electric generation.</p> <p>(5) Consists of California production and deliveries by El Paso, Kern/Mojave and TGN pipelines to industrial, EOR Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant.</p> <p>Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.</p> <p>(6) Does not include off-system deliveries.</p> <p>(7) 1-in-35 cold year temperature for SoCalGas; 1-in-10 cold year temperature for PG&amp;E.</p>					

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**TABLE 11 – STATEWIDE ANNUAL GAS REQUIREMENTS <sup>(1)</sup>  
COLD TEMPERATURE <sup>(7)</sup> AND DRY HYDRO YEAR  
(MMcf/d)  
2025-2035**

<b>Utility</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2035</b>
<i>Northern California</i>					
Residential	463	452	441	431	378
Commercial - Core	214	209	204	199	172
Natural Gas Vehicles - Core	8	8	9	9	10
Natural Gas Vehicles - Noncore	4	4	4	4	5
Industrial - Noncore	500	500	500	500	497
Wholesale	10	9	9	9	9
SMUD Electric Generation	96	96	96	96	96
Electric Generation <sup>(2)</sup>	565	567	564	557	616
Exchange (California)	38	38	38	38	38
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	35	35	34	34	35
<b>Northern California Total <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>1,856</b>
<i>Southern California</i>					
Residential	610	597	586	573	506
Commercial - Core	189	184	181	177	161
Commercial - Noncore	50	49	49	49	49
Natural Gas Vehicles - Core	46	47	48	50	54
Industrial - Core	51	50	49	48	45
Industrial - Noncore	388	388	388	387	385
Wholesale (excluding EG)	247	246	245	244	241
SDG&E, Vernon & Ecogas EG	98	93	94	89	92
Electric Generation (EG) <sup>(4)</sup>	567	534	524	496	474
Enhanced Oil Recovery Steaming	26	25	24	24	20
Company Use and Unaccounted-for	29	28	28	27	26
<b>Southern California Total</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>2,217</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>2,053</b>
<b>Utility Total</b>	<b>4,233</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>3,909</b>
<b>Non-Utility Served Load <sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>1,077</b>
<b>Statewide Gas Requirements Total <sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>5,376</b>	<b>5,307</b>	<b>5,326</b>	<b>5,246</b>	<b>4,987</b>
<p>(1) Includes transportation gas.</p> <p>(2) Electric generation includes cogeneration, PG&amp;E-owned electric generation, and deliveries to power plants connected to the PG&amp;E system. It excludes deliveries by the Kern Mojave and other pipelines.</p> <p>(3) Northern California Total excludes Off-System Deliveries to Southern California.</p> <p>(4) Southern California Electric Generation includes commercial and industrial cogeneration, refinery-related cogeneration, EOR-related cogeneration, and non-cogeneration electric generation.</p> <p>(5) Consists of California production and deliveries by El Paso, Kern/Mojave and TGN pipelines to industrial, EOR Cogen, EOR steaming and powerplant customers, and gas consumption at Elk Hills powerplant.</p> <p>Source: CEC staff-provided forecast results from their own model simulations.</p> <p>(6) Does not include off-system deliveries.</p> <p>(7) 1-in-35 cold year temperature for SoCalGas; 1-in-10 cold year temperature for PG&amp;E.</p>					

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### **STATEWIDE RECORDED SOURCES AND DISPOSITION**

The Statewide Sources and Disposition Summary complements the existing 5-year recorded data tables included in the tabular data sections for each utility.

The information displayed in the following tables shows the composition of supplies from both out-of-state sources, as well as California sources. The data are based on the utilities' accounting records and available gas nomination and preliminary gas transaction information obtained daily from customers or their appointed agents and representatives. It should be noted that data on daily gas nominations are frequently subject to reconciliation adjustments. In addition, some of the data are based on allocations and assignments that, by necessity, rely on estimated information. These tables have been updated to reflect the most current information.

Some columns may not sum exactly because of factored allocation and rounding differences and do not imply curtailments.

**TABLE 12– RECORDED 2017 STATEWIDE SOURCES AND DISPOSITION SUMMARY**  
(MMcfd)

	California Sources	El Paso	Trans western	GTN	Kern River	Mojave	Other (1)	Ruby	Total
<b>Southern California Gas Company</b>									
Core + UAF (2)	100	443	127	54	208	0	(27)	0	905
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	(4)	97	80	39	158	52	24	0	446
EG (3)	(4)	156	128	63	252	82	39	0	715
EOR	(0)	9	7	3	14	5	2	0	39
Wholesale/Resale/International (4)	(7)	88	72	35	142	46	22	0	398
<b>Total</b>	84	792	414	195	773	185	60	0	2,503
<b>Pacific Gas and Electric Company (5)</b>									
Core	0	18	65	319	(1)	0	0	179	580
Noncore Industrial/Wholesale/EG (6)	29	208	99	840	34	0	12	420	1,642
<b>Total</b>	29	226	164	1,159	33	0	12	599	2,222
<b>Other Northern California</b>									
Core (7)	22	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	34
<b>Non-Utilities Served Load (8,9)</b>									
Direct Sales/Bypass	698	28	0	0	698	44	0	0	1,468
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIER</b>	833	1,046	578	1,354	1,504	229	84	599	6,227
<b>San Diego Gas &amp; Electric Company</b>									
Core	14	61	17	7	28	0	(4)	0	124
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	(2)	38	31	15	62	20	10	0	175
<b>Total</b>	12	99	49	23	90	20	6	0	299
<b>Southwest Gas Corporation</b>									
Core	22	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	34
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	24	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	36

## Notes:

(1) Includes storage activities, volumes delivered on Questar Southern Trails for SoCalGas and PG&E.

(2) Includes NGV volumes

(3) EG includes UEG, COGEN, and EOR Cogen.

(4) Includes transportation to City of Long Beach, Southwest Gas, City of Vernon, DGN, and SDG&E, as shown.

(5) Kern River supplies include net volume flowing over Kern River High Desert interconnect.

(6) Includes UEG, COGEN, industrial and deliveries to PG&E's wholesale customers.

(7) Includes Southwest Gas Corporation and Tuscarora deliveries in the Lake Tahoe and Susanville areas.

(8) Delivers to end-users by non-CPUC jurisdictional pipelines.

(9) California production is preliminary.

TABLE 13 – RECORDED 2018 STATEWIDE SOURCES AND DISPOSITION SUMMARY  
(MMcfd)

	California Sources	El Paso	Trans western	GTN	Kern River	Mojave	Other (1)	Ruby	Total
<b>Southern California Gas Company</b>									
Core + UAF (2)	158	439	103	37	173	0	(2)	0	908
Noncore Commercial/Industrial EG (3)	(17)	99	35	57	207	61	7	0	448
EOR	(23)	136	48	78	283	83	10	0	615
Wholesale/Resale/International (4)	(1)	8	3	5	18	5	1	0	38
	(13)	74	26	42	153	45	6	0	333
<b>Total</b>	104	756	214	218	834	194	22	0	2,342
<b>Pacific Gas and Electric Company (5)</b>									
Core	0	3	55	303	(4)	0	0	165	522
Noncore Industrial/Wholesale/EG (6)	28	212	221	966	16	0	0	355	1,798
<b>Total</b>	28	215	276	1,269	12	0	0	520	2,320
<b>Other Northern California</b>									
Core (7)	22	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	34
<b>Non-Utilities Served Load (8,9)</b>									
Direct Sales/Bypass	401	49	0	0	686	42	0	0	1,178
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIER</b>	555	1,020	490	1,487	1,532	236	34	520	5,874
<b>San Diego Gas &amp; Electric Company</b>									
Core	22	61	14	5	24	0	(0)	0	127
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	(4)	25	9	14	52	15	2	0	112
<b>Total</b>	18	86	23	19	76	15	2	0	239
<b>Southwest Gas Corporation</b>									
Core	22	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	34
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	24	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	36

Notes:

- (1) Includes storage activities, volumes delivered on Questar Southern Trails for SoCalGas and PG&E.
- (2) Includes NGV volumes
- (3) EG includes UEG, COGEN, and EOR Cogen.
- (4) Includes transportation to City of Long Beach, Southwest Gas, City of Vernon, DGN, and SDG&E, as shown.
- (5) Kern River supplies include net volume flowing over Kern River High Desert interconnect.
- (6) Includes UEG, COGEN, industrial and deliveries to PG&E's wholesale customers.
- (7) Includes Southwest Gas Corporation and Tuscarora deliveries in the Lake Tahoe and Susanville areas.
- (8) Deliveries to end-users by non-CPUC jurisdictional pipelines.
- (9) California production is preliminary.

TABLE 14 – RECORDED 2019 STATEWIDE SOURCES AND DISPOSITION SUMMARY  
(MMcfd)

	California Sources	El Paso	Trans western	GTN	Kern River	Mojave	Other (1)	Ruby	Total
<b>Southern California Gas Company (2)</b>									
Core + UAF (3)	162	476	111	30	223	0	10	0	1,012
Wholesale/Resale/International (5)	(65)	368	47	118	674	213	19	0	1,374
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,386</b>
<b>Pacific Gas and Electric Company (4)</b>									
Core	0	0	58	286	(2)	0	0	172	514
Noncore Industrial/Wholesale/EG (5)	24	380	223	896	9	0	0	481	2,014
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>2,528</b>
<b>Other Northern California</b>									
Core (6)	22	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	34
<b>Non-Utilities Served Load (7, 8)</b>									
Direct Sales/Bypass	388	29	0	0	664	71	0	0	1,152
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIER</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>6,100</b>
<b>San Diego Gas &amp; Electric Company</b>									
Core	21	61	14	4	28	0	1	0	129
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	(4)	22	3	7	40	12	1	0	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>210</b>
<b>Southwest Gas Corporation</b>									
Core	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>

Notes:

- (1) Includes storage activities, volumes delivered on Questar Southern Trails for SoCalGas and PG&E.
- (2) SoCalGas core volumes are accrued volumes.
- (3) Includes NGV volumes
- (4) Kern River supplies include net volume flowing over Kern River High Desert interconnect.
- (5) Includes UEG, COGEN, industrial and deliveries to PG&E's wholesale customers.
- (6) Includes Southwest Gas Corporation and Tuscarora deliveries in the Lake Tahoe and Susanville areas.
- (7) Deliveries to end-users by non-CPUC jurisdictional pipelines.
- (8) California production is preliminary.



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TABLE 15 – RECORDED 2020 STATEWIDE SOURCES AND DISPOSITION SUMMARY  
(MMcfd)

	California Sources	El Paso	Trans western	GTN	Kern River	Mojave	Other (1)	Ruby	Total
<b>Southern California Gas Company (2)</b>									
Core + UAF (3)	132	406	151	9	245	0	0	0	943
Noncore	(45)	532	64	169	613	139	38	0	1,510
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,453</b>
<b>Pacific Gas and Electric Company (4)</b>									
Core	0	8	33	379	(7)	0	0	165	578
Noncore Industrial/Wholesale/EG (5)	26	294	214	936	9	0	0	411	1,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>2,468</b>
<b>Other Northern California</b>									
Core (6)	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
<b>Non-Utilities Served Load (7,8)</b>									
Direct Sales/Bypass	334	37	0	0	621	60	0	0	1,052
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIER</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>1,277</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>5,987</b>
<b>San Diego Gas &amp; Electric Company</b>									
Core	18	56	21	1	34	0	0	0	131
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	(4)	49	6	15	56	13	3	0	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>269</b>
<b>Southwest Gas Corporation - Southern California Division</b>									
Core	25.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

Notes:

- (1) Includes storage activities, volumes delivered on Questar Southern Trails for SoCalGas and PG&E.
- (2) SoCalGas core volumes are accrued volumes.
- (3) Includes NGV volumes
- (4) Kern River supplies include net volume flowing over Kern River High Desert interconnect.
- (5) Includes UEG, COGEN, industrial and deliveries to PG&E's wholesale customers.
- (6) Includes Southwest Gas Corporation and Tuscara deliveries in the Lake Tahoe and Susanville areas.
- (7) Deliveries to end-users by non-CPUC jurisdictional pipelines.
- (8) California production is preliminary.

**TABLE 16 – RECORDED 2021 STATEWIDE SOURCES AND DISPOSITION SUMMARY**  
(MMcfd)

	California Sources	El Paso	Trans western	PG&E/GTN	Kern River	Mojave	Other (1)	Ruby	Total
<b>Southern California Gas Company</b>									
Core + UAF (2)	132	406	151	9	245	0	0	0	943
Noncore									
Commercial/Industrial/EG/EORW/wholesale/Resale/International	-46	432	206	217	583	85	3	0	1,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,423</b>
<b>Pacific Gas and Electric Company (5)</b>									
Core	0	29	0	410	-2	0	0	159	597
Noncore Industrial/W/wholesale/EG (6)	23	356	186	942	6	0	0	32	1,840
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>2,437</b>
<b>Other Northern California</b>									
Core (7)	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
<b>Non-Utilities Served Load (8,9)</b>									
Direct Sales/Bypass	295	49	0	0	631	42	0	0	1,017
<b>TOTAL SUPPLIER</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>5,890</b>

## Notes:

- (1) Includes storage activities, volumes delivered on North Baja and Questar Southern Trails for SoCalGas and PG&E.
- (2) Includes NGV volumes
- (3) EG includes UEG, COGEN, and EOR Cogen.
- (4) Includes transportation to City of Long Beach, Southwest Gas, City of Vernon, DGN, & SDG&E, as shown.

	California Sources	El Paso	Trans western	GTN	Kern River	Mojave	Other (1)	Ruby	Total
<b>San Diego Gas &amp; Electric Company</b>									
Core	19	59	22	1	36	0	0	0	137
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	-4	37	18	19	50	7	0	0	128
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>SouthWest Gas</b>									
Core	24	0	0	0	0	0	13.00	0.000	37.00
Noncore Commercial/Industrial	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.17	0.000	2.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13.17</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>39.17</b>

## Notes:

- (1) Includes storage activities, volumes delivered on Questar Southern Trails for SoCalGas and PG&E.
- (2) SoCalGas core volumes are accrued volumes.
- (3) Includes NGV volumes.
- (4) Kern River supplies include net volume flowing over Kern River High Desert interconnect.
- (5) Includes UEG, Cogen, industrial load and deliveries to PG&E's wholesale customers.
- (6) Includes Great Basin Gas Transmission Company and Tuscarora Deliveries in the Lake Tahoe and Susanville areas.
- (7) Deliveries to end-users by non-CPUC jurisdictional pipelines.
- (8) California production is preliminary.

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### STATEWIDE RECORDED HIGHEST SENDOUT

The tables below summarize the highest sendout days by the state in the summer and winter periods from the last 5 years. Daily sendout from SoCalGas, PG&E, and from customers not served by these utilities were used to construct the following tables.

**Table 17: Estimated California Highest *SUMMER* Sendout (MMcf/d)**

Year	Date	PG&E <sup>(1)</sup>	SoCal Gas <sup>(2)</sup>	Utility Total <sup>(4)</sup>	Non- Utility <sup>(3)</sup>	State Total
2017	08/28/2017	2,602	3,484	6,086	1,416	7,502
2018	07/24/2018	2,925	2,926	5,851	1,410	7,261
2019	09/04/2019	2,606	2,907	5,7513	1,310	6,823
2020	08/18/2020	2,792	3,143	5,935	1,270	7,205
2021	09/09/2021	2,909	2,827	5,736	1,080	6,816

**Table 18: Estimated California Highest *WINTER* Sendout (MMcf/d)**

Year	Date	PG&E <sup>(1)</sup>	SoCal Gas <sup>(2)</sup>	Utility Total <sup>(4)</sup>	Non- Utility <sup>(3)</sup>	State Total
2017	12/21/2017	3,665	3,456	7,121	1,259	8,380
2018	02/20/2018	3,527	3,621	7,148	1,378	8,526
2019	02/05/2019	3,751	3,913	7,664	1,097	8,761
2020	02/04/2020	3,230	3,881	7,111	1,261	8,372
2021	12/14/2021	3,470	3,837	7,307	935	8,242

Notes:

(1) PG&E Pipe Ranger.

(2) SoCalGas Envoy.

(3) Source: Provided by the CEC. Data are from DOGGR, Monthly Oil and Gas Production and Injection Report. Nonutility Demand equals Kern-Mojave and California monthly average total flows less PG&E and SoCal Gas peak day supply from Kern-Mojave and California in-state production.

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- (4) PG&E and SoCalGas sendout(s) are reported for the day on which the *combined* two utilities' total sendout is maximum for the respective seasons each year. For each calendar year, Winter months are Jan, Feb, Mar, Nov and Dec; while Summer months are Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep and Oct.

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## INTRODUCTION

PG&E owns and operates an integrated natural gas transmission, underground storage, and distribution system across most of Northern and Central California. As of December 31, 2021, PG&E's natural gas system consists of approximately 42,000 miles of distribution pipelines, over 6,400 miles of backbone and local transmission pipelines, and three fully owned underground storage facilities and a 25 percent interest in Gill Ranch Storage. PG&E uses its backbone transmission system, composed primarily of Lines 300A, 300B, 400, and 401, to transport gas from its interconnection with interstate pipelines, other local distribution companies, and California gas fields to PG&E's local transmission and distribution systems.

PG&E provides natural gas procurement, transportation, and storage services to approximately 4.3 million residential customers and over 200,000 commercial and industrial customers. PG&E also provides gas transportation and storage services to a variety of gas-fired Electric Generation (EG) plants in its service area and serves multiple Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) fleets, including utility owned facilities, with its publicly-accessible fueling stations throughout California. Other wholesale distribution systems, which receive gas transportation service from PG&E, serve a small portion of the gas customers in the region. PG&E's customers are located in 37 counties from southeast of Bakersfield to north of Redding, with high concentrations in the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. In addition, some customers, including other regulated utilities, also utilize the PG&E system to meet their gas needs in Southern California.

The Northern California section of this report includes PG&E's gas demand forecast and discussions on gas supply, pipeline capacity, storage, and related policies, as well as the natural gas regulatory environment, including legislative developments and regulatory proceedings. Finally, the report includes PG&E's forecast of supply and demand for an Abnormal Peak Day (APD) and demand for a 1-in-10 Peak Day during the winter and summer. What follows is a summary of key takeaways from the Northern California sections of this report.

**PG&E Forecasts a Gradual Decline in Future Gas Demand:** PG&E's average year demand is forecasted to decline at an annual average rate of 0.5 percent between 2022 and 2035. The decline in forecasted gas demand is in response to the state's decarbonization policies and

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reflects reduced demand due to energy efficiency, building electrification resulting from fuel switching from natural gas appliances to electric, and climate change.

**The Forecasted Demand is Subject to Significant Uncertainties:** Forecast uncertainties are significant including the impacts from Northern and Southern California gas price differentials, impact of climate change on forecasted gas and electric load and hydroelectric generation, planned electric generation buildout, and the level of building electrification.

**PG&E is Taking Actions to Evolve the Natural Gas System to be an Affordable Energy Delivery Platform Consistent with Decarbonization Goals.** PG&E's work is guided by the following four pillars:

1. Reduce the carbon footprint of the gas system by greening the gas supply, leveraging electrification, facility conversion from dirtier fuel sources, efficiency, and methane abatement.
2. Decrease costs by limiting system expansion, strategically reducing capital and operational expenses, strategically pruning the gas system, and focusing on targeted and zonal electrification.
3. Identify alternative revenue sources through opportunities to 1) convert dirtier fuel sources to cleaner natural gas through investment in compressed natural gas, 2) switch facilities (including backup generation) from dirtier fuel sources, and 3) invest in the rail and marine sectors.
4. Leverage innovative financial mechanisms such as changes to depreciation, rate design, and external funding to help close the gap between costs and revenues.

**Policy and Regulatory Solutions and a Managed Transition Plan Are Needed to Keep Customers' Bills Affordable.** PG&E is committed to working with regulators and other stakeholders to support statewide GHG reduction policies and develop options to minimize customer bill impacts. PG&E is doing this by safely reducing costs and maximizing utilization of existing infrastructure. In order to successfully implement the State's environmental goals,

issues such as obligation to serve, treatment of capital versus expense dollars, and non-traditional funding need to be addressed and resolved.

Regulatory bodies and investor-owned utilities (IOU) should work together to ensure that Californians continue to have access to clean, reliable, and affordable energy. In support of these important goals, PG&E is actively participating in the Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and Perform Long-Term Gas System Planning (Gas System Planning OIR) (R.20-01-007), which addresses crucial topics that will impact the future of the California gas system.

PG&E is accelerating its work on the use of Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) to contribute towards access to clean, reliable, and affordable energy. The current investment and incentives for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) principally favor the transportation sector resulting in little RNG available to comply with the recently enacted Renewable Gas Standard (RGS). If this is to change, California will have to balance the funding mechanisms between the transportation sector and the RGS so that RNG project developers have opportunities to supply RNG towards the RGS or the transportation sector.



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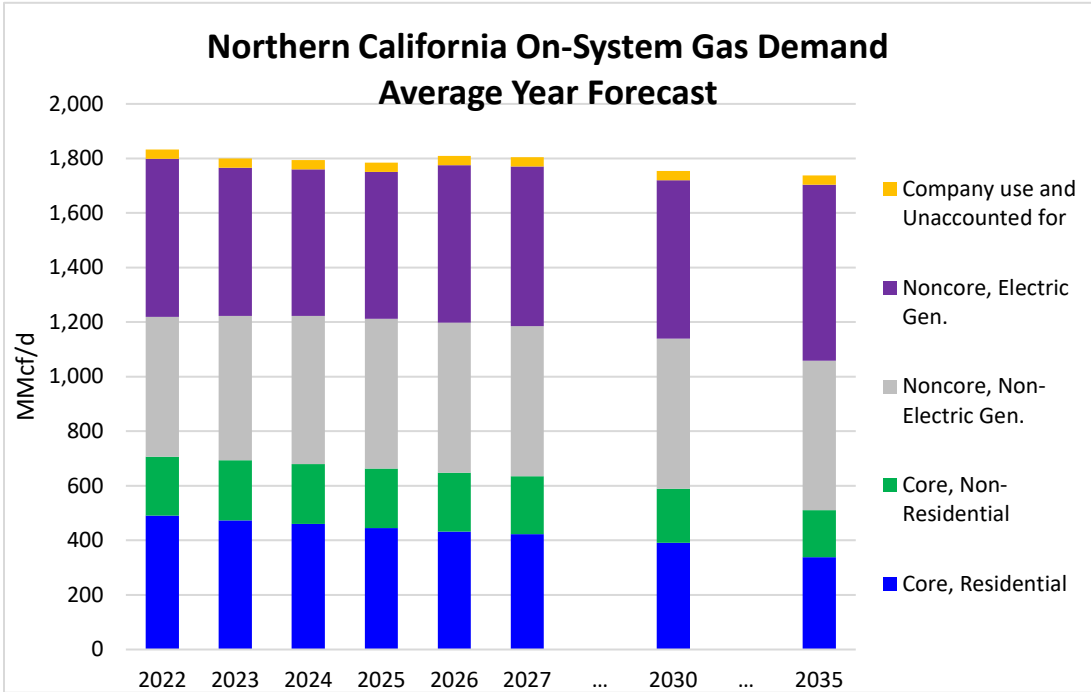
## OVERVIEW

PG&E's 2022 CGR Average Year (also known as Average Temperature and Normal Hydro Year) demand forecast projects total on-system demand to decline at an annual average rate of 0.5 percent between 2022 and 2035. The core sectors are forecasted to decline at an average annual rate of 2.5 percent. The noncore sectors increase at a rate of 0.6 percent annually, driven in part by an increase in throughput for electric generation.

This projected decline in total demand could result in gas system operating and maintenance costs allocated over lower usage, causing customer gas rates to increase. Consequently, PG&E and statewide utility stakeholders will need to continue their work to mitigate customer rate increases. In future, additional gas throughput could come from the substitution of higher carbon intensive fuels, such as high sulfur marine shipping fuels, to help allocate transmission costs over a larger customer base.

This chapter includes PG&E's gas demand forecast and begins with a description of the forecast method, including a discussion of important assumptions. After the methodology discussion, the report presents information on the average demand forecast by customer sector. To provide more information about gas throughput under stressed conditions, the Cold Temperature and Dry Hydro Year forecast presents demand under cold temperature and dry hydroelectric conditions. This is followed by a discussion of gas demand policies, trends, and impacts. The chapter concludes with a presentation of abnormal peak day demand.

FIGURE 9



Changes in the major components of on-system gas demand are illustrated in Figure 9 above. Core demand declines, driven by increasing energy efficiency, increasing building electrification, and a warming climate. Noncore, non-EG demand is forecasted to remain largely flat over the forecast horizon, as potential demand growth is partly limited by energy efficiency and increasing gas prices. The Noncore EG demand forecast increases from 2022 to 2035.

The EG demand forecast is largely a function of electric energy demand, the future CAISO generation portfolio, transmission constraints, and gas prices. PG&E’s forecast incorporates the higher levels of renewable generation and electric storage from the 2021 California Public Utilities Commission Integrated Resource Plan<sup>10</sup> and reflects higher burner-tip gas prices for Northern California electric generators relative to Southern California. The forecast for gas demand by electric generators<sup>11</sup> and co-generators in Northern California<sup>12</sup> increases at 0.9

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/irp/>.

<sup>11</sup> This gas demand forecast excludes gas delivered by non-utility pipelines to electric generators and cogenerators in PG&E’s service area, such as deliveries by the Kern/Mojave pipelines to the La Paloma and Sunrise plants in Central California.

<sup>12</sup> Northern California electric generation gas demand consists of the generation fleet north of Path 26.

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percent per year from 2022 through 2035<sup>13</sup>. The increase is driven in part by Northern California electric reliability needs due to transmission constraints in some hours.

### FORECAST METHOD AND ASSUMPTIONS

PG&E's gas demand forecasts for the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors are developed using econometric models as the foundation. These models are then modified to incorporate assumptions around future policy formation and technology adoption. Forecasts for NGVs and wholesale customers are developed based on market information and historical trends over the past five years. To address the impact of COVID, PG&E developed a simplified approach. The first order COVID impacts are assumed to occur between March 2020 and ramping down after the introduction of vaccines to mid-2023, after which COVID effects are considered to be subsumed into economic and population variables. This general profile is consistent with estimates and discussion from our economic forecasting data source, Moody's. This dummy variable<sup>14</sup> approach models the increases in residential load and the decreases in commercial load which are then ramped down to zero in mid-2023. Effects beyond that time period are limited to those explicitly produced by economic and population variables or reflected in the historical time series apart from a simple dummy variable. Such a simplified approach is necessitated by the very limited amount of historical data from the COVID time period as well as the idiosyncratic nature of the COVID response over location and time. The simplified approach could introduce uncertainty on the duration and scale of impacts from COVID.

Forecasts of gas demand by power plants are developed by modeling the electricity market in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) using PLEXOS software. PLEXOS is a production cost modeling tool that estimates the consumption of all fuels used for power generation on an economic basis. The tool determines the least cost dispatch of generating resources to meet a given power demand.

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<sup>13</sup> EG demand forecast uses common modeling assumptions developed jointly by the IOUs. Since the forecast is dependent on several factors including gas price differential between northern and southern California, future resource additions and retirements, and hydro-electric generation, actual EG demand in future may vary from the forecast.

<sup>14</sup> A dummy variable is a variable that takes on the values 1 and 0; 1 means something is true. <https://www.stata.com/support/faqs/data-management/creating-dummy-variables/>.

While variation in short-term gas use depends mainly on prevailing weather conditions and gas prices, longer term projections in gas demand are driven primarily by changes in:

- Customer usage patterns influenced by underlying economic, demographic, and technological changes, such as growth in population and employment;
- Forecasted prices;
- Growth in electricity demand;
- Growth of renewable generation;
- Efficiency profiles of residential and commercial buildings and the appliances within them; and
- Impacts from climate change.

### TEMPERATURE ASSUMPTIONS

Space heating accounts for a high percentage of use. Therefore, gas requirements for PG&E's residential and commercial customers are sensitive to prevailing temperature conditions. PG&E's Average Year demand forecast assumes that temperatures in the forecast period will be equivalent to the average of observed temperatures during the past 19 years, with the addition of a temperature adjustment for climate change. Adding the climate change adjustment has little impact to the temperature assumptions in the early years of the forecast; however, the later years begin to show the effects of a warming climate. For example, by 2035 the total December/January heating degree days (HDD) are projected to be 16 percent lower than the 19-year average, reducing core throughput by approximately 6 percent.

Actual temperatures in the forecast period will be higher or lower than the assumption including climate change. Temperature variation impacts gas use. PG&E's Cold, Dry Hydro demand forecast assumes that winter temperatures in the forecast horizon will have a 1-in-10 likelihood of occurrence.

PG&E's EG gas throughput forecast uses an average temperature approach. The forecast does not capture peak day temperatures. Each summer typically contains a few heat waves with

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temperatures 10 to 15 degrees F above normal. This leads to peak electricity demands and drives up power plant gas demand. This forecast captures the seasonal variations on a monthly basis.

### **HYDROELECTRIC CONDITIONS ASSUMPTIONS**

In contrast to temperature deviations, annual water runoff for hydroelectric plants has varied by 50 percent above and below the long-term annual average. PG&E uses a vintage approach to WECC hydroelectric generation by assuming average generation for the most recent 15 historical years, 2005-2019, in the Average Year demand forecast. PG&E uses the Cold, Dry Hydro forecast to illustrate the impacts from extreme conditions impacting both core space heating demand and EG. PG&E uses the hydroelectric generation conditions for the calendar years 2014 and 2015 to represent the dry hydroelectric condition.

### **GAS PRICE AND RATE ASSUMPTIONS**

Inputs for gas prices and transportation rate assumptions are important for forecasting gas demand. This is especially true for market sectors that are particularly price sensitive, such as the industrial or EG sectors. PG&E used the gas commodity price forecast described in detail in the Executive Summary. It combines transportation rates with the gas commodity price forecast. PG&E's forecast assumes that changes to throughput do not directly impact rates. As a reminder, natural gas price forecasts are inherently uncertain and impact market sectors sensitive to price.

### **GAS LOAD ASSUMPTIONS**

As described above, PG&E's base forecast is developed from econometric regression models. This forecast is modified by forecasts of policy and technology adoption. The major modifiers are building electrification (BE) and energy efficiency (EE). The EG forecast is based on the mid case electricity demand forecast from the CEC 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR). This demand forecast includes the Additional Achievable Fuel Substitution (AAFS 2) scenario building electrification information as described under "Electric Load Assumptions" and the forecast building electrification quantities have accompanying consistent gas reduction quantities. These gas reductions are included in the forecast as a modifier to the base models.

PG&E also includes the impact of EE in its gas forecast. PG&E's model requires the inputs of two categories of energy efficiency, "Additional Achievable Energy Efficiency" (AAEE)

savings and “Committed” savings. AAEE represents savings from programs that had not yet been funded and new codes and standards (C&S). Committed represents savings from measures resulting from codes & standards already on the books but implemented during the forecast period. The AAEE forecast used by PG&E is the CEC’s 2019 IEPR Mid AAEE case<sup>15</sup>. PG&E also utilizes the Committed savings forecast from the CEC 2019 IEPR to avoid double-counting. Committed savings are provided separately by the CEC since they are embedded in the IEPR baseline. Since committed savings for the 2021 IEPR were not available in time for use in this forecast, PG&E opted to use the previous vintage (2019 IEPR) to avoid introducing overlap between the two categories.

Finally, there is a smaller adjustment that tends to increase gas sales. There is a group of customers who intend to use natural gas as a cleaner alternative to current fuels. A few of these customers have already signed agreements and the remainder are assumed to sign at a 30% conversion rate. These customers are classified as industrial because they are predominately industrial gas users.

### **ELECTRIC LOAD ASSUMPTIONS**

PG&E’s forecast relies on the mid case electricity demand forecast from the CEC 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR). The IEPR captures the increasing electric load as electric vehicles become more commonplace as projected. The electric demand forecast also includes building electrification from the CEC IEPR AAFS 2 forecast<sup>16</sup> & <sup>17</sup>. The AAFS 2 scenario is the CEC’s mid-low scenario for electrification.

Finally, the electric load forecast incorporates the CEC IEPR Additional Achievable Energy Efficiency (AAEE) 3 forecast, the mid case<sup>18</sup>. IOU savings are informed by the CPUC’s recent 2021 Potential & Goals Study (P&G). Savings for publicly owned utility (POU) utilize the

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<sup>15</sup> California Energy Commission, Adopted 2019 Integrated Energy Policy Report <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/getdocument.aspx?tn=232922>.

<sup>16</sup> The “AAFS” here stands for Additional Achievable Fuel Substitution, so the scenarios include reductions for gas consumption that are “substituted out” through electrification.

<sup>17</sup> California Energy Commission <https://www.energy.ca.gov/media/6102>.

<sup>18</sup> California Energy Commission, ADOPTED Final 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report Volume IV California Energy Demand Forecast <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=241581>.

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California Municipal Utilities Association’s (CMUA) 2020 Energy Efficiency Potential Forecast for POU program savings. Additionally, the CEC conducts additional studies to assess the impact of codes & standards as well as savings “Beyond Utility” contributions not accounted for in other categories.

### **ELECTRIC GENERATION AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION ASSUMPTIONS**

With increasing electric load and more stringent environmental requirements, California’s portfolio of EG resources is expected to change significantly over the forecast horizon to 2035. Generation resource addition and retirement assumptions are from the 2021 CPUC Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Preferred System Plan (PSP). The PSP proposes a target resource mix that includes new renewable and energy storage resources. Gas-fired plants that employ once-through cooling are assumed to retire by the compliance dates set by the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in conjunction with the CPUC direction<sup>19</sup> with some re-powered by new gas-fired units. Lastly, modeled CAISO import capability also aligns with the PSP.

For cogeneration gas demand, the forecast for all years reflects recent past cogeneration usage. Most cogeneration plants are not strongly affected by prices in the wholesale electricity market. The electricity generated comes from some other industrial process, usually steam, and generation does not follow wholesale electric prices. Consequently, the cogeneration gas demand projection exhibits no variation throughout the forecast horizon.

All of these assumptions are subject to uncertainty and puts the forecasted demand at significant uncertainty. The forecasted gradual decline in future gas demand is in response to the state’s decarbonization policies and reflects reduced demand due to energy efficiency, building electrification resulting from fuel switching from natural gas appliances to electric, and climate change. Furthermore, the trajectory of gas prices may change dramatically as well. The following four factors have the most impact to the forecasted demand.

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<sup>19</sup> California State Water Resources Control Board policy effective December 23, 2021 [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ocean/cwa316/policy.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ocean/cwa316/policy.html).

- **Gas Prices:** Gas prices impact retail customer usage and the extent to which thermal resources are used to meet electric demand. Over the past year, California and the world have been experiencing high and volatile gas prices. Moreover, the relative north-to-south gas burner-tip price differential has a significant impact on which thermal generation resources will dispatch. This forecast assumes a nominal Southern California price advantage.
- **Climate Change:** Changes in climate impacts both core and electric generation gas demand. It also significantly impacts hydroelectric generation which affects the need for gas generation. Although this forecast attempts to use methodologies that best reflects climate change (e.g., use of a 15-year hydroelectric generation average), the impacts and pace of change are not fully understood and will be different than the assumptions used in this forecast.
- **Generation Resource Policy and Buildout:** PG&E's forecasts assume California will invest in generation resources in accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan Preferred System Plan. The Plan is ambitious with over 26,000 megawatts of added resources<sup>20</sup>. Deviation from the plan in either resource mix or timing will impact the gas demand forecast.
- **Building Electrification Policy:** PG&E's Average Year and Cold, Dry Hydro Year demand forecasts reflect the impact of existing building decarbonization policies as reflected in the California Energy Commission's 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report. The CEC has developed multiple forecasts for building electrification growth, reflecting the uncertainty.

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<sup>20</sup> Nameplate capacity.



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### MARKET SECTOR FORECASTS

#### RESIDENTIAL

Northern California residential demand is forecasted to decrease from 491 MMcf/d in 2022 to 338 MMcf/d in 2035. Residential households in the PG&E service area are forecasted to be flat to slightly declining from 2022 to 2035. This is the result of continued mild growth until about 2029, after which households with gas service use begins to decline. More importantly, gas use per household has been dropping in recent years due to improvements in appliance and building shell efficiencies. PG&E expects continued efficiency improvements, coupled with the following emerging trends, to decrease long-term residential gas demand.

1. As of June 16, 2022, 57<sup>21</sup> jurisdictions in the state of California have adopted ordinances that require or give preference to all-electric new construction. Around 40 of these jurisdictions used Reach Codes (beyond Title 24, Part 6, of the Energy Code) as a policy tool; these are local ordinances which must be approved by the California Energy Commission (CEC). The remaining jurisdictions adopted local ordinances which do not require further approvals<sup>22</sup>. Not all construction types are covered by these ordinances and there is regional variation (residential versus non-residential). While the number of households are forecasted to grow at 0.9 percent annually, the CEC building electrification outlook indicates that many of these households will install electric-only appliances as new planning cycles comply with these new ordinances.

2. In addition to new construction building electrification, this forecast anticipates that existing households will begin to convert appliances from gas to electric driven by the formation of state or local policies, customer cost savings, or other mechanisms.

3. The warming climate will reduce winter heating needs gradually decreasing residential gas sales.

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<sup>21</sup> Sierra Club <https://www.sierraclub.org/articles/2021/07/californias-cities-lead-way-pollution-free-homes-and-buildings>.

<sup>22</sup> Some jurisdictions adopt both an energy Reach Code and an ordinance.

Total annual residential demand is projected to continue declining, driven by efficiency gains, building and appliance electrification, and warming temperatures. By 2035, annual residential gas throughput is projected to be 33 percent lower than forecasted 2022 throughput, with most of this decrease occurring in the later years of the forecast.

### **COMMERCIAL**

Northern California commercial demand, not including natural gas vehicles, is forecasted to decrease from 208 MMcf/d in 2022 to 163 MMcf/d in 2035. The number of commercial customers in the PG&E service area is projected to grow on average by 0.23 percent per year from 2022-2035. Similar to the residential customer class, PG&E expects new construction and retrofit building electrification, coupled with continuing existing trends of energy efficiency and climate change, to lead to a long-term decline in commercial throughput. As a result, total commercial gas demand is projected to decline at 1.9 percent per year over the next 13 years, with the decline increasing in later years because total commercial accounts flatten out in those years. Core natural gas vehicles (NGV) remain a minor component but continue to grow at about 3 percent per year.

### **INDUSTRIAL**

Northern California industrial demand is forecasted to increase nominally from 462 MMcf/d in 2022 to 496 MMcf/d in 2035. Gas requirements for PG&E's industrial sector are affected by the level and type of industrial activity in the service area and changes in industrial processes. Gas demand from this sector can fluctuate due to a combination of gas prices, noncore to core migration, capacity at local refineries, and manufacturing demand tied to market dynamics. While the industrial sector has the potential for high year-to-year variability, over the long-term, industrial gas consumption is expected to increase slowly, with energy efficiency and higher gas prices offsetting some growth.<sup>23</sup> As with the commercial category of NGV, industrial category NGV sees moderate growth from a small base, with some as yet unquantified possibilities for additional growth as described in "Future Opportunities" below.

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<sup>23</sup> PG&E's industrial forecast includes impacts from California's Cap-and-Trade policies. Future GHG policies may impact industrial demand, adding uncertainty to the forecast.

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Given the state's GHG reduction targets, PG&E has been working with many of our industrial customers to begin converting them to natural gas from more polluting fuels, with an eye towards RNG and potentially renewable hydrogen in the future. With these conversions in the planning stage, natural gas demand from the industrial sector is expected to grow by 0.5 annually over the next 13 years.

### ELECTRIC GENERATION

Gas demand from EG includes gas-fired cogeneration and power plants connected to PG&E's gas system. PG&E forecasts a relatively steady gas demand for electric generation through the 2020s, ranging between 441 and 493 MMcf/d. This reflects a continuing need in the mid-term for thermal plants to provide electric system reliability. In 2035, EG gas demand is forecasted at 549 MMcf/d.

Through the 2020s to 2035, the CPUC Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Preferred System Plan (PSP) plans for additional renewables and storage<sup>24</sup> <sup>25</sup>. The IRP PSP forecasts most new renewable resource installation in Southern California, particularly solar. Additionally, transmission capacity constraints sometimes limit the ability to transport Southern California solar generation from south-to-north during daytime hours when solar is generating<sup>26</sup>. Additionally, increases in electric load, driven by electric vehicles and building electrification, need additional generation to meet load. The combination of the increasing level of planned Southern California renewable resources and south-to-north electric transmission congestion drives the EG gas demand higher.

As discussed above, the forecast has significant uncertainty due to factors, including:

- Future burner-tip gas prices;<sup>27</sup>
- Impact of electrification of vehicles and building appliances on electric load;

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<sup>24</sup> Total CAISO renewable and storage capacity planned from 2021 to 2026 is about 26,000 megawatts.

<sup>25</sup> By 2035, capacity increases 50,000 MW compared to 2021.

<sup>26</sup> Estimated at about 80 percent.

<sup>27</sup> Burnertip gas prices are the combination of the commodity price and transportation rate.

- Timing, location, and type of new generation, particularly renewable energy facilities;
- Variable precipitation affecting hydroelectric generation; and
- Impacts of GHG policies and regulations on generation.

The burner-tip gas price forecast and the relative difference between Northern and Southern California prices impacts the EG demand forecast. The price forecast used in this Report has the price of gas ranging from \$4 to \$6 per MMBtu, with a small price advantage for Southern California for most of the forecast period. This places the Northern California gas-fired EG plants at a competitive disadvantage compared to plants farther south.

Gas prices have recently shown significant volatility. For example, the forecasted PG&E Citygate price for June 2022 is about \$5.30/MMBtu. Actual June 2022 daily gas prices show a range of about \$7.50/MMBtu to \$10.30/MMBtu. This type of volatility and the relative price volatility between prices in Northern and Southern California can drive significant uncertainty in the forecast.

As stated above, the IRP PSP indicates renewable generation and storage capacity buildout mostly built-in Southern California. Additionally, electric transmission capacity from south-to-north is assumed at about 3,000 MW. Differences in the amount or location of the actual California renewable buildout or transmission constraints will impact EG gas throughput.

Finally, variability in hydroelectric generation can significantly impact EG gas demand. In 2017 the average gas demand was 698 MMcf/d in 2017 and in 2021 it was 964 MMcf/d. One of the major drivers of this difference is hydroelectric generation. 2017 was a wet year with ample hydroelectric generation and 2021 was a dry year with lower hydroelectric generation. The wide year-to-year hydroelectric generation fluctuations further illustrate the inherent uncertainty in EG gas demand.

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### **SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT ELECTRIC GENERATION**

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is the sixth largest community owned municipal utility in the U.S. and provides electric service to over 575,000 customers within the greater Sacramento area. SMUD operates three cogeneration plants, a gas-fired combined-cycle plant, and a peaking turbine with a total capacity of approximately 1,000 MW. The peak gas load of these units is approximately 171 MMcf/d, and the average load is about 96 MMcf/d. This forecast assumes the average load of 96 MMcf/d, which is embedded in this forecast.

SMUD owns and operates a pipeline connecting the Cosumnes combined-cycle plant and the three cogeneration plants to PG&E's backbone system near Winters, California. SMUD owns an equity interest of approximately 3.8 percent in PG&E's Line 300 and approximately 4.2 percent in Line 401 for about 86 MMcf/d of capacity.

### **FORECAST SCENARIOS**

The Average Year gas demand forecast presented above is a reasonable projection for an uncertain future. However, a point forecast presented in the Average Year forecast cannot capture the uncertainty in the major determinants of gas demand (e.g., weather, economic activity, decarbonization policies, appliance saturation, and efficiencies). Therefore, to capture some of the uncertainties in gas demand, PG&E developed a high gas demand situation for cold temperature conditions and dry hydroelectric (hydro) conditions.

#### **HIGH DEMAND SCENARIO: COLD/DRY HYDRO**

For the High Demand scenario, PG&E forecasts gas demand under cold temperature and dry hydro conditions. This forecast assumes that winter temperatures over the time horizon will have a 1-in-10 likelihood of occurrence. The cold weather assumption increases electric load for space heating needs and EG gas demand. To represent dry hydroelectric conditions throughout the WECC, this forecast assumes the same dry hydroelectric generation conditions as those that prevailed during 2014 and 2015. The dry hydroelectric conditions increase EG gas demand.

Total gas demand for this forecast averages 6 percent higher than the Average Year demand forecast. The cold weather impact drives gas throughput higher due to higher space heating.

Winter monthly core throughput is projected to increase on average by 8 percent, ranging from 7 to 10 percent. The noncore industrial segment demonstrates little correlation to temperature leading to an insignificant demand increase over the Average Year demand forecast.

This forecast projects that EG gas demand increases by 10 percent on average over the Average Year demand outlook. In this forecast, the generation from Northern California hydroelectric resources is about half of the 15-year average assumed in the Average Year demand outlook. This lower generation increases EG gas demand. Hydroelectric conditions can vary widely throughout the WECC and illustrates another degree of uncertainty in EG gas demand forecasting.

### **POLICIES IMPACTING GAS DEMAND**

During the forecast horizon covered by this CGR, there are many policies that may significantly impact the future trajectory of natural gas demand. Executive Order (EO) S-3-05 set a goal to reduce annual GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. EO B-55-18 set a goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045. The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill (AB) 32) established the 2020 GHG emission reduction goal into law. Senate Bill (SB) 32 went further, calling for a 40 percent reduction in GHG emissions below 1990 levels by 2030. Additionally, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Cap-and-Trade Program complements these policies.

### **GHG POLICIES**

The gas demand forecast includes a Cap-and-Trade GHG allowance price projection.<sup>28</sup> The forecast also incorporates complementary policies that aim to achieve California GHG emissions reductions goals. See below for further discussion of these policies. Finally, any trends embedded in historical demand patterns due to GHG goals and/or the compliance entities' participation in the Cap-and-Trade market translates to the forecast.

Given that the utilization of fossil natural gas emits GHGs, PG&E believes that renewable gases (renewable natural gas or hydrogen) must be part of the solution to reach California's

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<sup>28</sup> CEC Integrated Energy Policy Report mid-case forecast to 2030. Extrapolated to 2035 using the real adder to the floor price (5 percent rate).

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GHG reduction goals. PG&E will continue to minimize GHG emissions by pursuing both demand-side reductions and acquisition of preferred resources, which produce little or no carbon emissions.

### **RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION**

PG&E expects renewable EG to grow due to procurement orders by the CPUC in the IRP Proceeding<sup>29</sup>. While this increase in renewable generation will put downward pressure on the demand for generation from natural gas-fueled resources, the intermittent nature of the largest renewable generation supplies (i.e., wind and solar) should cause the electric system to continue to utilize natural gas-fired EG for reliability through the forecast horizon. Offsetting the impact on the EG demand forecast will be both short-term and long-term electric storage.

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

PG&E engages in many Energy Efficiency and Conservation (EE) programs designed to help customers identify and implement ways to benefit environmentally and financially from EE investments. Programs administered by PG&E include services that help customers evaluate their EE options and adopt recommended solutions, as well as simple equipment retrofit improvements, such as rebates for new hot water heaters.

PG&E's forecast of cumulative natural gas savings is dominated by the residential sector. Additionally, most of the forecasted savings are due to codes and standards, such as federal and state appliance standards and state building codes. State building codes (Title 24) make up most of these savings.

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<sup>29</sup> <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/irp/>.

**IMPACT OF SB 350 ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

SB 350, which was enacted in fall 2015, requires the CEC, in coordination with the CPUC and the local public utilities, to set EE targets that double the CEC’s AAEE mid-case forecast, subject to what is cost-effective and feasible.<sup>30</sup> The CEC issued its final report doubling targets in October 2017,<sup>31</sup> and the CPUC incorporated higher levels of EE savings in their EE goals for 2018 and beyond,<sup>32</sup> which was partially due to the adoption of an interim GHG adder in the Integrated Distributed Energy Resources proceeding.<sup>33</sup> The CEC’s final report suggests the State is on a path to meet or exceed the natural gas SB 350 doubling goal after accounting for IOU programs, POU programs, and codes and standards.<sup>34</sup>

**IMPACT OF REACH CODES, APPLIANCE ORDINANCES, AND ELECTRIFICATION**

In California, cities and counties have enacted ordinances or “reach” building codes that require or give preference to electric new construction. As of June 16, 2022, 57 local jurisdictions have adopted reach codes<sup>35</sup>. Electrification policies continue to evolve at both the local and state level. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) and Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) have introduced proposals aimed at the electrification of

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<sup>30</sup> The bill text states:

“On or before November 1, 2017, the commission, in collaboration with the Public Utilities Commission and local publicly owned electric utilities, in a public process that allows input from other stakeholders, shall establish annual targets for statewide energy efficiency savings and demand reduction that will achieve a cumulative doubling of statewide energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas final end uses of retail customers by January 1, 2030. The commission shall base the targets on a doubling of the mid case estimate of additional achievable energy efficiency savings, as contained in the California Energy Demand Updated Forecast, 2015-2025, adopted by the commission, extended to 2030 using an average annual growth rate, and the targets adopted by local publicly owned electric utilities pursuant to Section 9505 of the Public Utilities Code, extended to 2030 using an average annual growth rate, to the extent doing so is cost effective, feasible, and will not adversely impact public health and safety.”

<sup>31</sup> Jones, Melissa, Michael Jaske, Michael Kenney, Brian Samuelson, Cynthia Rogers, Elena Giyenko, and Manjit Ahuja. 2017. SB 350: Doubling Energy Efficiency Savings by 2030. CEC. Publication Number: CEC-400-2017-010-CMF.

<sup>32</sup> D.17-09-025: Decision Adopting Energy Efficiency Goals for 2018-2030, CPUC, September 28, 2017.

<sup>33</sup> D.17-08-022: Decision Adopting Interim GHG Adder, CPUC, August 24, 2017.

<sup>34</sup> See Figure 2 from the CEC report cited above.

<sup>35</sup> Sierra Club, <https://www.sierraclub.org/articles/2021/07/californias-cities-lead-way-pollution-free-homes-and-buildings>.



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existing buildings—namely space and water heating. BAAQMD’s proposal to amend Rules 9-4 and 9-6 would put in place a point-of-sale ban on gas water heaters beginning in 2027 and gas furnaces in 2029.<sup>36</sup> Similarly, CARB’s 2022 State Implementation Plan (SIP) calls for all furnaces and water heaters sold within California to comply with a 0 ng/joule NOx limit beginning in 2030. If implemented, this would effectively eliminate the sale of gas water heaters and furnaces in California. Electrification, consequently, appears to be adding electric load in the long-term while removing sources of growth in gas demand. How these policies become implemented, at an unknown scale and timeframe all introduce uncertainty to the gas demand forecasts.

As the Average Year forecast projects an increase in industrial and EG sectors, the effort to achieve the GHG emissions goal could come by differing gas supply options. The natural gas supply sources could be a cleaner version in the form of renewable natural gas (RNG) or renewable hydrogen (RH<sub>2</sub>). The next chapter on natural gas supply will elaborate on these potential gas supplies.

### **FUTURE GAS DEMAND TRENDS AND POLICY**

PG&E’s gas demand forecast projects lower throughput over the long-term (due to GHG policies, such as electrification and procurement of renewable generation resources) which would show a decline in revenues at current rates. At the same time, policies on safe utility operations have put upward pressure on costs. Investments into long lived assets, such as gas pipelines, are typically recovered over the assets’ useful lives, which extend beyond this forecast. The combination of lower throughput and remaining investment in need of being recovered will put upward pressure on gas transportation rates.

In addition, the transition from fossil fuel (traditional fuels) to other forms of energy usage needs to be carefully planned and managed. PG&E is committed to working with regulators and other stakeholders to support the statewide GHG reduction policies and develop options to minimize rate increase for the remaining gas customers.

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<sup>36</sup> [Building Appliances \(baaqmd.gov.\)](https://www.baaqmd.gov/)

To minimize the rate impacts on gas customers, PG&E is following a three-pronged approach while keeping safety as its top priority: (1) reduce cost, (2) identify alternative revenue sources and (3) leverage innovative financial mechanisms. To reduce cost, PG&E is pursuing opportunities to systematically retire infrastructure and reduce capital and operating expenses through PG&E's Integrated Investment Planning. Since 2018 this program has reached agreements with 84 customers which avoided 80 high pressure regulator rebuilds, retired 4.2 miles of distribution main, and retired 22 miles of transmission line. To increase utilization of existing infrastructure where electrification is not feasible or cost effective, PG&E is actively planning for and implementing programs to decarbonize existing gas throughput, exploring new opportunities to support RNG adoption across new industries, increase load on the natural gas system in areas that would replace less favorable hydrocarbon (e.g., marine, rail and transportation sectors) and seek opportunities to utilize the gas system as a long-term and large scale storage mechanism. Innovative financial mechanisms - such as accelerated depreciation, rate reform, and the capital treatment for cost-effective zonal electrification projects will help - but non-traditional funding sources may also be critical as we evolve to an affordable, decarbonized gas system.

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### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

One recent development that could increase throughput comes from the June 2020 California Air Resources Board (CARB) approval of the Advance Clean Truck (ACT) Regulation. This regulation requires increasing percentages of all new medium- and heavy-duty trucks sales in California to be zero-emission vehicles (ZEV)<sup>37</sup>. The regulation begins in 2024 with sales percentages ranging between 5 percent and 9 percent depending on truck or chassis type. By 2035, the percentages increase to a range of 40 percent to 75 percent.

Truck manufactures may choose hydrogen fuel cells as they decide how to meet this requirement. The fuel required for this could be transported via utility gas pipelines (under appropriate safety protocols) which could mitigate the potential for increasing customer costs.

In addition, companies such as Amazon have internal goals for decarbonizing fleets. Chevron has announced that they are building natural gas fueling stations, including about 15 in Northern California, and truck engine producer Cummins has announced a new 15-liter NGV truck engine. While adoption of such NGV technology is determined by market response, and the carbon status of this fuel choice depends on uncertain RNG implementation and markets, this is a potential path to higher NGV adoption than is reflected in the forecast numbers.

### RAIL

Another high horsepower sector to consider for increasing gas throughput is rail transportation. Based on a study by the California Air Resource Board (CARB) from 2016, annual statewide locomotive diesel fuel consumption totals about 260 million gallons. Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) combined interstate and intrastate locomotives account for 93 percent of this fuel usage, California's passenger locomotives are 6%, and the remaining 1percent is from military industrial locomotives<sup>38</sup>.

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<sup>37</sup> ZEVs are defined as either battery electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

<sup>38</sup> CARB. (2016). *Technology Assessment: Freight Locomotives*. Sacramento: California Air Resource Board.

CNG and LNG as a fuel source has been considered by the rail industry, but thus far has been mostly limited to pilot studies. Based on conversations with representatives from UP, BNSF, and CARB, some of the key obstacles to CNG and LNG locomotive adoption include: few, if any, new locomotives are planned to be purchased in the near future; the high cost of converting the fueling infrastructure from diesel to CNG or LNG; and current emission standards don't adequately promote fuels cleaner than low sulfur diesel. Additionally, because LNG has an energy density of approximately 60 percent that of diesel, its use for long interstate routes would require increased fuel storage volume. This comes in the form of an LNG tender, which is an additional railcar that includes an insulated cryogenic tank and other equipment to convert LNG back to CNG. The added tender increases cost and complexity to the fuel transition<sup>39</sup>.

One possible path to greater CNG or LNG locomotive adoption is more stringent emissions standards. Locomotive emissions are governed by the U.S. EPA. Currently, their strictest emission level is Tier 4 and applies to locomotives manufactured in 2015 or later. In g/bhp-hr it limits nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>), particulate matter (PM), and hydrocarbon (HC) emissions to 1.3, 0.03, and 0.14 respectively<sup>40</sup>. In 2017, CARB petitioned to the U.S. EPA to consider adopting a new, stricter, Tier 5 standard with a proposed effective date of 2025. The Tier 5 standard would limit NO<sub>x</sub>, PM, and HC emissions to 0.2, <0.01, and 0.02.<sup>41</sup>

### MARINE

Another potential growth area for gas throughput is the marine transportation sector which is increasingly looking at reducing its SO<sub>x</sub> and GHG emissions. This is orchestrated by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) which regulates global shipping emissions under Annex VI.<sup>42</sup> The IMO updated Annex VI on January 1, 2020 to target reductions in nitrogen

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<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>40</sup> CFR 1033.101 ([https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=159ba6f126272ea1995c71a43b7af309&mc=true&node=pt40.36.1033&rgn=div5#se40.36.1033\\_1101](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=159ba6f126272ea1995c71a43b7af309&mc=true&node=pt40.36.1033&rgn=div5#se40.36.1033_1101)).

<sup>41</sup> [https://www2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/final\\_locomotive\\_petition\\_and\\_cover\\_letter\\_4\\_3\\_17.pdf](https://www2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/final_locomotive_petition_and_cover_letter_4_3_17.pdf).

<sup>42</sup> <http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/PollutionPrevention/AirPollution/Pages/Air-Pollution.aspx>.

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oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>). To reduce SO<sub>x</sub>, the sulphur limit for all marine fuels were reduced from 3.50 percent m/m (mass by mass) to 0.50 percent m/m.

The consensus in the marine fuel industry is that the 0.50 percent sulphur limit is only a stop on the way to a global 0.10 percent sulphur limit, which currently exists in several Emissions Control Areas (ECA)<sup>43</sup> around the globe. Moving to 0.10% would necessitate using road grade diesel fuel as bunker fuel, therefore increasing fuel cost. Refining companies would need to further invest in hydrodesulfurization, which is costly to build and operate.

The push towards lowering SO<sub>x</sub> is driven by environmental groups, government regulations, and the shipping industry itself. Large European container companies are driving it as part of their corporate carbon strategies.<sup>44</sup>

LNG is widely recognized as the best path forward to reduce SO<sub>x</sub> and GHG for marine purposes but has not seen much growth in the previous decade. The updated IMO Annex VI are changing that, spurring investments in bunkering equipment<sup>45</sup> and vessels<sup>46</sup>. LNG also allows for decarbonizing of the shipping industry as the fuel can be made from RNG and, eventually, renewable hydrogen.

California marine fuel markets can be divided into ocean and coastal. The ocean market is the largest due to the fuel volumes vessels consume. California, with its large container ports in Oakland, Los Angeles, and Long Beach, may see demand for LNG in the future and would require large investments. Some of the investments needed to meet this demand include storage terminals, bunker loading vessels, or liquefaction terminals.

This demand may come sooner rather than later as modern ship engines are flex-fuel capable in that they can run on either fuel oil or natural gas, thus optimizing fuel costs and environmental

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<sup>43</sup> <http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/SpecialAreasUnderMARPOL/Pages/Default.aspx>.

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.maersk.com/news/articles/2019/06/26/towards-a-zero-carbon-future> .

<sup>45</sup> <https://sea-lng.org/why-lng/bunkering/>; <https://www.ship-technology.com/news/west-coasts-lng-bunker-abs/>.

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.cma-cgm.com/news/2749/world-premiere-launching-of-the-world-s-largest-lng-powered-containership-and-future-cma-cgm-group-flagship> .

compliance.<sup>47</sup> To give an idea of the potential size of this market, in 2020 vessel bunkering residual fuel oil use in California totaled about 12 million barrels or 62 Bcf.<sup>48</sup>

Coastal market consists mostly of smaller vessels such as passenger ferries, tugs, fishing vessels, etc. These smaller vessels already use an Ultra Low Sulphur Diesel under CARB regulations and these vessels, could see a cost reduction by switching to LNG powered fleets.<sup>49</sup> Small on-demand liquefaction terminals can bunker vessels at berth and have already been installed in Europe<sup>50</sup> successfully. They can be connected directly to the natural gas grid producing fuel on-demand.

## NORTH AMERICAN GAS DEMAND

### LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS IMPORTS/EXPORTS

In years past, the U.S. imported LNG to supplement North American supplies to meet demand. Since the mid-2010s, LNG imports have primarily been used to serve peak winter load<sup>51</sup>. The development of low-cost domestic shale gas supplies since the mid-2000s has largely eliminated the need for LNG imports and positioned the U.S. as a net exporter of LNG.

Recent global events have increased the expectations for more LNG exports from North America. As Europe embarks on measures to increase its energy security and diversify its energy sources, LNG export developers in North America are seeking development opportunities. The gas industry anticipates further growth in LNG exports from North America.

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<sup>47</sup> <https://www.wartsila.com/twentyfour7/energy/taking-dual-fuel-marine-engines-to-the-next-level>.

<sup>48</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration Sales of Residual Fuel Oil by End Use [https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\\_cons\\_821rsd\\_a\\_EPPR\\_VVB\\_Mgal\\_a.htm](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_cons_821rsd_a_EPPR_VVB_Mgal_a.htm)

<sup>49</sup> <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/oil-and-gas/our-insights/imo-2020-and-the-outlook-for-marine-fuels#> .

<sup>50</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/projects/sites/iee-projects/files/projects/documents/magalog\\_lng\\_supply\\_chain.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/projects/sites/iee-projects/files/projects/documents/magalog_lng_supply_chain.pdf) .

<sup>51</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration (US EIA) U.S. Liquefied Natural Gas Imports <https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/hist/n9103us2m.htm> .

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The U.S. began exporting LNG in 2016. For projects proposing to export LNG, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) evaluates the impact of exports to countries without a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the U.S. The DOE grants approval if the project is deemed in the public interest. The U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) evaluates the environmental impacts of proposed LNG projects and authorizes the siting and construction of LNG facilities.

Currently, there are more than a dozen proposed projects to export LNG to world markets.<sup>52</sup> Many of the projects are “brownfield,” using existing U.S. import terminals to export LNG. Some are “greenfield” projects where LNG infrastructure has not been developed in the past. Two greenfield projects on North America’s West Coast are in British Columbia. The larger project is LNG Canada located in Kitimat.<sup>53</sup>

A brownfield project on North America’s West Coast is the Energia Costal Azul (ECA) LNG export facility in Baja California, Mexico. ECA has received authorization from the DOE to liquify and re-export up to 1.7 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of U.S. produced natural gas.<sup>54</sup> This facility will have a nameplate capacity of 3.25 million metric tons (mmt) per annum of liquification capacity. Construction of the project is underway with an online date of 2024.<sup>55</sup>

The ECA LNG export project, which would be the second on the North America’s West Coast, is positioned to source gas off the El Paso Mainline System. Thus, it could divert gas supplies currently available to Northern California. ECA diversion of gas supplies from California is currently under consideration at the CPUC in the R.20-01-007 Proceeding.<sup>56</sup> This proceeding will investigate whether the demand from ECA could impact supply reliability to California, especially the southern portion, and put upward pressure on gas prices.

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<sup>52</sup> U.S. EIA <https://www.eia.gov/naturalgas/U.S.liquefactioncapacity.xlsx> .

<sup>53</sup> LNG Canada <https://www.lngcanada.ca/media-kit/> .

<sup>54</sup> <https://ecalng.com/> .

<sup>55</sup> Mexico ECA LNG Development Advancing to 2024 Start Date, Natural Gas Intelligence, <https://www.naturalgasintel.com/mexico-eca-lng-development-advancing-to-2024-start-date/#:~:text=The%20facility%20is%20adjacent%20to,the%20facility%20online%20in%202024.>

<sup>56</sup> OIR to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and Perform Long-Term Gas System Planning.

## U.S. NATURAL GAS PIPELINE EXPORTS TO MEXICO

With low domestic natural gas prices compared to world markets, the U.S. remained a net exporter of natural gas in 2021.<sup>57</sup> The U.S. natural gas exports to Mexico have grown in recent years from 0.9 Bcf/d in 2010 to 5.9 Bcf/d in 2021,<sup>58</sup> and pipeline exports are projected to reach 7.4 Bcf/d by 2035.<sup>59</sup>

Most of the exports to Mexico are supplied through Texas from the Permian and Western Gulf of Mexico basins. Production growth in the Permian Basin, combined with new pipeline capacity, will enable growing exports to Mexico.

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<sup>57</sup> Energy Information Administration (EIA), The U.S. exported more natural gas than it imported in 2017: <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=35392>.

<sup>58</sup> EIA, U.S. Natural Gas Pipeline Exports to Mexico: [https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng\\_move\\_poe2\\_dc\\_u\\_NUS-NMX\\_a.htm](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_move_poe2_dc_u_NUS-NMX_a.htm).

<sup>59</sup> EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2022 – Table 60. Natural Gas Imports and Exports Case: AEO2022 Reference case: <https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/data/browser/#/?id=76-AEO2022&cases=ref2022&sourcekey=0> .



# GAS SUPPLY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE

## OVERVIEW

The Gas Supply, Capacity, and Storage section provides information about PG&E's current gas supply, natural gas pipelines, gas storage, and policies affecting these topics. The Gas Supply section includes information about current and anticipated developments regarding Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), as well as gas supply from sources throughout North America. The Pipeline section includes information about "upstream" interstate pipelines, as well as intrastate pipelines. The Storage section gives an overview of PG&E's gas storage capacity and its gas storage facilities. The Policies section looks at a range of current policy developments and their impacts on PG&E's gas supply, including integration challenges for alternative fuel types, such as hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>).

Competition for gas supply, market share, and transportation access has increased significantly since the late 1990s. Implementation of PG&E's Gas Accord in March 1998 and the addition of interstate pipeline capacity and storage capacity have provided all customers with direct access to gas supplies, intra- and inter-state transportation, and related services.

Since gas demand in California is greater than the limited amount of native California production available, most of the gas supplies that serve PG&E customers are sourced from out of state.

PG&E anticipates that sufficient supplies will be available from a variety of sources at market competitive prices to meet existing and projected market demands in its service area. Supply can be delivered through a variety of sources, including any new and expanded interstate pipeline facilities and of PG&E's existing transmission facilities, or other storage facilities.

## **GAS SUPPLY**

### **RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS**

PG&E has several RNG projects in various phases. Four projects are already connected and flowing clean, renewable gas onto our system. Two projects are in development and should be online by the end of 2022. These six projects are expected to inject roughly 11,500 Mcf/d (thousand cubic feet per day) into PG&E's pipeline system by year end. In addition, there are over a dozen other projects that are in early-stage development that PG&E anticipates will be online over the next two to three years.

Two of the projects are a result of the SB 1383 Dairy Pilot Program, highlighted below, and the other five are identified in the Biomethane Project Incentive Reservation Queue located on the CPUC website.<sup>60</sup>

### **SB 1383 DAIRY PILOT PROJECTS**

On December 3, 2018, the CPUC, CARB, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) issued a joint press release announcing the selection of six dairy pilot projects in compliance with CPUC D.17-02-004 and SB 1383. Two of the pilot projects were awarded in PG&E's service territory (see the Figure below): (1) the Merced Pipeline project sited at the Vander Woude Dairy in Merced (6 miles south of Merced); and (2) the J.G. Weststeyn Dairy project in Willows (5 miles west of Logandale).

On January 7, 2022, the Vander Woude Dairy project became operational, and the maximum RNG volumetric flow rate was met in February 2022, qualifying the project's entire authorized costs under the SB 1383 Dairy Pilot Program to be reimbursed.

As of May 2022, the J.G. Weststeyn Dairy project is completing its project design with an anticipated construction start date beginning in 2023.

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<sup>60</sup> [https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/renewable\\_natural\\_gas/](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/renewable_natural_gas/).

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FIGURE 10 – PG&E SERVICE AREA: RNG PILOT PROJECTS LOCATION



## FUTURE CALIFORNIA RNG SUPPLY

A 2016 CARB-sponsored study by University of California (UC), Davis, “The Feasibility of Renewable Natural Gas as a Large Scale, Low Carbon Substitute” (the “STEPS study”),

anticipated that as much as 82 Bcf per year of RNG supply could become available in California with appropriate policy development and investment.<sup>61</sup> The STEPS study identified that the largest opportunity for increasing the supply of RNG would come from landfill sites, followed by dairy, municipal solid waste, and waste-water facilities.

A more recent assessment of in-state RNG supply for transportation, conducted by GNA<sup>62</sup>, projects that there will be roughly 16 Bcf annually of RNG interconnected into gas pipelines in California by January 2024. Additionally, the CPUC has required the utilities to file an application in the Summer of 2023 to advance pilot projects that would convert woody biomass into RNG, further expanding the potential long-term supply of RNG in the state.

Given the STEPS study results, the gas flowing from RNG sources by January 2024 is just the first wave of RNG expected to be eventually injected into the gas system. Therefore, going forward, PG&E expects to see more RNG projects as developers realize the near- and mid-term potential of this supply source.

### **GAS ABSORPTION CAPACITY**

To encourage effective development of RNG, PG&E created the Gas Supply Absorption Capacity Map.<sup>63</sup> This map is a high-level snapshot of PG&E's gas system that is designed to help contractors and developers find potential project sites by showing the relative ability (high to low) to accept new gas supply on PG&E transmission pipelines. Suppliers are encouraged to contact PG&E to discuss opportunities to bring on RNG supplies. Currently this map is being revised to provide better information to potential developers.

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<sup>61</sup> STEPS Program Study, The Feasibility of Renewable Natural Gas as a Large-Scale, Low Carbon Substitute, prepared by Amy Myers Jaffe, available at: <https://steps.ucdavis.edu/the-feasibility-of-renewable-natural-gas-as-a-large-scale-low-carbon-substitute/>.

<sup>62</sup> [https://www.gladstein.org/gna\\_whitepapers/an-assessment-californias-in-state-rng-supply-for-transportation-2020-2024/](https://www.gladstein.org/gna_whitepapers/an-assessment-californias-in-state-rng-supply-for-transportation-2020-2024/) .

<sup>63</sup> Available at: [https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/for-our-business-partners/interconnection-renewables/interconnections-renewables/biomethane-map-overview.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/for-our-business-partners/interconnection-renewables/interconnections-renewables/biomethane-map-overview.page) .

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### **NORTH AMERICAN SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT**

North America has an abundance of natural gas resources. In the United States, the Potential Gas Committee estimates resources of 3,368 trillion cubic feet (Tcf).<sup>64</sup> Natural gas resource development has improved over the past two decades as horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing has matured. Furthermore, advancements in drilling know-how and improved efficiencies have improved resource development, typically at lower costs. The U.S. produced almost 94 Bcf/d on average in 2021.<sup>65</sup> Three producing regions contributed about 60 percent of this production: the Haynesville region mainly in Louisiana and Texas, the Permian region in Texas and New Mexico, and the Appalachia region mostly located in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.<sup>66</sup> The resources that contribute to these production regions include both shale gas resources and associated gas from oil production.<sup>67</sup> Most industry forecasts continue to predict that gas production will meet most demand outlooks in the future.

The growth of associated gas production in the Permian Basin and eastern shale plays - the Haynesville and Appalachia) continue to push gas volumes from Canada, the Rocky Mountain area, and the Southwest towards California. These production regions interconnect with California via pipelines as highlighted below.

### **CALIFORNIA SOURCED GAS**

Northern California sourced gas supplies come primarily from gas fields in the Sacramento Valley. In 2021, PG&E's customers obtained on average 23 MMcf/d of California sourced gas. PG&E anticipates that California sourced gas may increase from this level. The primary driver to this growth is RNG production.

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<sup>64</sup> <http://potentialgas.org/press-release>. This estimate represents the total mean technically recoverable resource base as of year-end 2020. Technically recoverable resources means gas can be produced using currently available technology and industry practices.

<sup>65</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration [Natural Gas Dry Production \(eia.gov\)](https://www.eia.gov) .

<sup>66</sup> [U.S. Energy Information Administration - EIA - Independent Statistics and Analysis](https://www.eia.gov) .

<sup>67</sup> Production - Amid uncertainty, the United States continues to be an important global supplier of crude oil and natural gas - U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) .

### **U.S. SOUTHWEST GAS**

PG&E's customers have access to three major U.S. Southwest gas producing basins—Permian, San Juan, and Anadarko—via the El Paso and Transwestern pipeline systems.

PG&E's customers can purchase gas in the producing basins and transport it to California via interstate pipelines. They can also purchase gas at the California Arizona border or at the PG&E Citygate from marketers who hold inter or intrastate pipeline capacity.

### **CANADIAN GAS**

PG&E's customers can purchase gas from various suppliers in Western Canada (British Columbia and Alberta) and transport it to California, primarily through the Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN) pipeline. Likewise, they can also purchase these supplies at the California-Oregon border or at the PG&E Citygate from marketers who hold interstate or intrastate pipeline capacity.

### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN GAS**

PG&E's customers have access to gas supplies from the Rocky Mountain area via the Kern River Gas Transmission Pipeline, the Ruby Pipeline and via the GTN Pipeline interconnect at Stanfield, Oregon.

### **GAS PIPELINE CAPACITY**

#### **INTERSTATE PIPELINE CAPACITY**

California utilities and end-use customers benefit from access to multiple supply basins, enhanced by produced gas-on-gas and pipeline-on-pipeline competition. Interstate pipelines serving northern and central California include El Paso Natural Gas, Mojave, Transwestern, GTN, Paiute Pipeline Company, Ruby, and Kern River Gas Transmission pipelines. These pipelines provide northern and central California with access to gas producing regions in the U.S. Southwest, Rocky Mountains, and in Western Canada.

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### **U.S. SOUTHWEST AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS**

PG&E's Baja Path (Line 300) is connected to U.S. Southwest and Rocky Mountain pipeline systems (Transwestern, El Paso, and Kern River) at and west of Topock, Arizona. The Baja Path has a firm capacity of 935 MMcf/d.

### **CANADA AND ROCKY MOUNTAINS**

PG&E's Redwood Path (Lines 400/401) is connected to GTN and Ruby at Malin, Oregon. The Redwood Path has a firm capacity of 2,060 MMcf/d.

### **IN-STATE PIPELINES**

PG&E continues to accelerate the analysis of the existing pipeline system for opportunities to minimize rate increases for our customers by reducing our expenses, look for new opportunities for load growth and to decarbonize by increasing throughput of RNG. PG&E is actively pursuing a variety of initiatives including electrification opportunities on radial feeds where several miles of pipe are in place to serve a small handful of customers, pruning the system of pipe that is underutilized or no longer serving customers, downrating lines, and elimination or streamlining projects. Electrifying these customers and decommissioning the pipeline will achieve greater cost savings in the long term. These opportunities will also help inform PG&E's longer-term efforts, in partnership with cities, to strategize where to reduce our spending and predict long-term gas needs more accurately.

## **GAS STORAGE**

Northern California is served by several gas storage facilities in addition to the longstanding PG&E fields at McDonald Island, Los Medanos, and a 25 percent ownership in Gill Ranch Storage.<sup>68</sup> These facilities combine for a total inventory of 167 Bcf, with 35 Bcf under PG&E management.

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<sup>68</sup> PG&E also has operated the Pleasant Creek storage field. The Decision (D.) 19-09-025 for the 2019 Gas Transmission and Storage rate case, Ordering Paragraph 42, adopted PG&E's proposal to sell or decommission the Pleasant Creek storage field.

Other Northern California storage providers consist of Gill Ranch Storage, LLC (a 20 Bcf facility that was co-developed with PG&E), Wild Goose Storage, LLC, Lodi Gas Storage, LLC, and Central Valley Storage, LLC. The abundant storage capacity in Northern California has the effect of creating ample liquidity in the market both in Northern California and in other parts of the West.

Within the past ten years, Northern California natural gas storage facilities have experienced regulatory changes. In response to the Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon Storage natural gas leak in October 2015, the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), previously known as the Division of Oil Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), adopted new natural gas storage well safety regulations across California. Key elements of these new rules included requiring all operators to submit risk and integrity management plans, well casing inspection and pressure testing plans, and a schedule to convert or retrofit wells to tubing and packer.<sup>69</sup> Packers seal off the annulus space in the casing and limit the gas flow to the smaller diameter inner tubing only, which is forecasted to reduce traditional storage well performance on average by 40 percent.<sup>70</sup> Partly in response to the new regulations, PG&E proposed a Natural Gas Storage Strategy (NGSS) in its 2019 Gas Transmission and Storage (GT&S) Rate Case. Specifically, PG&E proposed to exit the commercial storage market and focus on reliability services. As a part of the NGSS, PG&E proposed to sell or decommission its Los Medanos and Pleasant Creek storage facilities. The CPUC approved the NGSS in Decision (D.) 19-09-025.

On December 1, 2020, PG&E announced the sale of the Pleasant Creek natural gas storage field, located in Yolo County, California. The Pleasant Creek field is the smallest of four underground natural gas storage fields owned wholly or partly by PG&E.

In PG&E's 2023 General Rate Case application, filed at the CPUC on June 30, 2021, PG&E proposed updates to the NGSS in response to evolving CalGEM regulations. These updates include a proposal to retain the Los Medanos storage facility while still decommissioning or

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<sup>69</sup> [Geologic Energy Management Division Statutes & Regulations January 2022 \(ca.gov\)](https://www.conservation.ca.gov/index/Documents/CALGEM-SR-1%20Web%20Copy.pdf)  
<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/index/Documents/CALGEM-SR-1%20Web%20Copy.pdf>

<sup>70</sup> Workpaper Table 7-37. Pacific Gas and Electric Company 2023 General Rate Case Workpapers.



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selling the Pleasant Creek storage facility. The proposal to retain Los Medanos is in lieu of drilling additional new wells at the McDonald Island facility to meet the utility's firm withdrawal obligations. PG&E's proposed NGSS updates are pending before the CPUC as of mid-2022.

Last, in March 2019, PG&E submitted an underground storage risk and integrity management plan and accompanying field specific well risk evaluation and construction standard implementation plan (2019 Implementation Plan) to CalGEM consistent with CalGEM's regulations. After input and feedback from CalGEM, PG&E submitted a revised implementation plan in January 2021 (2021 Revised Implementation Plan), which details our well testing, conversion, and risk management plans. In June 2021, CalGEM approved the 2021 Revised Implementation Plan with some additional requirements. Consistent with the 2021 Revised Implementation Plan, PG&E expects all new wells to be drilled and existing wells converted to tubing and packers by 2026.

## **OTHER CALIFORNIA STORAGE FACILITIES**

In addition to storage services offered by PG&E, there are four other storage providers in Northern California: Wild Goose Storage, LLC; Gill Ranch Storage, LLC; Central Valley Gas Storage, LLC; and Lodi Gas Storage, LLC. These facilities have an estimated total working gas capacity of roughly 132 Bcf<sup>71</sup>.

## **POLICIES IMPACTING FUTURE GAS SUPPLY AND ASSETS**

### **OVERVIEW**

California's policies to reduce GHGs are expected to impact gas supply and assets. PG&E is responding to these policies and actively planning for and implementing programs to decarbonize existing gas throughput, supporting RNG adoption, supplying hard to electrify industries, and planning to utilize the gas system as a long-term energy storage mechanism.

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<sup>71</sup> Capacities derived from information provided by Independent Storage Providers.

**RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS**

As a result of various policy and regulatory changes to decarbonize gas throughput, PG&E is seeing an influx of requests to interconnect RNG to utility pipelines in Northern California. RNG producers are leveraging available grants and incentives to encourage the production of RNG to reduce GHG emissions from these biogas-sources and for use as an alternative fuel source for transportation and other end use customers. PG&E is engaged in the following efforts regarding RNG:

- Procuring RNG for all PG&E-owned Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling stations;
- Actively working with RNG developers to interconnect their projects through the biomethane program;
- Working to file an application to advance woody biomass pilot projects under CPUC D. 22-02-025;
- Planning for implementation of biomethane (RNG) procurement for core customers under CPUC Decision 22-02-025; and
- Participation in various Research and Development (R&D) efforts to further understand and develop new methods and technologies to produce RNG that reduce the carbon intensity of the gas in the pipeline.

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### **MONETARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

D.15-06-029 established a biomethane monetary incentive program that included \$40 million to encourage biomethane producers to design, construct, and safely operate projects that interconnect and inject biomethane into California's natural gas utilities' pipeline systems.

D.19-12-009 implements an Incentive Reservation System for the biomethane monetary incentive program established in D.15-06-029. The Incentive Reservation System opened to applications on February 3, 2020, and the queue is published on the CPUC's RNG website.<sup>72</sup>

D.20-12-031 authorized an additional \$40 million of RNG project incentive funding sourced from Cap-and-Trade allowance auction proceeds subject to projects meeting applicable CARB program regulations.

Based on information provided on the CPUC's RNG website, seven projects have received a total of approximately \$29.5 million of funding under the incentive program, leaving \$50.5 million remaining in the program.

### **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

PG&E's R&D RNG roadmap<sup>73</sup> further outlines PG&E's goals for incorporating RNG into the supply portfolio.

### **HYDROGEN**

Hydrogen, H<sub>2</sub>, is seen as a game changer in decarbonizing the gas supply and sectors that will be difficult to electrify. To achieve the goals set forth in SB 100, discussed below, California will likely need to incorporate H<sub>2</sub> into the portfolio of green fuels for various sectors. Many other countries have already embraced H<sub>2</sub> and fuel cell technology to reduce their carbon footprint.

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<sup>72</sup> [https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/renewable\\_natural\\_gas/](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/renewable_natural_gas/).

<sup>73</sup> [https://www.pge.com/pge\\_global/common/pdfs/for-our-business-partners/interconnection-renewables/interconnections-renewables/RNG\\_Roadmap\\_2020.pdf](https://www.pge.com/pge_global/common/pdfs/for-our-business-partners/interconnection-renewables/interconnections-renewables/RNG_Roadmap_2020.pdf).

Given the momentum, California, through the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, is in the process of unifying Northern and Southern California efforts into a single application for the upcoming DOE (U.S. Department of Energy) RFP (Request For Proposals) for hydrogen infrastructure investment. This will be an important step in taking advantage of the geographic diversity in the northern and southern portions of the state.

Additionally, the California IOUs are working together on an action plan for incorporating H<sub>2</sub> into the pipelines through pilot and demonstration projects to help inform an eventual hydrogen injection standard.

### **HYDROGEN STORAGE (CONVENTIONAL AND NEW TECHNOLOGY)**

H<sub>2</sub> has many potential applications. One such application is to produce H<sub>2</sub> through electrolysis from excess renewable energy and store it in the pipeline system (or dedicated underground storage facilities) for later use. Such uses may include H<sub>2</sub> as fuel for electric generation to backup intermittent renewable generation. H<sub>2</sub> storage has great potential for longer-term storage that current electric battery storage technology is unable to serve. Moreover, H<sub>2</sub> storage can provide clean fuel for electric generation at larger volumes as renewable generation experiences seasonal intermittency. Battery storage technology currently cannot provide the scale needed to backup seasonal intermittency.

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### **CNG AS RAIL AND LNG AS MARINE FUEL**

As mentioned above in the Gas Demand section, there is tremendous opportunity for growth in the rail and marine markets. The gas supply needed for this demand will need to come from cleaner sources of fuel such as RNG and H<sub>2</sub>. Additionally, LNG infrastructure would need to be developed at the appropriate scale to meet marine demand for LNG.

## REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

### OVERVIEW

This section provides an overview of the existing and near-term regulatory policies and their effect on the Northern California gas system and its users.

Given the anticipated state and federal regulatory policies surrounding storage, transportation, inspection, and capacity requirements, the cost to safely and reliably operate PG&E's gas system will continue to rise. At the same time, a decline in throughput—which PG&E anticipates is a result of California's GHG reduction goals and cities taking action to establish new electric codes and ordinances—will mean those costs will be spread over fewer therms and possibly fewer customers. Unless the evolution of the gas system is well managed, rising costs combined with reduced throughput would impact the affordability of gas for customers.

Furthermore, despite readily available domestic gas supply and operational innovation, the complex regulatory environment and evolving policies are likely to create price uncertainty in the medium to long term.

### FEDERAL AND CANADIAN REGULATORY MATTERS

PG&E actively participates in FERC ratemaking proceedings for interstate pipelines connected to PG&E's system since these proceedings can impact the cost of gas delivered, the reliability of gas supply, and the services provided to the PG&E's gas customers. PG&E also participates in FERC proceedings of general interest to the extent they affect PG&E's operations and policies or natural gas market policies generally.

### GTN AND RUBY PIPELINES

Gas Transmission Northwest (GTN) and their shippers settled during pre-rate case negotiations with no rate increase for two years beginning on January 1, 2022. GTN has also filed a certification application in October 2021 for its Xpress Project that PG&E has intervened in and are monitoring for impacts on PG&E's customers. The proposed project will create 150

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MDth/d of incremental mainline capacity on GTN’s system. The in-service date is November 1, 2023.

On March 31, 2022, Ruby Pipeline, LLC (Ruby) filed to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in response to an upcoming debt repayment obligation.<sup>74</sup> PG&E will follow this event to limit the impacts to PG&E’s operations and policies or natural gas market policies.

### **EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

On April 21, 2022, FERC issued an order initiating an investigation to determine whether the rates currently charged by El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C. (“El Paso”) are just and reasonable and setting the matter for hearing. PG&E is monitoring the proceeding.

### **OTHER PIPELINES**

There are currently no significant regulatory issues regarding Kern River Gas Transmission (Kern River); or Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC (Transwestern) pipelines.

### **CANADIAN REGULATORY MATTERS**

PG&E continually monitors Canadian regulatory matters that can impact PG&E’s customers. Currently, no regulatory issues are currently present.

### **FERC AND CAISO GAS--ELECTRIC COORDINATION ACTIONS**

While there are no general inquiries or proceedings at FERC addressing gas-electric coordination, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), which is FERC-jurisdictional, has ongoing policy initiatives that may impact gas demand, supply, and prices. These initiatives include:

- Day-Ahead Market Enhancements; and
- Extended Day-Ahead Market

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<sup>74</sup> <https://cases.ra.kroll.com/rubypipeline/Administration>.

These policy initiatives will need FERC approval before the proposed changes can be implemented.

### STATE REGULATORY MATTERS

#### CALIFORNIA STATE SB 100 AND CARBON NEUTRALITY EXECUTIVE ORDER

On September 10, 2018, Governor Brown signed into law SB 100, which further increases the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) targets and includes the following key requirements:

- Accelerates the RPS to 50 percent by 2026 and increases the RPS to 60 percent by 2030;
- Creates a separate state policy that requires 100 percent of all retail sales of electricity to serve end-use customers and 100 percent of electricity procured to serve state agencies to come from RPS-eligible or zero -carbon resources by 2045; and
- Requires the CPUC, in consultation with the CAISO and other balancing authorities, to issue a joint report to the Legislature by January 1, 2021, and every four years thereafter, that evaluates the anticipated costs and benefits of the 100 percent clean policy to electric, gas, and water utilities, including customer rate impacts and benefits.

Additionally, Governor Brown signed an EO on September 10, 2018, establishing a new statewide goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 across all sectors of the California economy and to achieve and maintain net negative GHG emissions thereafter. Implementation of the order will require California to undertake additional decarbonization and carbon removal efforts. CARB is developing California’s plan for achieving carbon neutrality in its Climate Change Scoping Plan Update, due to be completed by the end of 2022.<sup>75</sup>

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<sup>75</sup> CARB Scoping Plan, available at: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/ab-32-climate-change-scoping-plan>.



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### PIPELINE SAFETY

Since 2011, the CPUC and the California State Legislature have adopted a series of regulations and bills that reinforce the setting of public and employee safety as the top priority for the state's gas utilities. In particular, Senate Bill (SB) 705 mandated that gas operators develop and implement safety plans that are consistent with the best practices in the gas industry.

On March 15, 2022, PG&E filed its 2022 Gas Safety Plan with the CPUC, which explains how PG&E puts the safety of the public, customers, employees, and contractors first, and details gas safety work performed in 2021. The Gas Safety Plan is reviewed and updated annually in accordance with General Order 112-F Section 123.2(k), and Public Utilities Code Sections 961 and 963.1.

Additionally, PG&E submits the following reports to the CPUC: (1) semi-annual Gas Transmission & Storage Compliance Report; (2) annual Gas Distribution Pipeline Safety Report; (3) annual Risk Spending Accountability Report; and (4) annual Safety Performance Metrics Report. These reports are designed to provide the CPUC and other interested stakeholders with insight into the amount of safety, reliability, and maintenance -related work PG&E has completed over the course of the reporting period and/or performance in key safety areas.

Below are selected highlights from PG&E's 2021 reports and the Gas Safety Plan which further demonstrate PG&E's commitment to pipeline safety:

- **Asset Management System:** PG&E maintains an asset management system to help drive the business toward achieving its commitment to the safe, reliable, and affordable management and operation of PG&E's gas assets. Using the Publicly Available Specification (PAS) 55: 2008 and International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 55001: PG&E's asset management system focuses on: (1) knowing the condition of the assets; (2) understanding the risks to those assets; (3) implementing asset risk reduction strategies; (4) maintaining asset condition and performance; and (5) balancing asset cost, risk, and performance in pursuit of the asset management strategic objectives.
- **Process Safety:** Guided by the elements set by the Center for Chemical Process Safety, PG&E's commitment to implement process safety aligns with American Petroleum

Institute (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 754 Process Safety Performance Indicators for the Refining and Petrochemical Industries. A risk-sorting criterion to track and trend process safety leading and lagging indicators is used to identify emerging issues before incidents occur. The Process Safety team continued to review changes to existing procedures and standards and new procedures and standards in order to help Gas Operations operate and maintain safe facilities and consistently implement process safety practices.

- **In-Line Inspection (ILI):** PG&E's current goal is to upgrade the gas transmission pipeline system to be capable of ILI for over 4,500 transmission pipeline miles by the end of 2036, which is approximately 69 percent of PG&E's GT pipeline miles. As of December 31, 2021, PG&E has successfully upgraded 46 percent of the GT pipeline system, resulting in approximately 2,956 miles of piggable transmission lines.
- **Third-Party Dig-Ins:** In 2021, PG&E experienced 0.91 third-party dig-ins per 1,000 Underground Service Alert (USA) tickets, outperforming its 2021 target of 1.07 third-party dig-ins per 1,000 tickets.
- **Community Pipeline Safety Initiative (CPSI):** A multi-year program designed to enhance safety by improving access to pipeline rights-of-way. To date, the program has cleared more than 99 percent of the work scope, including approximately 1,544 vegetation miles and 359.9 structure miles. Pending outstanding municipality and customer agreements, and receipt of long-lead time permits, the remaining 8.38 miles of vegetation and 0.02 miles of structure clearing has been extended to at least December 2022. For areas with completed CPSI work, PG&E remains committed to keeping the area above and around the pipeline clear through our ongoing Gas Transmission Vegetation Management Program.

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### **STORAGE SAFETY**

In response to the Southern California Aliso Canyon Storage natural gas leak in October 2015, the California Department of Conservation, Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM) adopted new safety regulations concerning natural gas storage wells across California. Key elements of these new rules included requiring all operators to submit risk and integrity management plans, well casing inspection and pressure testing plans, and a schedule to convert or retrofit wells to tubing and packer. The elimination of the annulus flow could reduce traditional well performance on average by 40 percent.

Partly in response to the new regulations, PG&E proposed a Natural Gas Storage Strategy (NGSS) in its 2019 Gas Transmission and Storage (GT&S) Rate Case. Specifically, PG&E proposed to exit the commercial storage market and focus on reliability services. As a part of the NGSS, PG&E proposed to sell or decommission its Los Medanos and Pleasant Creek storage facilities. The CPUC approved the NGSS in Decision (D.) 19-09-025.

In its 2023 General Rate Case application, filed at the CPUC on June 30, 2021, PG&E proposed updates to the NGSS in response to evolving CalGEM regulations. These updates include a proposal to retain the Los Medanos storage facility while still decommissioning or selling the Pleasant Creek storage facility. The proposal to retain Los Medanos is in lieu of drilling additional new wells at the McDonald Island facility to meet our firm withdrawal obligations. PG&E's proposed NGSS updates are still pending before the CPUC.

In March 2019, PG&E submitted an underground storage risk and integrity management plan (R&IMP) and accompanying field specific well risk evaluation and construction standard implementation plan (2019 Implementation Plan) to CalGEM consistent with CalGEM's regulations. After input and feedback from CalGEM, PG&E submitted a revised implementation plan in January 2021 (2021 Revised Implementation Plan), which details our well testing, conversion, and risk management plans. In June 2021, CalGEM approved the 2021 Revised Implementation Plan with some additional requirements. Consistent with the 2021 Revised Implementation Plan, PG&E expects all new wells to be drilled and existing wells converted to tubing and packers by of 2026.

### CITIES, REGULATORS, AND AIR DISTRICTS PURSUE ELECTRIFICATION

Local governments continue to take steps towards electrification at the city and county level with new electric “reach” building codes that require or give preference to electric new construction.<sup>76</sup> The California Public Utilities Commission has also proposed a removal of gas line extension allowances, discounts, and refunds within the Building Decarbonization OIR (R.19-01-011). PG&E’s position was to not oppose a removal of residential gas line extension allowances, but to request that allowances remain for non-residential customers that provide a financial or environmental benefit to ratepayers.

The spread of all-electric new construction and the consideration of point-of-sale bans on gas furnaces and water heaters suggests a future flattening of demand for gas in buildings.

### KNOWN REGULATORY HURDLES

Federal regulation along with state and local climate action goals are set to create an evolving and time challenging environment for gas utilities and customers. To succeed in achieving operational safety and climate action goals, the following hurdles need to be addressed:

- As regulations continue to be revised and updated, the cost of providing a safe and reliable gas system will continue to rise. This increase in cost, paired with state and local GHG goals, are expected to drive down gas throughput. Lower gas throughput will likely result in a higher cost per-therm for customers if the evolution is not well-managed.
- While there is significant potential for renewable gas (RG) to replace some portion of natural gas supply, the current investments and incentives for RG end-use principally favor the transportation sector. With the clear financial advantage towards transportation, there is comparatively little RG available to establish a consistent RG supply to meet PG&E’s customer or third-party needs now that an RG standard has been established. If this is to change, California will have to balance the funding mechanisms between the

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<sup>76</sup> “California’s Cities Lead the Way on Pollution-Free Homes and Buildings.” Sierra Club, June 16, 2022: <https://www.sierraclub.org/articles/2021/07/californias-cities-lead-way-pollution-free-homes-and-buildings>.

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transportation sector and other sectors so that RG project developers have opportunities to supply RG towards an RG standard or the transportation sector.

California's gas system is going through unprecedented changes. As it evolves, it is important that regulatory bodies and the utilities work together to ensure that Californians continue to have access to clean, reliable, and affordable energy.

## **OTHER REGULATORY MATTERS**

### **OVERVIEW**

This section includes PG&E's GHG and Cap-and-Trade reporting and discusses other regulatory matters that may impact Northern California's gas system.

PG&E is participating in several OIRs, which address crucial topics that will impact the California gas system. For example, the:

- Biomethane OIR (R.13-02-008) helped the utilities make RNG interconnections more efficient and affordable across California as well as established an RNG procurement program for core customers.

Gas System Planning OIR (R.20-01-007) which will allow the utilities to: (1) develop updated reliability standards that are in line with current and future operational challenges of gas system operators, (2) improve coordination between gas utilities and gas -fired generators, and (3) develop and implement a long -term strategy to work towards California's decarbonization goals.

## **GHG REPORTING AND CAP-AND-TRADE OBLIGATIONS**

In March 2022, PG&E Gas Operations reported to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) GHG emissions in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 98 in four primary categories: GHG emissions in reporting year 2021 resulting from combustion at seven compressor stations, where the annual emissions exceed 25,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (mtCO<sub>2</sub>e); the GHG emissions resulting from combustion of all customers except customers consuming more than 460 MMscf; certain vented and fugitive emissions from the

seven compressor stations and natural gas distribution system; and GHG emissions from transmission pipeline blowdowns.

In April 2022, PG&E reported to CARB GHG emissions approximately 42.5 million mtCO<sub>2</sub>e (metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent) in these primary categories for reporting year 2021: GHG emissions resulting from combustion at seven compressor stations and one underground gas storage facility, where the annual emissions exceed 10,000 mtCO<sub>2</sub>e; the GHG emissions resulting from combustion of delivered gas to all customers; and vented and fugitive emissions from seven compressor stations and one underground gas storage facility.

Both the seven compressor stations obligation and PG&E's natural gas supplier obligation subject to the CARB mandatory reporting are subject to the CARB Cap-and-Trade Program. In 2021, CARB estimated that PG&E's responsibility for compliance obligations of GHG emissions as a natural gas supplier was approximately 17.9 million mtCO<sub>2</sub>e for reporting year 2020. CARB will issue the final 2020 PG&E's compliance obligations of GHG emissions as a natural gas supplier in October 2022.

In June 2021, PG&E filed the 2020 Annual Natural Gas Leakage Abatement Report and reported 3 billion standard cubic feet (Bscf) of methane emissions from intentional and unintentional releases. The annual report is a partial fulfillment of Rulemaking (R.) 15-01-008 to adopt rules and best practices aiming to reduce methane emissions from the Natural Gas System in application of SB 1371.

In addition, PG&E filed its two-year Leak Abatement Compliance Plan in March 2022. This plan addresses the 26 best practices outlined in the Leak Abatement OIR D.17-06-015. It emphasizes minimizing methane emissions through changes to policies and procedures, personnel training, leak detection, leak repair and leak prevention. PG&E's plan includes transitioning from the three-year gas distribution leak survey cycle to optimized leak surveys, potential reduction of the Super Emitter threshold, extending blowdown reduction strategies to compressor station and storage facilities, lowering the pipeline pressure to near zero for scheduled transmission projects and applying degassing technologies for In-Line Inspection (ILI) and lower volume transmission projects.

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Finally, PG&E is an active member and founding partner in the voluntary EPA Natural Gas STAR and Methane Challenge Programs, respectively, where annual reports are submitted to the EPA showcasing PG&E's efforts and best practices to reduce methane emissions. Each year, on a mandatory basis, PG&E reports its methane emissions to the California Public Utilities Commission and, on a voluntary basis, also reports—and obtains third-party verification for—a more comprehensive corporate greenhouse gas emissions inventory, including PG&E's methane emissions. Each year, PG&E also completes and publishes the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and American Gas Association (AGA) voluntary Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) and Sustainability reporting templates for investors, which includes methane emissions. PG&E believes it's essential that investors, customers, policymakers, and other stakeholders have access to information on PG&E's emissions profile. In addition, PG&E is committed through its 1-million-ton challenge to reduce GHG emissions from company operations through 2022. PG&E's strategy to meet this goal includes increased leak survey and repair, removing high-bleed pneumatic devices, replacing vintage distribution main, and reducing transmission pipeline blowdowns.

### **BIOMETHANE OIR R.13-02-008 PHASE 3**

On July 5, 2018, the CPUC reopened R.13-02-008 Phase 3 and ordered the joint California utilities to propose a joint RNG interconnection tariff and interconnection agreements.

On October 28, 2020, the CPUC approved the joint utilities' Standard Renewable Gas Interconnection Tariff pursuant to D. 20-08-035 which established standards and requirements to permit the safe injection of RNG into a jurisdictional common carrier pipeline.

The CPUC also instituted a Reservation System in D.19-12-009 that became effective as of February 3, 2020, for the biomethane incentive program implemented by D.15-06-029.

### **BIOMETHANE OIR R.13-02-008 PHASE 4**

On November 21, 2019, the CPUC issued a Ruling to establish Phase 4 of the proceeding that will address injection of renewable H<sub>2</sub> into gas pipelines and implementation of SB 1440 (RNG procurement).

On February 24, 2022, the CPUC approved D.22-02-025 implementing Senate Bill 1440 establishing a framework of a mandatory Biomethane Procurement Program. This Biomethane Procurement Program will assist the state in meeting short-lived climate pollutant emissions reduction goals by requiring the Joint Utilities to procure biomethane (RNG) produced from organic waste for their core customers.

On April 5, and 6, 2022, the Joint Utilities hosted public workshops to discuss the Standard Biomethane Procurement Methodology (SBPM) that included panelists from each stakeholder group. The Joint Utilities are directed to file a joint Tier 2 Advice Letter with a report of the workshop and feedback received. On April 22, 2022, the Joint Utilities hosted a separate public workshop to discuss the Renewable Gas Procurement Plan (RGPP) that also included panelists from each stakeholder group. The Joint Utilities are directed to file a Tier 1 Advice Letter to establish a template RGPP. The joint utilities plan to file a new application outlining three distinct H<sub>2</sub> projects to further understand capabilities of H<sub>2</sub> and inform a statewide injection standard.

### **GAS SYSTEM PLANNING OIR R.20-01-007**

The CPUC has an in-progress Rulemaking - Order Instituting Rulemaking to “Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and Perform Long-Term Gas System Planning.” This proceeding will be conducted in two tracks and will: (1) develop and adopt as necessary updated reliability standards that reflect current and future operational challenges to gas system operators, (2) determine the regulatory changes to improve coordination between gas utilities and gas-fired generators, and (3) implement a long-term planning strategy to manage the transition away from natural gas-fueled technologies to meet California’s decarbonization goals. This proceeding is currently in track two.



# ABNORMAL PEAK DAY DEMAND AND SUPPLY

## APD DEMAND FORECAST

The Abnormal Peak Day (APD) forecast is a projection of demand under extreme weather conditions. PG&E defines an APD as a 1-in-90 year cold temperature event. The 1-in-90 temperature corresponds to a 28.3 degree Fahrenheit system weighted mean temperature across the PG&E system. The PG&E core demand forecast corresponding to a 28.3 degree Fahrenheit temperature is estimated to be approximately 3.0 Bcf/d. The PG&E load forecast shown here excludes all noncore demand and excludes all electric generation (EG) demand. Under an APD design scenario PG&E is only required to ensure that it can supply enough gas to core customers on the system.

The APD core forecast in the table below is developed using the observed relationship between historical daily weather and core usage data. This relationship is then used to forecast the core load under APD conditions.

## APD SUPPLY REQUIREMENT FORECAST

For APD planning purposes, supplies will flow under core Procurement's firm capacity, any as-available capacity, and capacity made available pursuant to supply diversion arrangements. Supplies could also be purchased from noncore suppliers. Flowing supplies may come from Canada, the U.S. Southwest, the Rocky Mountain region, SoCalGas, and California production. Also, a significant part of the APD demand will be met by storage withdrawals from PG&E's and independent storage providers' underground storage facilities located within Northern and Central California.

PG&E's Core Gas Supply Department is responsible for procuring adequate flowing supplies to serve approximately 80 percent of PG&E's core gas usage. Core aggregators provide procurement services for the remaining balance of PG&E's core customers and have the same

obligation as PG&E Core Gas Supply to make and pay for all necessary arrangements to deliver gas to PG&E to match the use of their customers.

In previous extreme cold weather events, PG&E has observed a drop in flowing pipeline supplies. Supply from Canada is affected as cold weather drops south from Canada with a two- to three-day lag before hitting PG&E's service territory. There is also impact on supply from the Southwest. While prices can influence the availability of supply to PG&E's system, cold weather can affect producing wells in the basins, which in turn can affect the total supply to the PG&E system and others.

If core supplies are insufficient to meet core demand, PG&E can divert gas from noncore customers, including EG customers, to meet demand. PG&E's tariffs contain diversion and Emergency Flow Order non-compliance charges that are designed to cause the noncore market to either reduce or cease its use of gas, if required. Since little, if any, alternate fuel-burn capability exists today, supply diversions from the noncore would necessitate those noncore customers to curtail operations. Under supply-shortfall conditions—such as an APD—a significant portion of EG customers could be shut down potentially impacting electric system reliability.

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**TABLE 19 – FORECAST OF CORE GAS DEMAND AND SUPPLY ON  
AN ABNORMAL PEAK DAY (APD)  
(MMcf/d)**

Line No.		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	APD Core Demand <sup>(1)</sup>	3,057	3,062	3,070
2	Independent Storage Provider Withdrawal <sup>(2)</sup>	2,162	2,162	2,162
3	Firm Flowing Supply <sup>(3)</sup>	3,051	3,051	3,051
4	Projected Resources to Meet Demands <sup>(4)</sup>	4,232	4,193	4,108
<p>Notes:</p> <p>(1) Includes PG&amp;E’s Gas Procurement Department’s and other Core Aggregator’s core customer demands. APD core demand forecast is calculated for 28.3 degrees F system composite temperature, corresponding to 1-in-90-year cold temperature event. PG&amp;E uses a system composite temperature based on six weather sites.</p> <p>(2) The Independent Storage Provider Withdrawal is based on information provided by the Independent Storage Providers to PG&amp;E and internal analysis by PG&amp;E.</p> <p>(3) The Firm Flowing Supply includes firm Redwood and Baja capacities and nominal amounts of California gas production. These values are those currently approved for use within PG&amp;E.</p> <p>(4) Projected Resources to Meet Demands (Line No. 4) are less than the sum of Independent Storage Provider Withdrawal (Line No. 2) and Firm Flowing Supply (Line No. 3) because PG&amp;E’s system cannot simultaneously accommodate all flowing supplies and all storage withdrawals. This number is designed for a 1-in-10 design scenario while an APD is a 1-in-90 design scenario, meaning this number may not be representative of what the actual supply on a 1-in-90 day will be, but is sufficient to meet all APD Core demand.</p>				

The tables below provide peak day demand projections on PG&E’s system for both winter month (December) and summer month (August) periods under PG&E’s high Peak Day Demand Cases.

**TABLE 20– WINTER PEAK DAY DEMAND  
(MMcf/d)**

Year	Core Unadjusted for Building Electrification	Building Electrification Modifier	Core With Building Electrification	Noncore Non-EG	EG, Including SMUD	Total Demand
2022-2023	2,574	-2	2,572	458	897	3,927
2023-2024	2,579	-4	2,575	460	908	3,942
2024-2025	2,585	-6	2,579	475	929	3,984
2025-2026	2,591	-8	2,582	488	983	4,054
2026-2027	2,600	-11	2,589	489	1,006	4,085
2027-2028	2,609	-17	2,592	490	1,021	4,104

The core demand in the Winter Peak Day Demand table is developed using the observed relationship between historical daily weather and core gas usage. This relationship is then used to forecast the core load under a 1-in-10 temperature scenario. The building electrification modifier represents the California Energy Commission’s 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report Additional Achievable Fuel Substitution (Low Case, AAFS 2)<sup>77</sup>. The projection in the AAFS 2 represents the building electrification, moving from natural gas use to electric use. The noncore Non-EG forecast is the average daily December demand under 1-in-10 Cold and Dry conditions. Last, the EG, including SMUD projection is the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile for the months of December through February under 1-in-10 Cold, Dry Hydro Demand conditions.

<sup>77</sup> <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2021-integrated-energy-policy-report> .

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**TABLE 21 – SUMMER PEAK DAY DEMAND  
(MMcf/d)**

Year	Core Unadjusted for Building Electrification	Building Electrification Modifier	Core With Building Electrification	Noncore Non-EG	EG, Including SMUD	Total Demand
2022	353	-3	351	585	979	1,914
2023	340	-5	335	598	929	1,892
2024	330	-7	323	610	927	1,860
2025	319	-10	309	615	853	1,777
2026	309	-13	296	616	978	1,890
2027	304	-17	287	616	1,025	1,929

The core and noncore Non-EG demands in the Summer Peak Day Demand table represent the average August daily summer demand under 1-in-10 cold and dry conditions. The building electrification modifier represents the California Energy Commission’s 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report Additional Achievable Fuel Substitution (Low Case, AAFS 2). Last, the EG including SMUD demand forecast is the 90th percentile for the months of July through September under 1-in-10 cold and dry conditions.

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TABLE 22

**ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS  
RECORDED YEARS 2017-2021  
MMCF/DAY**

LINE		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
CALIFORNIA SOURCE GAS							
1	Core Purchases	0	0	0	0	0	
2	Customer Gas Transport & Exchange	42	49	62	63	60	
3	Total California Source Gas	42	49	62	63	60	
OUT-OF-STATE GAS							
Core Net Purchases							
6	Rocky Mountain Gas	178	161	170	158	158	
7	U.S. Southwest Gas	84	58	58	41	29	
8	Canadian Gas	319	303	286	379	410	
Customer Gas Transport							
10	Rocky Mountain Gas	461	367	486	416	329	
11	U.S. Southwest Gas	304	430	599	505	539	
12	Canadian Gas	832	957	888	927	933	
13	Total Out-of-State Gas	2,178	2,276	2,487	2,425	2,397	
14	STORAGE WITHDRAWAL(2)	328	397	350	252	344	
15	Total Gas Supply Taken	2,548	2,722	2,898	2,740	2,801	
<b>GAS SENDOUT</b>							
CORE							
19	Residential	483	489	503	495	488	
20	Commercial	220	225	226	196	209	
21	NGV	7	7	7	7	7	
22	Total Throughput-Core	710	721	736	698	704	
NONCORE							
24	Industrial	543	562	534	467	453	
25	Electric Generation (1)	698	855	865	895	964	
26	NGV	2	3	4	3	4	
27	Total Throughput-Noncore	1,244	1,421	1,403	1,365	1,421	
28	WHOLESALE	9	9	9	8	8	
29	Total Throughput	1,963	2,151	2,148	2,072	2,133	
30	OFF-SYSTEM DELIVERIES	233	264	224	241	284	
31	CALIFORNIA EXCHANGE GAS	14	22	38	37	38	
32	STORAGE INJECTION (2)	294	244	441	343	292	
33	SHRINKAGE Company Use / Unaccounted for	44	41	47	47	55	
34	Total Gas Send Out	2,548	2,722	2,898	2,740	2,801	
TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE							
38	CORE	ALL END USES	139	139	138	115	111
39	NONCORE	INDUSTRIAL	543	562	534	467	453
40		ELECTRIC GENERATION	698	855	865	895	964
41		SUBTOTAL/RETAIL	1,380	1,557	1,538	1,477	1,529
43		WHOLESALE/INTERNATIONAL	9	9	9	8	8
45	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE		1,389	1,566	1,547	1,485	1,537
CURTAILMENT/ALTERNATIVE FUEL BURNS							
48	Residential, Commercial, Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	
49	Utility Electric Generation	0	0	0	0	0	
50	TOTAL CURTAILMENT (3)	0	0	0	0	0	

**NOTES:**

- (1) Electric generation includes SMUD, cogeneration, PG&E-owned electric generation, and deliveries to power plants connected to the PG&E system. It excludes deliveries by other pipelines.
- (2) Includes both PG&E and third party storage
- (3) UEG curtailments include voluntary oil burns due to economic, operational, and inventory reduction reasons as well as involuntary curtailments due to supply shortages and capacity constraints.



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**TABLE 23**

**ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY FORECAST  
MMCF/DAY  
AVERAGE DEMAND YEAR**

LINE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	LINE
<b>FIRM CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>							
1	California Source Gas	56	56	56	56	56	1
<b>Out of State Gas</b>							
2	Baja Path <sup>(1)</sup>	960	960	960	960	960	2
3	Redwood Path <sup>(2)</sup>	2,060	2,060	2,060	1,915	1,915	3
3.a	SW Gas Corp. from Great Basin Gas Transmission Company	39	39	39	39	39	3.a
4	Supplemental <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	<b>Total Supplies Available</b>	3,115	3,115	3,115	2,970	2,970	5
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
6	California Source Gas	56	56	56	56	56	6
7	Out of State Gas (via existing facilities)	2,049	2,054	2,043	2,038	2,063	7
8	Supplemental	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	<b>Total Supply Taken</b>	2,105	2,110	2,099	2,094	2,119	9
10	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	<b>Total Throughput</b>	2,105	2,110	2,099	2,094	2,119	11
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END USE</b>							
<b>Core</b>							
12	Residential <sup>(4)</sup>	491	473	460	445	432	12
13	Commercial	208	214	213	210	208	13
14	NGV	7	7	8	8	8	14
15	<b>Total Core</b>	706	694	680	664	648	15
<b>Noncore</b>							
16	Industrial	462	477	492	497	498	16
17	SMUD Electric Generation <sup>(5)</sup>	96	96	96	96	96	17
18	PG&E Electric Generation <sup>(6)</sup>	484	448	441	442	481	18
19	NGV	4	4	4	4	4	19
20	Wholesale	9	9	9	9	9	20
21	California Exchange Gas	38	38	38	38	38	21
22	<b>Total Noncore</b>	1,093	1,072	1,080	1,087	1,127	22
23	<b>Off-System Deliveries <sup>(7)</sup></b>	272	310	305	310	310	23
<b>Shrinkage</b>							
24	Company use and Unaccounted for	34	34	34	34	34	24
25	<b>TOTAL END USE</b>	2,105	2,110	2,099	2,094	2,119	25
<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; EXCHANGE</b>							
26	CORE	117	117	116	113	111	26
27	NONCORE	504	519	534	539	540	27
28	ALL END USES	580	544	537	538	577	28
29	COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1,201	1,180	1,186	1,191	1,229	29
30	ELECTRIC GENERATION	9	9	9	9	9	30
31	SUBTOTAL/RETAIL	1,210	1,189	1,195	1,200	1,238	31
32	WHOLESALE/INTERNATIONAL	0	0	0	0	0	32
31	<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>	1,210	1,189	1,195	1,200	1,238	31
32	System Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	32

**NOTES:**

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- ✓ (5) Forecast by SMUD.
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# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY FORECAST MMCF/DAY AVERAGE DEMAND YEAR

<b>TABLE 24</b>
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LINE		2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	LINE
<b>FIRM CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>							
1	California Source Gas	56	56	56	56	56	1
<b>Out of State Gas</b>							
2	Baja Path <sup>(1)</sup>	960	960	960	960	960	2
3	Redwood Path <sup>(2)</sup>	1,915	1,915	1,915	1,915	1,915	3
3.a	SW Gas Corp. from Great Basin Gas Transmission Company	39	39	39	39	39	3.a
4	Supplemental <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	<b>Total Supplies Available</b>	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	5
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
6	California Source Gas	56	56	56	56	56	6
7	Out of State Gas (via existing facilities)	1,749	1,738	1,722	1,698	1,681	7
8	Supplemental	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	<b>Total Supply Taken</b>	1,805	1,794	1,778	1,754	1,737	9
10	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	<b>Total Throughput</b>	1,805	1,794	1,778	1,754	1,737	11
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END USE</b>							
<b>Core</b>							
12	Residential <sup>(4)</sup>	423	412	402	391	338	12
13	Commercial	205	200	195	189	163	13
14	NGV	8	8	9	9	10	14
15	<b>Total Core</b>	636	620	605	589	511	15
<b>Noncore</b>							
16	Industrial	499	499	499	498	496	16
17	SMUD Electric Generation <sup>(5)</sup>	96	96	96	96	96	17
18	PG&E Electric Generation <sup>(6)</sup>	489	493	493	486	549	18
19	NGV	4	5	5	5	5	19
20	Wholesale	9	9	9	9	9	20
21	California Exchange Gas	38	38	38	38	38	21
22	<b>Total Noncore</b>	1,135	1,140	1,139	1,132	1,193	22
23	<b>Off-System Deliveries <sup>(7)</sup></b>	0	0	0	0	0	23
<b>Shrinkage</b>							
24	Company use and Unaccounted for	33	33	33	33	33	24
25	<b>TOTAL END USE</b>	1,805	1,794	1,778	1,754	1,737	25
<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; EXCHANGE</b>							
26	CORE	109	106	104	101	86	26
27	NONCORE	541	542	541	541	539	27
28		585	589	589	582	645	28
29		1,236	1,238	1,234	1,223	1,270	29
30		9	9	9	9	9	30
31	<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>	1,245	1,246	1,243	1,232	1,279	31
32	System Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	32

- NOTES:
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**TABLE 25**

**ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY FORECAST  
MMCF/DAY  
HIGH DEMAND YEAR**

LINE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	LINE
<b>FIRM CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>							
1	California Source Gas	56	56	56	56	56	1
<b>Out of State Gas</b>							
2	Baja Path <sup>(1)</sup>	960	960	960	960	960	2
3	Redwood Path <sup>(2)</sup>	2,060	2,060	2,060	1,915	1,915	3
3.a	SW Gas Corp. from Great Basin Gas Transmission Company	39	39	39	39	39	3.a
4	Supplemental <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	<b>Total Supplies Available</b>	3,115	3,115	3,115	2,970	2,970	5
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
6	California Source Gas	56	56	56	56	56	6
7	Out of State Gas (via existing facilities)	2,109	2,149	2,144	2,141	2,177	7
8	Supplemental	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	<b>Total Supply Taken</b>	2,165	2,205	2,200	2,197	2,233	9
10	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	<b>Total Throughput</b>	2,165	2,205	2,200	2,197	2,233	11
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END USE</b>							
<b>Core</b>							
12	Residential <sup>(4)</sup>	527	512	500	485	472	12
13	Commercial	224	224	222	220	217	13
14	NGV	7	7	8	8	8	14
15	<b>Total Core</b>	758	744	729	713	698	15
<b>Noncore</b>							
16	Industrial	467	480	493	499	499	16
17	SMUD Electric Generation <sup>(5)</sup>	96	96	96	96	96	17
18	PG&E Electric Generation <sup>(6)</sup>	485	490	490	493	543	18
19	NGV	3	4	4	4	4	19
20	Wholesale	10	10	10	10	10	20
21	California Exchange Gas	38	38	38	38	38	21
22	<b>Total Noncore</b>	1,099	1,116	1,131	1,139	1,190	22
23	<b>Off-System Deliveries <sup>(7)</sup></b>	272	310	305	310	310	23
<b>Shrinkage</b>							
24	Company use and Unaccounted for	36	35	35	35	35	24
25	<b>TOTAL END USE</b>	2,165	2,205	2,200	2,197	2,233	25
<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; EXCHANGE</b>							
26	CORE	126	124	122	120	118	26
27	NONCORE	508	521	535	540	541	27
28		581	586	586	589	639	28
29		1,215	1,231	1,244	1,249	1,299	29
30		10	10	10	10	10	30
31	<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>	1,225	1,241	1,253	1,259	1,308	31
32	System Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	32

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ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY FORECAST  
MMCF/DAY  
HIGH DEMAND YEAR

TABLE 26

LINE		2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	LINE
<b>FIRM CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>							
1	California Source Gas	56	56	56	56	56	1
<b>Out of State Gas</b>							
2	Baja Path <sup>(1)</sup>	960	960	960	960	960	2
3	Redwood Path <sup>(2)</sup>	1,915	1,915	1,915	1,915	1,915	3
3.a	SW Gas Corp. from Paiute Pipeline Comp.	39	39	39	39	39	3.a
4	Supplemental <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	<b>Total Supplies Available</b>	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	2,970	5
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
6	California Source Gas	56	56	56	56	56	6
7	Out of State Gas (via existing facilities)	1,876	1,863	1,844	1,821	1,800	7
8	Supplemental	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	<b>Total Supply Taken</b>	1,932	1,919	1,900	1,877	1,856	9
10	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	<b>Total Throughput</b>	1,932	1,919	1,900	1,877	1,856	11
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END USE</b>							
<b>Core</b>							
12	Residential <sup>(4)</sup>	463	452	441	431	378	12
13	Commercial	214	209	204	199	172	13
14	NGV	8	8	9	9	10	14
15	<b>Total Core</b>	685	670	654	638	560	15
<b>Noncore</b>							
16	Industrial	500	500	500	500	497	16
17	SMUD Electric Generation <sup>(5)</sup>	96	96	96	96	96	17
18	PG&E Electric Generation <sup>(6)</sup>	565	567	564	557	616	18
19	NGV	4	4	4	4	5	19
20	Wholesale	10	9	9	9	9	20
21	California Exchange Gas	38	38	38	38	38	21
22	<b>Total Noncore</b>	1,213	1,215	1,212	1,205	1,261	22
23	<b>Off-System Deliveries <sup>(7)</sup></b>	0	0	0	0	0	23
<b>Shrinkage</b>							
24	Company use and Unaccounted for	35	35	34	34	35	24
25	<b>TOTAL END USE</b>	1,932	1,919	1,900	1,877	1,856	25
<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; EXCHANGE</b>							
26	CORE	116	113	110	108	93	26
27	NONCORE	542	543	542	542	540	27
28		661	663	660	653	712	28
29		1,319	1,319	1,313	1,303	1,345	29
30	WHOLESALE/INTERNATIONAL	10	9	9	9	9	30
31	<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>	1,329	1,328	1,322	1,312	1,355	31
32	System Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	32

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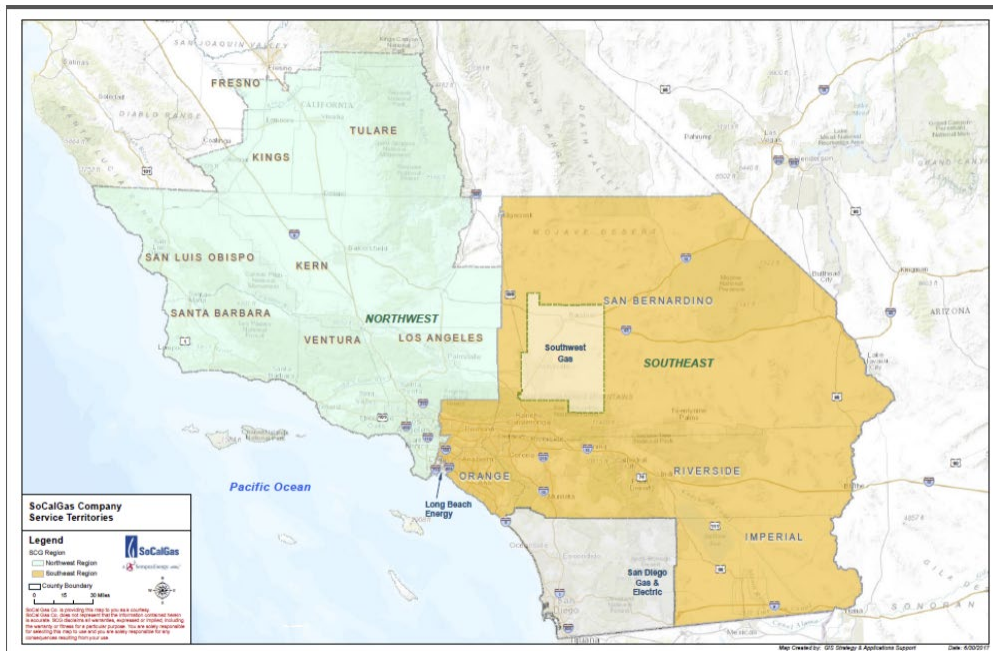
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## INTRODUCTION

SoCalGas is the principal distributor of natural gas in Southern California and provides retail and wholesale customers with transportation, exchange, storage services and also procurement services to most retail core customers. SoCalGas’ distribution network is composed of approximately 51,070 miles of gas mains across an approximate 20,000 square mile service territory. Together with its intricate distribution network and transmission pipelines and four interconnected storage fields, SoCalGas delivered natural gas to over 5.874 million customers in 2021.

SoCalGas’ vast system extends from the Colorado River on the eastern end to the Pacific Ocean on the western end and extending as far north as Tulare County and reaches the U.S./Mexico Border in the south (excluding San Diego County).

**Figure 11: SoCalGas’ Service Territory Map**





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SoCalGas is a gas-only utility and, in addition to serving the residential, commercial, and industrial markets, provides gas for enhanced oil recovery (EOR) and electric generation (EG) customers in Southern California. SDG&E, SWG, the City of Long Beach Energy Resources Department, and the City of Vernon are SoCalGas' four wholesale utility customers. SoCalGas provides gas transportation services across its service territory to a border crossing point at the California-Mexico border at Mexicali to ECOGAS Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V which is a wholesale international customer located in Mexico.

This report covers a 14-year demand and forecast period, from 2022 through 2035; only the consecutive years 2022 through 2030 and the point year 2035 are shown in the tabular data in the next sections. All forecasts are subject to uncertainty, but represent best estimates for the future, based upon the most current information available.

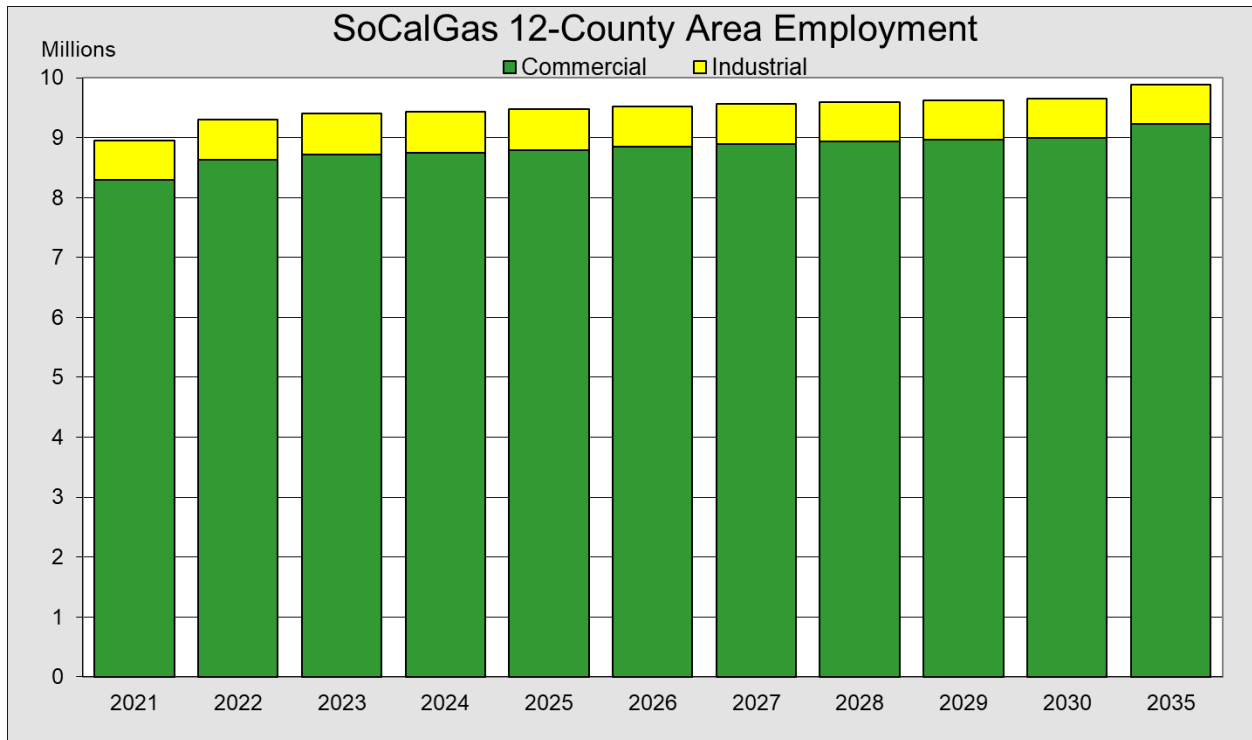
The Southern California section of the 2022 CGR begins with a discussion of the economic conditions and regulatory issues facing the utilities, followed by a discussion of the factors affecting natural gas demand in various market sectors. The outlook on natural gas supply availability, which continues to be favorable, is also presented. The regulatory environment and GHG issues are also discussed, followed by a review of the peak day demand forecast. Summary tables and figures underlying the forecast are also provided.

## THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENT

### ECONOMICS AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The gas demand projections are in large part determined by the long-term economic outlook for the SoCalGas service territory. After 2020’s severe slowdown from the Covid-19 pandemic and related government restrictions, southern California’s economy has nearly fully recovered. Total SoCalGas area jobs are expected to grow an average of 1.4% per year from 2021 through 2025. Local manufacturing and mining industrial employment is projected to average just 0.5% annual growth in the same period, with commercial jobs increasing about 1.5% annually. Jobs in accommodation, personal, and professional and business services should grow faster in the near term, as they recover from their pandemic plunge.

**FIGURE 12 – SoCalGas 12-COUNTY AREA EMPLOYMENT**



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Longer term, SoCalGas service-area employment is expected to increase slowly as population growth slows due to population aging and to more residents leaving for lower-cost locations primarily within the United States. From 2021 through 2035, total area job growth should average 0.7 percent per year. Area industrial jobs are forecasted to shrink an average of 0.1 percent per year through 2035; we expect the industrial share of total employment to fall from 7.4 percent in 2021 to 6.6 percent by 2035. Commercial jobs are expected to grow an average of 0.8 percent annually from 2021 through 2035.

Home building and meter hookups are expected to increase significantly in the next few years after the recent pandemic slowdown. Longer term growth should be sustained by pent-up demand and efforts to lessen southern California's longtime housing shortage. Net active meter growth --driven mainly by new home construction-- is projected to recover from a low pandemic-pressured 27,400 (+0.47 percent) in 2021, to 42,700 (+0.73 percent) in 2022 and 42,300 (+0.72 percent) in 2023--about the same percentage growth as last seen in 2017. Longer term, SoCalGas expects active meters to average about 0.6 percent annual growth from 2021 through 2035.

## **GAS DEMAND (REQUIREMENTS)**

### **OVERVIEW**

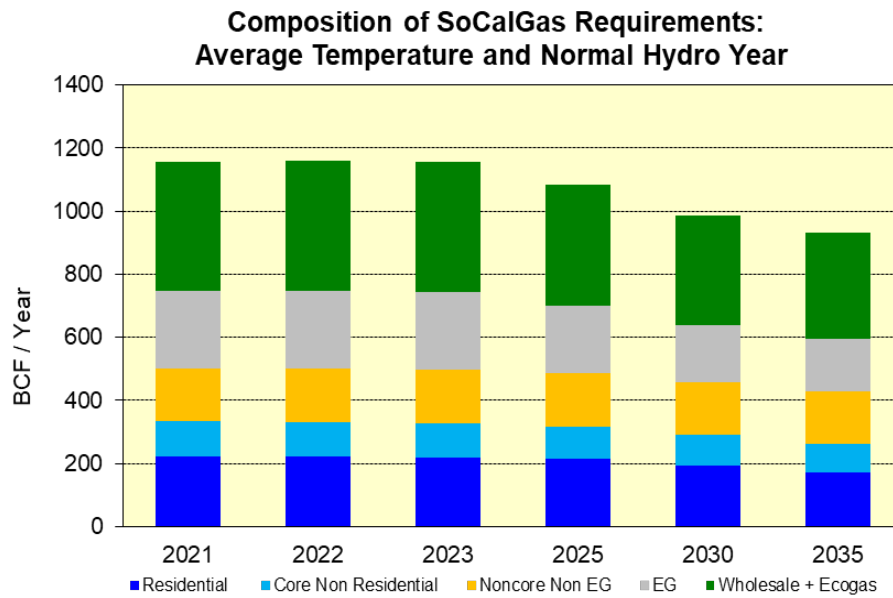
SoCalGas projects total gas demand to decline at an annual rate of 1.5 percent from 2022 to 2035. By comparison, the total gas demand had been projected to decline at an annual rate of 1.1 percent in the 2020 CGR. The forecasted, accelerated decline in throughput demand is being driven by modest economic growth and the forecasted energy efficiency and fuel substitution. Other factors that contribute to the downward trend are tighter standards created by revised Title 24 Codes and Standards, and renewable energy goals that impact gas-fired electricity.

The core, non-residential markets (comprised of core commercial, core industrial and natural gas vehicles (NGV)) are expected to decline at an average annual rate of 1.4 percent or from 224 Bcf in 2021 to 170 Bcf by 2035. However, the NGV market is expected to grow 2.1 percent over the forecast horizon. The NGV market is expected to grow due to government (federal, state and local) incentives and regulations encouraging the purchase and operation of alternate fuel vehicles as well as the increased use of RNG that provides significant GHG emission reduction benefits. The noncore, non EG- markets are expected to decline 0.1 percent from 167 Bcf in 2021 to 165 Bcf by 2035. That decline is being driven by very aggressive energy efficiency goals and associated programs. Total EG load, including large cogeneration and non-cogeneration- EG for a normal hydro year, is expected to decline from 243 Bcf in 2021 to 168 Bcf in 2035, a decrease of 2.6 percent per year.

The chart shows the composition of SoCalGas' throughput for the recorded year 2021 (with weather-sensitive market segments adjusted to average year HDD assumptions) and forecasts for the 2022 to 2035 forecast period.

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**FIGURE 13 – COMPOSITION OF SOCALGAS REQUIREMENTS AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND NORMAL HYDRO YEAR (2021-2035)**



Notes:

- (1) Core non-residential includes core commercial, core industrial, gas air-conditioning, gas engine, NGVs
- (2) Non-core non-EG includes non-core commercial, non-core industrial, industrial refinery, and EOR-steaming
- (3) Retail EG includes industrial and commercial cogeneration, refinery-related cogeneration, EOR-related cogeneration, and non-cogeneration EG.
- (4) Wholesale includes sales to the City of Long Beach, City of Vernon, SDG&E, SWG, and Ecogas in Mexico.

## MARKET SENSITIVITY

### Temperature

Core demand forecasts are prepared for two design temperature conditions—average year and cold year—to quantify changes in space heating demand due to weather. Temperature variations can cause significant changes in winter gas demand due to space heating in the residential, core commercial and core industrial markets. The largest core demand variations due to temperature are likely to occur in the month of December. Heating degree day (HDD) differences between the two temperature conditions are developed from a six-zone temperature monitoring procedure within SoCalGas' service territory. One HDD is defined as when the average temperature for the day drops 1 degree below 65 degrees F. The cold design temperature conditions are based on a statistical likelihood of occurrence of 1-in-35 on an annual basis.

In our 2022 CGR, SoCalGas and SDG&E have included a climate-change warming trend that gradually reduces HDD's over the forecast period. First, average temperature year values were computed as the simple average of annual HDD's for the calendar years 2002 through 2021: 1,248 HDD's for SoCalGas and 1,158 HDD's for SDG&E. Corresponding 1-in-35 cold year HDD's were 1,476 for SoCalGas and 1,368 for SDG&E. For the forecast period, projected annual HDD's were reduced each year by 6 HDD's for both SoCalGas and SDG&E. For SoCalGas, projected average year and cold year HDD's both drop by 6 HDD annually: from 1,242 and 1,470 in year 2022, to 1,164 and 1,392 in year 2035. For SDG&E, projected average year and cold year HDD's drop by 6 HDD annually: from 1,152 and 1,362 in year 2022, to 1,074 and 1,284 in year 2035. The annual reductions are based on the latest 20-year trend in 20-year-averaged HDDs. That is, they are based on the observed trend in changes starting with average HDD's for years 1983-2002, then 1984-2003, 1985-2004...and ending with the average HDD's for years 2002-2021.

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### **Hydro Conditions**

The EG forecasts are prepared for two hydro conditions—average year and dry hydro. The dry hydro case refers to gas demand in a 1-in-10 dry hydro year.

## **MARKET SECTORS**

### **Residential**

SoCalGas served approximately 5.67 million residential customers consisting of 3.79 million single-family households, 1.84 million multi-family households and 38,610 master meters in 2021. Residential usage varies for each of the market segments. Conditional demand estimates based on the 2019 Residential Appliance Saturation Survey (R.A.S.S.) indicate customer needs. This updated information formed part of the basis for the 2022 CGR residential market forecast.

The table below shows the weather-normalized home usage by customer type and the saturations by end use for SoCalGas based upon the conditional demand study update.

**Table 27: SoCalGas Residential Appliance Saturation Survey Results, 2019 Update**

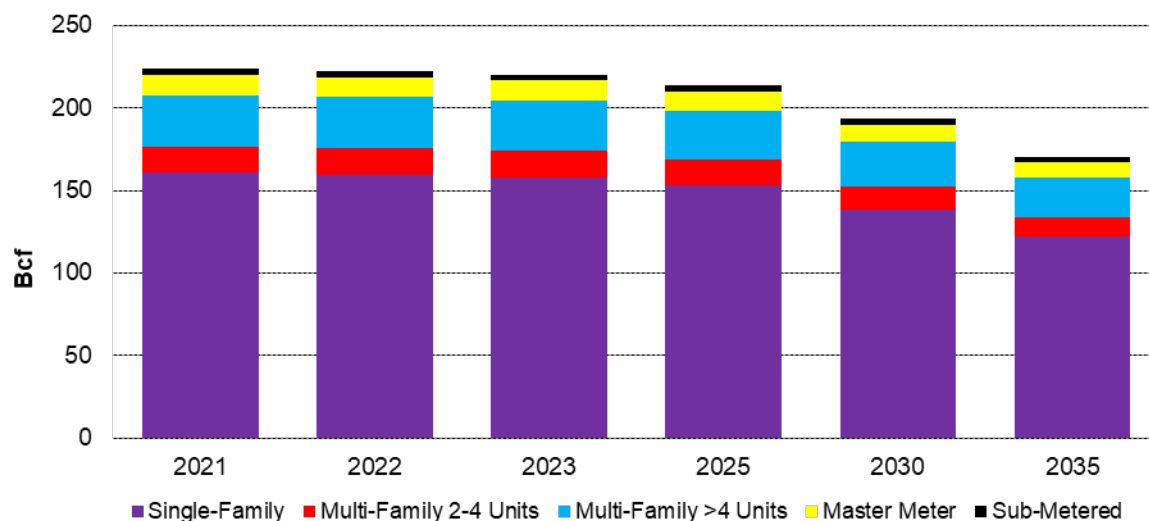
		<b>2019 Residential Appliance Saturation Survey</b>								
		<b>Conditional Demand Study</b>								
SoCalGas		Single Family Unit Energy Consumption (UEC)	Single Family Saturation (%)	Single Family Intensity	Single Family Use Proportion		Multi Family Unit Energy Consumption	Multi Family Saturation	Multi Family Intensity	Multi Family Use Proportion
	Space Heat	227	98.62%	224	51.75%		107	89.98%	96	46.67%
	Water Heat	141	95.98%	135	31.28%		94	81.33%	76	37.05%
	Cooking	30	82.37%	25	5.71%		28	77.80%	22	10.56%
	Clothes Drying	33	69.36%	23	5.29%		29	35.19%	10	4.95%
	Pool Heat	151	8.37%	13	2.92%		N/A			
	Spa Heat	102	9.68%	10	2.28%		47	1.19%	1	0.27%
	Gas Fireplace	11	7.33%	1	0.19%		7	4.58%	0	0.16%
	Gas Barbecue	16	15.56%	2	0.58%		14	5.17%	1	0.35%
	Total Household SF			433 Therms/Year	100%				206 Therms/Year	100%

The conditional demand estimates based on the 2019 R.A.S.S. show that the average use per meter is 433 therms for single-family households and 206 therms for multi-family households. The use-per-customer data is constructive in forming the forecast. For the residential market, the change in the baseline forecast from one year to the next is based on the confluence of two immediate economic drivers. In any given year, the residential load will grow due to the new customer hookups that occur. New customers generate a growth in demand. Second, the residential load will change due to existing customers' (vintage customers') changing needs. When gas appliances reach the end of their useful life, customers make a choice about equipment replacement. The choice consists of either replacing the older appliance with a more energy efficient gas appliance or substituting their gas appliance with one using another fuel, namely electricity. Customer choices can be influenced by economic factors, such as capital and operating costs, among other things, and are a key component of the baseline forecast. The usage calculator that generates the forecast is called the end use model.



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**Figure 14: Composition of SoCalGas' Residential Demand Forecast, 2021-2035**



Residential gas demand is forecasted to decline from 224 Bcf in 2021 to 170 Bcf by 2035, or at an average annual rate of 1.9 percent. The decline is due to declining use per meter—primarily driven by very aggressive energy efficiency goals, anticipated fuel substitution, tightening Title 24 Codes and Standards, all of which affect the forecast by offsetting the new meter growth forecasted over the planning period.

As described above, SoCalGas' residential base forecast is developed from an end use model. The model results are modified by anticipated impacts of climate change as well as forecasts of policy adoptions that impact gas use. After the base forecast is developed, the forecast is modified by three out-of-model adjustments. The energy savings adjustments made to the forecast include (1) allowing for less heating degree days in the average weather design each year of the forecast period to account for climate change; (2) gas demand destruction due to greater energy efficiency savings forecast over the planning period; and (3) incremental energy savings created from assumed fuel substitution. All of the energy savings incorporated into the forecast reflect market potential and became load modifiers to create a final forecast of demand.

The major modifiers to the forecast are energy efficiency and building electrification. The energy efficiency forecast includes the confluence of two types of gas energy savings. Codes

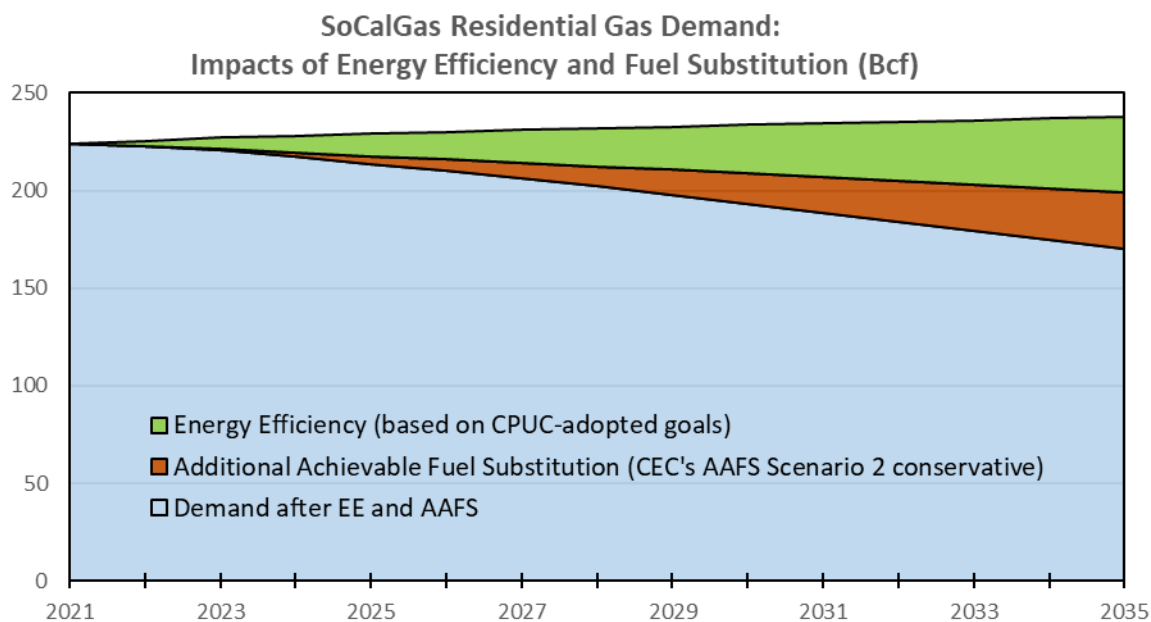
and Standards savings, which include current and expected modifications to Title 24, and the energy savings stemming from customer programs authorized by the CPUC's D.21-09-037. The baseline forecast was adjusted downward to account for these incremental energy saving influences that are expected to occur over the forecast period.

The final forecast also includes a load modifier for fuel substitution. For purposes of constructing a long-term reasonable forecast for the 2022 CGR, SoCalGas participated in an electrification working group committee together with PG&E, SDG&E and Southern California Edison (SCE) to evaluate different approaches and assumptions to modeling the effects of fuel substitution. After several meetings and discussions, SoCalGas aligned around the relatively conservative fuel substitution scenario forecast developed by the California Energy Commission. Fuel substitution was estimated and introduced separately from energy efficiency savings by the CEC in its 2021 IEPR as additional achievable fuel substitution (AAFS). Of the five possible fuel substitution scenarios developed by the CEC, the AAFS-2 Scenario, which is the CEC's mid-low scenario for electrification, was chosen by SoCalGas to prepare the final residential forecast. Scenario 2 quantifies the assumed fuel substitution that would take place with potential future updates in the Title 24 building standards and the presumed additional building electrification encouraged by future ratcheting driven by tighter goals, rate enhancements and higher uptake rates at future points in time. All of the above-mentioned gas reductions were included in the residential forecast as a modifier to the base forecast.

As can be seen from the following graph, the effects of both energy efficiency and fuel substitution have an impact on the residential market. By year 2035, the assumed additional energy efficiency removes 16 percent of residential gas demand. Evaluated separately, assumed additional fuel substitution removes another 12 percent of residential gas demand by 2035.

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**Figure 15: SoCalGas: Residential Impacts of EE and AAFS**



The final published forecast in this report is a product of the economic drivers in addition to policy drivers articulated and accounted for at the particular time the forecast was developed. As discussed elsewhere in this Report, much uncertainty remains in the timing, pace, extent, and overall evolution of residential natural gas demand in California.

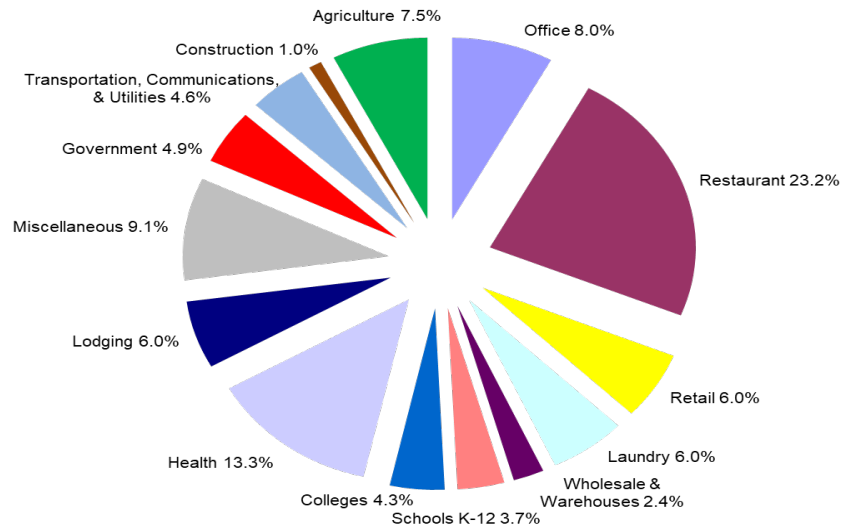
## Commercial

The core commercial market demand is expected to decline over the forecast period. On a temperature-adjusted basis, the 2021 core commercial market demand totaled 77 Bcf. By the year 2035, the load is anticipated to drop to approximately 56.5 Bcf. The average annual rate of decline from 2021-2035 is forecasted at 2.2 percent. The decline in gas usage is mainly the result of the impact of CPUC-authorized portfolio of energy efficiency programs and Title 24 codes building standards as well as some forecasted fuel substitution in this market.

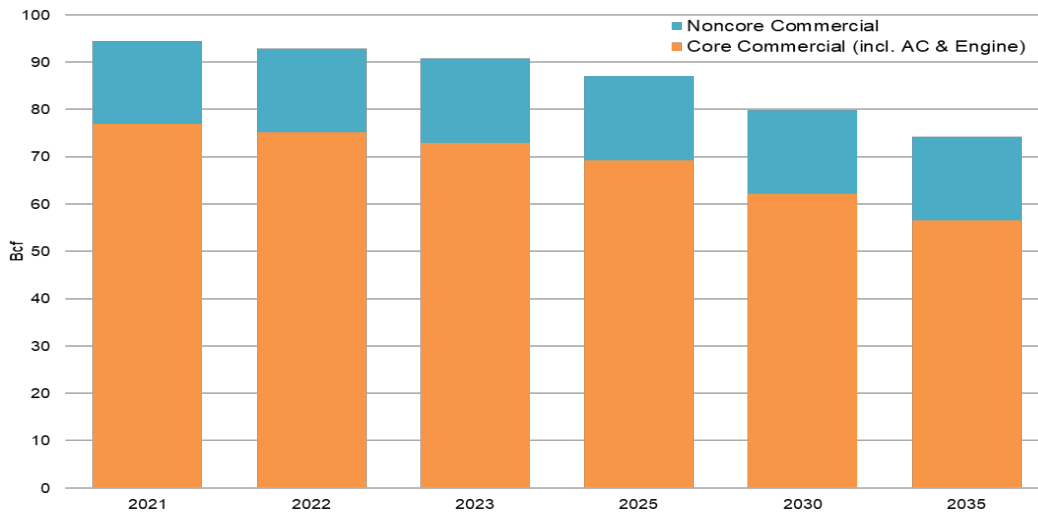
In 2021, the noncore commercial temperature-adjusted usage was 17.4 Bcf. From 2021 through 2035, demand in this market is expected to be largely stable, reaching to about 17.7 Bcf in 2035. The noncore commercial market will be expected to grow at an average annual rate of 0.1 percent per year. Key factors of the trend are increasing commercial employment, commercial customers that move from core to noncore, and the CPUC-authorized energy efficiency programs.

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**FIGURE 16 – ANNUAL COMMERCIAL DEMAND FORECAST 2021-2035  
BILLION CUBIC FEET PER YEAR (Bcf/y), AVERAGE YEAR WEATHER DESIGN**



**FIGURE 17 – COMMERCIAL GAS DEMAND BY BUSINESS TYPE  
COMPOSITION OF INDUSTRY  
(2021)**



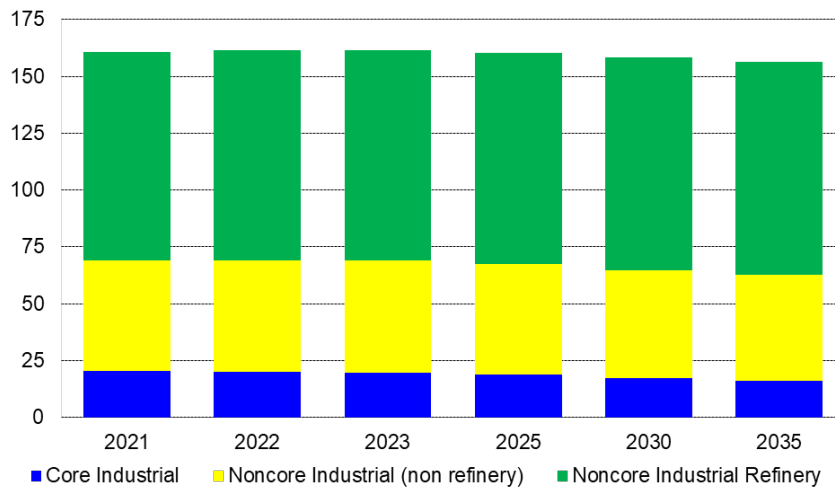
The commercial market consists of 14 business types identified by the customers’ North American Industry Classification System codes. It represents includes both core and noncore usage. The restaurant business dominates this market with 23 percent of commercial usage in 2021, followed by the health services industry with a 13 percent share.

**Industrial**

*Non-Refinery Industrial Demand*

In 2021, temperature-adjusted core industrial demand was 20.4 Bcf. Core industrial market demand is projected to drop by 1.7 percent per year from 20.4 Bcf in 2021 to 16.1 Bcf in 2035. This decrease results from a combination of factors: a minor decrease in employment growth, an increase in marginal gas rates and CPUC-authorized energy efficiency programs.

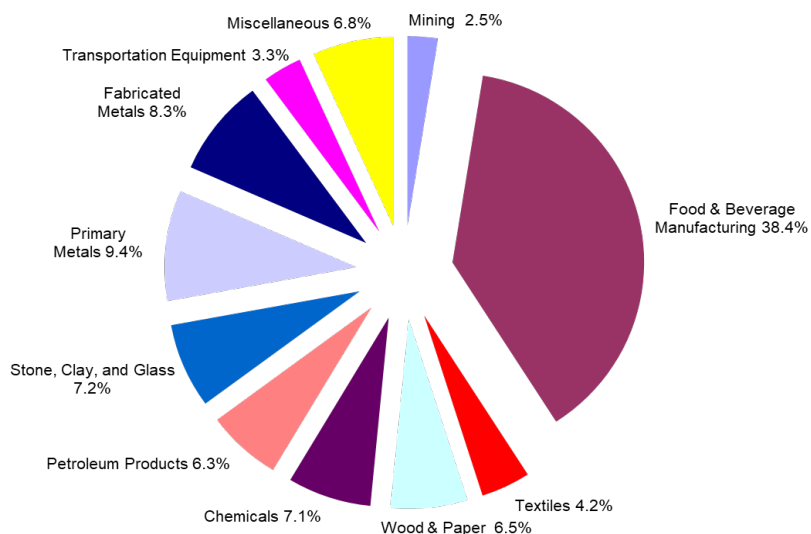
**FIGURE 18– ANNUAL INDUSTRIAL DEMAND FORECAST (Bcf)  
(2021-2035)**



The 2021 non-refinery industrial gas demand served by SoCalGas is shown below. Food and beverage manufacturing, with 38.4 percent of the total share, dominates this market. The graph below summarizes the composition of the core and noncore industrial market by business type.

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**FIGURE 19 INDUSTRIAL GAS DEMAND BY BUSINESS TYPE COMPOSITION OF INDUSTRY (2021)–**



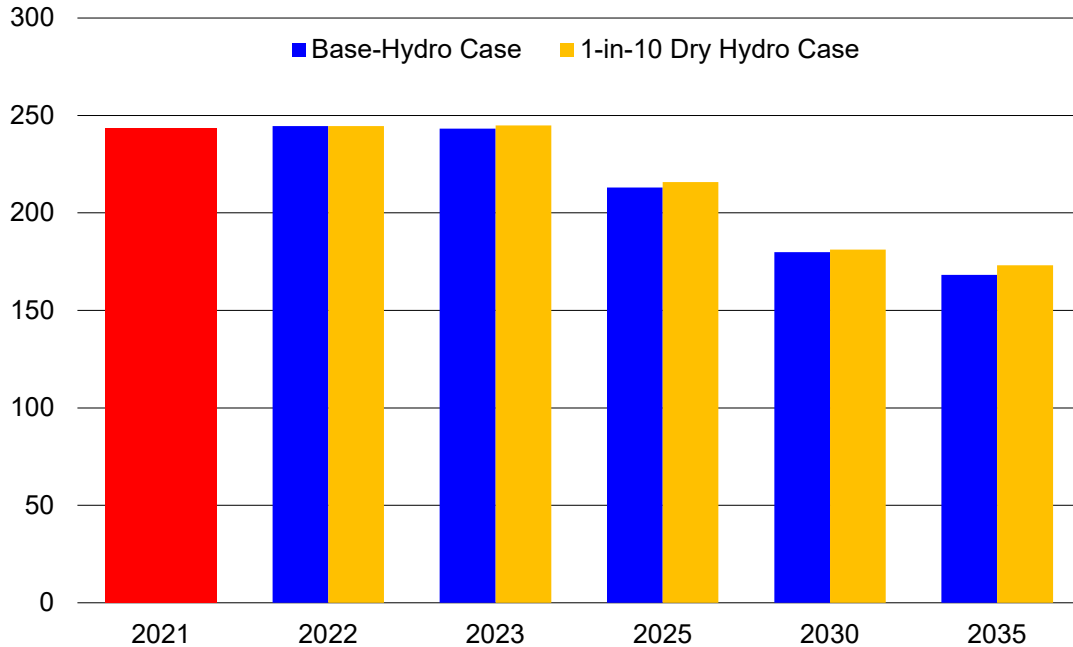
Gas demand for the retail noncore industrial (non-refinery) market is expected to decline at an annual rate of 0.3 percent from 48.6 Bcf in 2021 to 46.8 Bcf by 2035. The reduced demand is primarily due to the CPUC-authorized energy efficiency programs, decreasing industrial employment, and the departure of customers within the City of Vernon to wholesale service by the City of Vernon.

### *Refinery Industrial Demand*

Refinery industrial demand is comprised of gas consumption by petroleum refining customers, H<sub>2</sub> producers and refined petroleum product transporters. Gas demand in the refinery industrial market sector is forecasted to be largely stable over the 2022 - 2035 forecast period, from 91.7 Bcf in 2021 to 93.3 Bcf in 2035.

Electric Generation

FIGURE 20 – SoCalGas SERVICE AREA TOTAL EG  
(Bcf)



The EG sector includes all commercial/industrial cogeneration, EOR-related cogeneration, and non-cogeneration electric generation. The EG load forecast is subject to a high degree of uncertainty. The forecast uncertainty is, in large part, due to load sensitivity to weather conditions, regional fuel price differences, the construction and retirement of power generating facilities (including thermal, renewable, and energy storage resources), the amount of California’s import/export energy, and the state’s overall long-term electricity demand growth. The EG gas throughput forecast can be higher or lower than the base case forecast, depending on the factors mentioned above. California’s forecasted electricity demand is a major influence of southern California gas-demand EG. If the electricity demand forecast is higher, the EG gas throughput forecast would also tend to be higher. Please refer to the California Energy Commission’s (CEC) 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report for high, mid, and low electricity demand scenarios. On the supply side, lower SoCalGas Citygate gas prices relative to other



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regions, less energy imported into California, and dry hydro conditions are also factors that would increase the EG gas throughput forecast.

Additionally, many once through cooling (OTC) plants in California are scheduled to either retire or repower during the forecasted period. These are thermal plants, located near the coast, that use ocean water for cooling. A total of 5,370 MW of local gas-fired power plants and a 2,240 MW nuclear plant in northern California will retire by the end of 2029.

The gas-driven EG forecast uses a power market simulation for the period of 2022-2035. The simulation reflects the anticipated dispatch of all EG resources in the SoCalGas service territory using a base electricity demand scenario under both average and low hydroelectric availability market conditions. The base case assumes the CPUC adopted 2021 Preferred System Plan, which also assumes compliance with the Mid-Term Reliability (MTR).<sup>78</sup> Also assumed in the forecast is compliance with the GHG planning target of 38 million by year 2030. This plan includes an aggressive amount of energy storage resources along with significant renewables resources throughout the study period. While California load-serving entities (LSEs) are working to meet their GHG goals, there are uncertainties as to how much renewable power and energy storage resources will be added specifically during the study period.

The EG demand forecast for the State of California, used in the simulation, is sourced from the CEC's California Energy Demand Forecast, 2021 – 2035, adopted January 2022. This energy demand forecast was developed as part of the CEC's Integrated Energy Policy Report process. The mid energy demand forecast with Additional Achievable Energy Efficiency (AAEE) Scenario 3 and Additional Achievable Fuel Substitution (AAFS) Scenario 2 was selected as the energy demand forecast.

## **Industrial/Commercial/Cogeneration <20 MW**

A segment of EG demand is the commercial/industrial cogeneration (including self-generation) market. This segment is comprised by customers with generating capacity of less

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<sup>78</sup> Decision D.21-06-035.

than 20 megawatts (MW) of electric power. Most of the cogeneration units in this segment are installed primarily to generate electricity for internal customer consumption rather than for the sale of power to electric utilities. Customers in this market segment install their own electric generation equipment for both economic reasons (gas powered systems produce electricity cheaper than purchasing it from a local electric utility) and reliability reasons (lower purchased power prices are realized only for interruptible service). The gas demand in the small cogeneration market was 25.4 Bcf in 2021 and is expected to modestly increase to 27.6 Bcf by the year 2035, or at an average growth rate of 0.6 percent per year. The increase in demand is primarily due to the increasing electric price compared with natural gas.

#### *Refinery-Related Cogeneration*

Refinery cogeneration units are installed primarily to generate electricity for internal use. This market is forecasted to be stable over the 2022 - 2035 forecast period, changing from 23 Bcf in 2021 to 23.6 Bcf in 2035.

#### *Enhanced Oil Recovery--Related Cogeneration*

In 2021, recorded gas deliveries to the EOR -related cogeneration were 4.1 Bcf. EOR demand is forecasted to increase slightly and stabilize in the immediate future before gradually decreasing to 3.9 Bcf by 2035. Crude oil futures prices appear to be elevated and volatile for the immediate future which is expected to result in California EOR operations increasing slightly in the earlier part of the forecast before the gradual decrease, as volatility subsides.

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### *Electric Generation, Including Large Cogen*

EG customers are comprised of utility electric generation (UEG) customers, various Exempt Wholesale Generator (EWG) customers and large cogeneration customers where usage exceeds 20 MW. For the base case (average hydro condition), gas demand is forecasted to decrease from 191 Bcf in 2021 to 113 Bcf in 2035. The main factors for the decline are aggressive energy storage resource additions, paired with significant renewable resource additions and the retirement of older gas-fired plants.

### **Wholesale**

SoCalGas provides wholesale transportation service to SDG&E, the City of Long Beach Energy Resources Department (Long Beach), SWG, and the City of Vernon (Vernon), and Ecogas Mexico, L. de R.L. de C.V. The wholesale load excluding SDG&E is expected to increase from 38.6 Bcf in 2021 to 43.0 Bcf in 2035. The change reflects a 0.77 percent average annual increase.

### *SDG&E*

Under average year temperature and normal hydro conditions, SDG&E gas demand is expected to decrease at an average rate of 1.9 percent per year from 94 Bcf in 2021 to 72 Bcf in 2035. Additional information regarding the composition of SDG&E's gas demand is provided in the SDG&E section of this report.

### *City of Long Beach*

The wholesale load forecast is based on forecast information provided by the City of Long Beach Energy Resources Department. Long Beach's gas use is expected to increase slightly, from 8.8 Bcf in 2021 to 9.3 Bcf by 2035. Additional information regarding the City of Long Beach Energy Resources Department's gas demand is provided in the City of Long Beach Energy Resources Department section of this report.

*Southwest Gas Corporation*

SoCalGas used the forecast prepared by Southwest Gas for this report. In 2021, SoCalGas delivered 9.2 Bcf to Southwest Gas and the total load is expected to rise slightly to 10.3 Bcf by 2035. Refer to Southwest Gas for additional information regarding their gas demand.

*City of Vernon*

The City of Vernon initiated municipal gas service to its electric power plant within the city's jurisdiction in June 2005. Since 2005, there has also been a gradual increase of commercial/industrial gas demand as customers within the city boundaries have left the SoCalGas retail system and interconnected with Vernon's municipal gas system. The forecasted throughput starts at 8.5 Bcf in 2021 and increases to 9.3 Bcf by 2035. The forecasted throughput includes core and noncore customers and includes Malburg Power Plant throughput. Vernon's commercial and industrial load is based on recorded historical usage for commercial and industrial customers already served by Vernon plus the customers that are expected to request retail service from Vernon.

*Ecogas Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V. (Ecogas)*

SoCalGas used the forecast prepared by Ecogas for this report. Ecogas' use is expected to increase, from 12 Bcf in 2021 to 14 Bcf by 2035. Refer to Ecogas or IENova, Ecogas' parent company, for more information.

*Enhanced Oil Recovery Steam*

In 2021, recorded gas deliveries to the EOR market were 8.5 Bcf. EOR demand is forecasted to increase slightly and stabilize in the immediate future before gradually decreasing to 7.4 Bcf by 2035. Crude oil futures prices appear to be elevated and volatile for the immediate future which is expected to result in California EOR operations slightly increasing in the earlier part of the forecast before the gradual decrease, as volatility subsides.

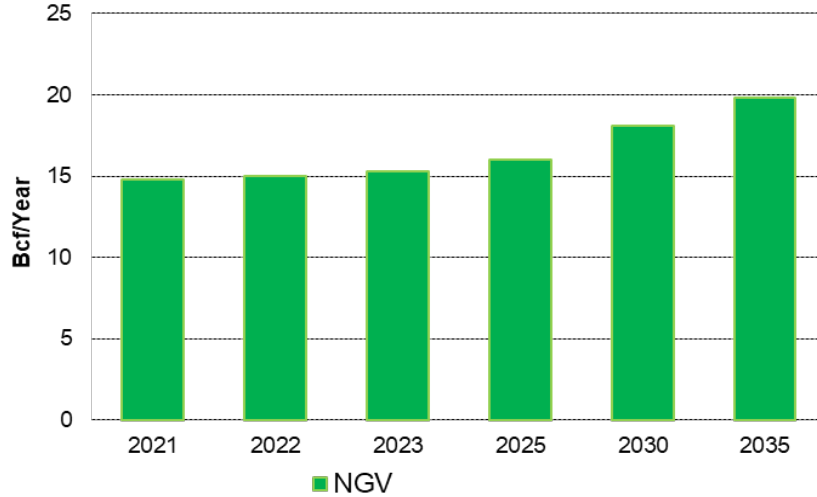
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### *Natural Gas Vehicles*

The NGV market is expected to continue to grow, albeit at a slower rate than in the past. State regulations encourage the adoption of zero emission alternative fuels. Growth will continue for the next several years until zero emission alternative fuels become cost competitive with gasoline and diesel. NGV growth is also supported by the increased use and availability of RNG that provides significant GHG emission reduction and cost reduction benefits.

At the end of 2021, there were 352 CNG fueling stations delivering approximately 15.4 Bcf of natural gas during the year. The NGV market is expected to grow 1.8 percent per year, on average. At the end of 2035, it is expected there will be 414 CNG fueling stations delivering approximately 20.8 Bcf of natural gas during the year.

**FIGURE 21 – NGV DEMAND FORECAST  
(2021-2035)**



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

SoCalGas engages in several energy efficiency (EE) and conservation programs designed to help customers identify and implement ways to benefit environmentally and financially from energy efficiency investments. Programs administered by SoCalGas include services that help customers evaluate their energy efficiency options and adopt recommended solutions, as well as simple equipment retrofit improvements, such as rebates for new hot water heaters.

The forecast of cumulative natural gas savings due to SoCalGas’ energy efficiency programs is provided in the figure below. The forecasts capture savings from programs developed in support of several goals and standards. Efforts were made to exclude the forecasted fuel substitution from the EE forecast. The forecast for fuel substitution is accounted in the separately in the AAFS Scenario 2, published in the CEC’s 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report. The savings shown below represent the net load impact for the energy efficiency portfolio that includes program savings and the codes and standards savings that SoCalGas anticipates will occur through year 2035.

SoCalGas’ EE forecast is based upon inputs from the 2022-23 energy efficiency bi-annual budget advice letter (AL5898-A), utilizing program level energy savings values forecasted for

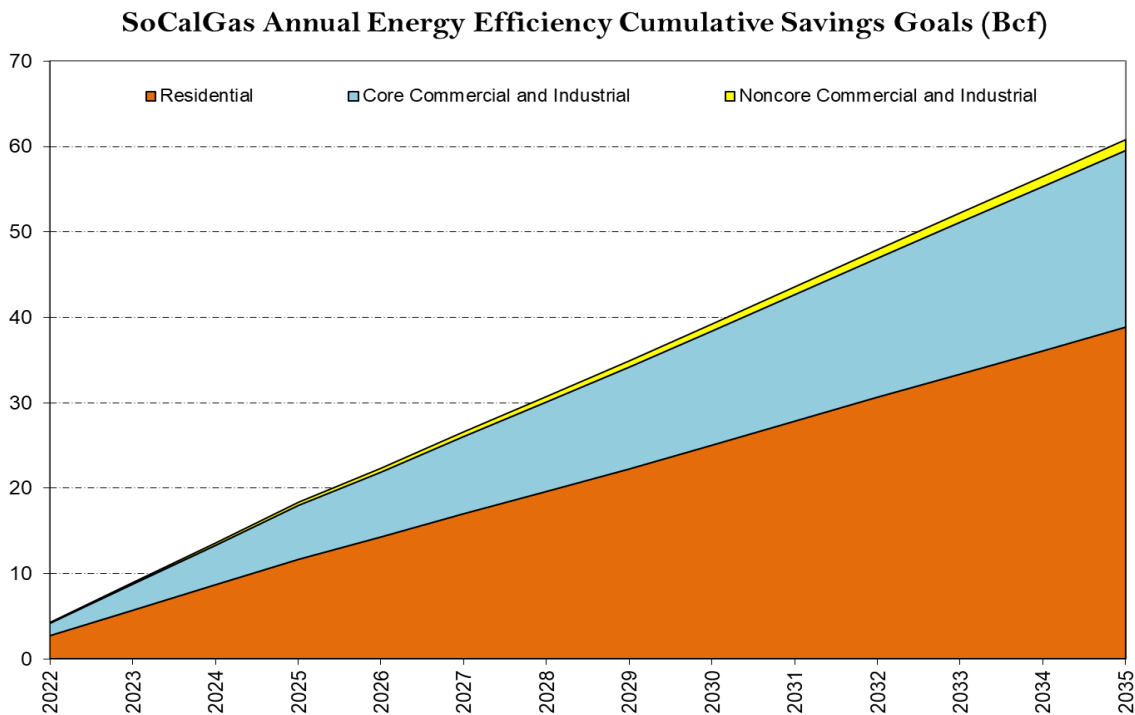
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the 2022 program year. Savings estimates from SoCalGas' 2022 EE programs are grouped by the classifications identified in the 2022 CGR (Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Industrial Refinery). These savings estimates are further split between the core and noncore classifications based on the estimated historical core and non-core savings achievements in 2017-2021. The EE program savings for 2017-2021 have been updated for this report.

Forecasted savings for the 2023-2035 period are based on the 2020 EE forecast scaled to the goals approved in the recent EE proceeding goals decision, D.21-09-037, which set EE goals through 2032. Forecasted savings beyond 2032 are held constant based on 2032 forecasted values. Cumulative savings reflect the lifecycle EE program achievements from forecasted program savings starting in 2022 and does not include lifecycle savings from prior program years. SoCalGas currently uses a 15-year lifecycle for cumulative savings calculations.

### Combined EE Portfolio of EE Programs and Codes and Standards

FIGURE 22



## **GAS SUPPLY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE**

### **GAS SUPPLY SOURCES**

SoCalGas and SDG&E receive gas supplies from several sedimentary basins in the Western U.S. and Canada including supply basins located in New Mexico (San Juan Basin), West Texas (Permian Basin), Rocky Mountains, Western Canada, and local California supplies. Recorded 2017 through 2021 receipts from gas supply sources can be found in the Sources and Disposition tables in the Executive Summary.

### **CALIFORNIA GAS**

Gas supply available to SoCalGas and SDG&E from California sources averaged 69 MMcf/d in 2021.

### **SOUTH-WESTERN U.S. GAS**

Traditional southwestern U.S. sources of natural gas will continue to supply most of Southern California's natural gas demand. This gas is primarily delivered via the El Paso Natural Gas pipeline with some volumes also on Transwestern pipeline. The San Juan Basin's gas supplies peaked in 1999 and have been declining at an annual rate of roughly 2 percent. The Permian Basin has experienced a major increase in gas production as a byproduct of the tremendous amount of oil development in the area. Permian gas production increased by over 130 percent during the period 2017-2021. This increase positioned the Permian Basin as a preferred gas supply source of economical gas.

Mexican demand for southwestern U.S. gas along with east of California demand continue to steadily increase and compete for southwestern supplies. This increasing demand will likely continue to compete with southern California for southwest supplies.



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### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN GAS**

Rocky Mountain supply supplements traditional southwestern U.S. gas sources for southern California. This gas is delivered to southern California primarily on the Kern River Gas Transmission Company's pipeline, although there is also access to Rockies gas through pipelines interconnected to the San Juan Basin. Many pipelines that supply other markets connect to Rocky Mountain region, which allows Rockies gas to be redirected from lower to higher value markets as conditions change.

### **CANADIAN GAS**

Canadian gas only provides a small share of southern California gas supplies due to the relatively high cost of transport.

### **LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS**

US liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports grew in 2021 as additional capacity came online in 2020, however, global LNG demand increased sharply in 2021. Russia supplies to Europe decreased during 2021 which increased the demand for replacement gas in the form of LNG and caused international prices to spike while domestic prices saw less volatility. The global demand increase in 2021 created a supply/demand imbalance in Europe causing prices to spike to record highs. Current LNG supply is insufficient to replace Russian gas previously delivered into Europe which indicates international prices may remain high for several years.

### **RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG)**

In February 2022, the CPUC adopted Decision (D.) 22-02-025 that implemented SB 1440 (Hueso) and established RNG procurement targets for years 2025 and 2030 to be met by the California natural gas utilities, "Joint Utilities", specifically Pacific Gas & Electric, San Diego Gas & Electric, Southern California Gas Company and Southwest Gas. This CPUC Decision established the nation's first Renewable Gas Standard (RGS) and provided additional support to meet the bill's short-lived pollution reduction goals. In particular, SB 1383 requires California to reduce emissions of methane by 40 percent below 2013 levels by 2030 and also develop landfill-diverted organic waste-to-RNG projects.

The RGS includes short and medium term biomethane procurement targets. The 2025 short-term target for biomethane procurement is 17.6 billion cubic feet (Bcf) annually, produced from eight million tons of organic waste, including wood waste, diverted annually from landfills. Joint Utilities, each, are responsible for procuring a percentage of the 17.6 Bcf according to each of their respective Cap-and-Trade allowance shares: Southern California Gas Company 49.26 percent, Pacific Gas and Electric Company 42.34 percent, San Diego Gas & Electric Company 6.77 percent, and Southwest Gas Corporation 1.63 percent.<sup>79</sup> The medium-term target is by year 2030, where the Joint Utilities, shall procure, on an annual basis, an amount of biomethane equivalent to 12.2 percent of its own share of 2020 annual bundled core customer natural gas demand, excluding Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle demand as noted in the California Gas Report (or approximately 72.8 Bcf).<sup>80</sup>

There is a growing recognition that clean fuels like hydrogen and renewable natural gas (RNG) will play an essential role in diversifying energy supplies while also helping California decarbonize and transform into a carbon neutral economy over the next twenty years.<sup>81</sup> RNG is methane produced from anaerobic digestion (AD) or by a non-combustion gasification process of organic feedstock material that can replace traditional natural gas. RNG produced from AD is typically derived from organic waste streams such as dairy manure, landfilled gas, and municipal organic waste (i.e., food scraps, lawn clippings, and animal or plant-based material). Non-combustion gasification pathways typically process agricultural waste, forest debris, and wastewater treatment by-products, among other feedstocks. Under baseline conditions, these organic waste streams typically release methane into the atmosphere as they decompose. Directing these feedstocks toward RNG production can help to capture and prevent the release of methane into the atmosphere.<sup>82</sup>

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<sup>79</sup> D. 22-02-025, op. 14-16.

<sup>80</sup> D. 22-02-025, op. 18.

<sup>81</sup> Final 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report, Volume III.

<sup>82</sup> U.S. EPA's Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) at <https://www.epa.gov/lmop/renewable-natural-gas> .

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RNG interconnected to a gas utility's pipeline<sup>83</sup> replaces traditional natural gas and can similarly be nominated to a variety of end users, providing decarbonized energy for hard-to-electrify sectors of the economy like heavy-duty transportation, industrial activities and dispatchable electric generation. RNG is a drop-in fuel replacing traditional natural gas and does not typically require equipment adjustments, upgrades, replacements or other modifications.

Unlike traditional natural gas, RNG feedstocks are composed of material containing biogenic carbon that has been absorbed from the atmosphere. Carbon emissions from fossil fuels such as traditional natural gas are drawn from geological sources such as deep wells or rocks and contain carbon that has accumulated over a geological timescale. In contrast, biogenic carbon, such as that in RNG, was sourced from the atmosphere on a much shorter biological timescale. This biogenic carbon is cycled from the atmosphere to plants over the course of only a few years or decades.<sup>84</sup> This means that carbon emissions released from the use of RNG are already part of a sustainable natural cycle, which is why GHG reporting protocols treat CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from RNG as carbon neutral.<sup>85</sup> RNG can even be a carbon negative fuel, reducing additional GHG emissions beyond the carbon emissions associated with its combustion, depending on the feedstock and production system used.

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<sup>83</sup> SoCalGas Tariff Rule 30 (<https://www2.socalgas.com/regulatory/tariffs/tm2/pdf/30.pdf>) must be met in order to qualify for pipeline injection into SoCalGas' gas pipeline system.

<sup>84</sup> <https://clear.ucdavis.edu/explainers/biogenic-carbon-cycle-and-cattle>.

<sup>85</sup> [https://www.ipccnggip.iges.or.jp/public/2019rf/pdf/2\\_volume2/19R\\_V2\\_2\\_Ch02\\_Stationary\\_Combustion.pdf](https://www.ipccnggip.iges.or.jp/public/2019rf/pdf/2_volume2/19R_V2_2_Ch02_Stationary_Combustion.pdf); 2.3-2.4 Treatment of Biomass .

Recent reports estimating RNG supply potential published by Livermore Laboratory Foundation,<sup>86</sup> the CEC,<sup>87</sup> E3 and the University of California Irvine,<sup>88</sup> and ICF,<sup>89</sup> illustrate there is a significant amount of feedstock available within California for the production of biogas and RNG to help replace traditional natural gas and help decarbonize the gas grid. These studies estimate between 70 and 170 Bcf of annual RNG production potential available solely from AD with potential for an additional 50 to 257 Bcf of annual RNG available from non-combustion gasification. Studies that sum both AD and gasification estimates provide an estimate between 148 and 387 Bcf of annual RNG potential within California.<sup>90</sup> RNG potential at the higher end of these summed estimates would be sufficient to meet either approximately 75 percent of the 2020 residential natural gas demand in California or approximately 150 percent of the commercial demand, or approximately 45 percent of industrial demand.<sup>91</sup>

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<sup>86</sup> “Getting to Neutral: Options for Negative Carbon Emissions in California,” Livermore Laboratory Foundation & Climateworks Foundation, August 2020. Available at [https://www.eggs.llnl.gov/content/assets/docs/energy/Getting\\_to\\_Neutral.pdf](https://www.eggs.llnl.gov/content/assets/docs/energy/Getting_to_Neutral.pdf).

<sup>87</sup> “Final 2017 Integrated Energy Policy Report,” CEC, February 2018. Available at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2017-integrated-energy-policy-report>.

<sup>88</sup> “The Challenge of Retail Gas in California’s Low Carbon Future, Appendix A,” E3 and University of California, Irvine, 2020. Available at <https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/2019publications/CEC-500-2019-055/CEC-500-2019-055-AP.pdf>.

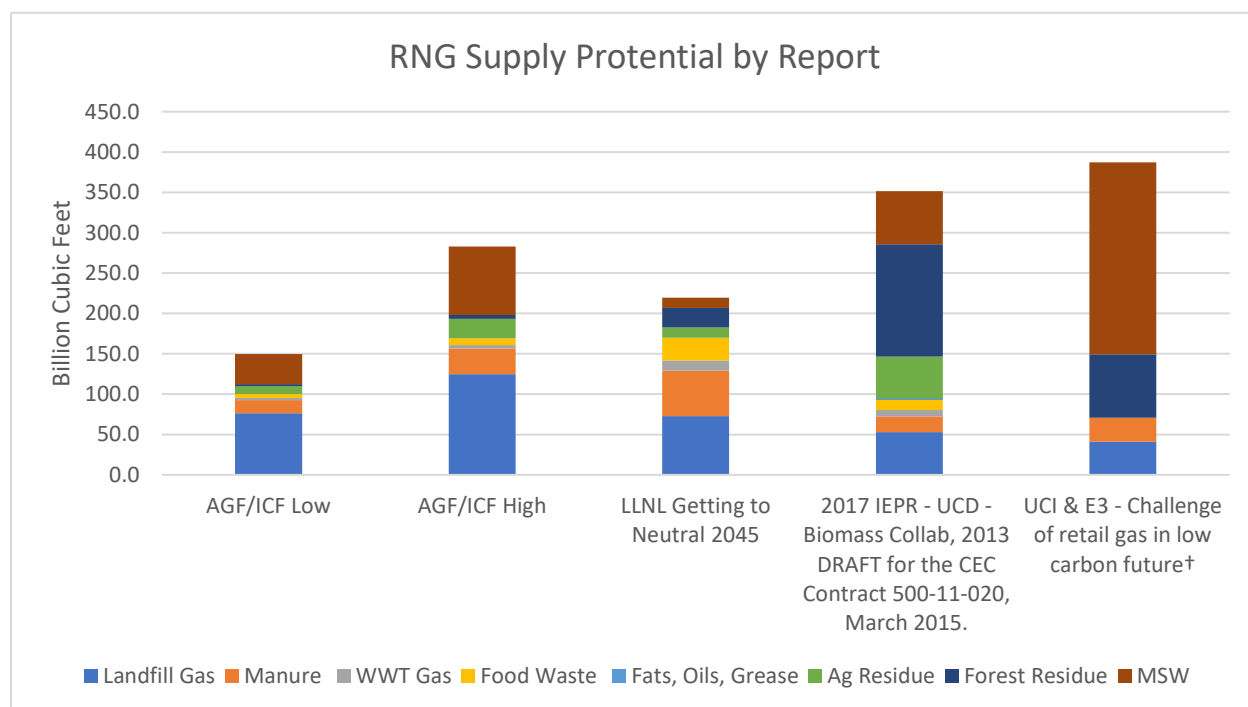
<sup>89</sup> “ICF 2019 Renewable Sources of Natural Gas: Supply and Emissions Reduction Assessment,” American Gas Foundation, 2019. Available at <https://www.gasfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/AGF-2019-RNG-Study-Full-Report-FINAL-12-18-19.pdf>.

<sup>90</sup> Using the top or ‘high’ estimate when a range is documented, but not the ‘technical resource potential,’ which does not consider accessibility or economic constraints.

<sup>91</sup> [https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/NG\\_CONS\\_SUM\\_DCU\\_SCA\\_A.htm](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/NG_CONS_SUM_DCU_SCA_A.htm)

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**Figure 23 – RNG In-State Supply Potential**



## INTERSTATE PIPELINE CAPACITY

California utilities and end users benefit from access to supply basins and enhanced gas and pipeline competition. Interstate, international, and intrastate pipelines serving Southern and central California include the El Paso Natural Gas, Mojave, Transwestern, Kern River, TGN, North Baja, and PG&E pipelines. These pipelines provide southern and central California with access to gas producing regions in the southwest U.S. and Rocky Mountain areas, western Canada, California production and Mexico LNG. Indicated firm capacities for each SoCalGas receipt zone for receiving these supplies are specified in the SoCalGas GBTS Rate Schedule.

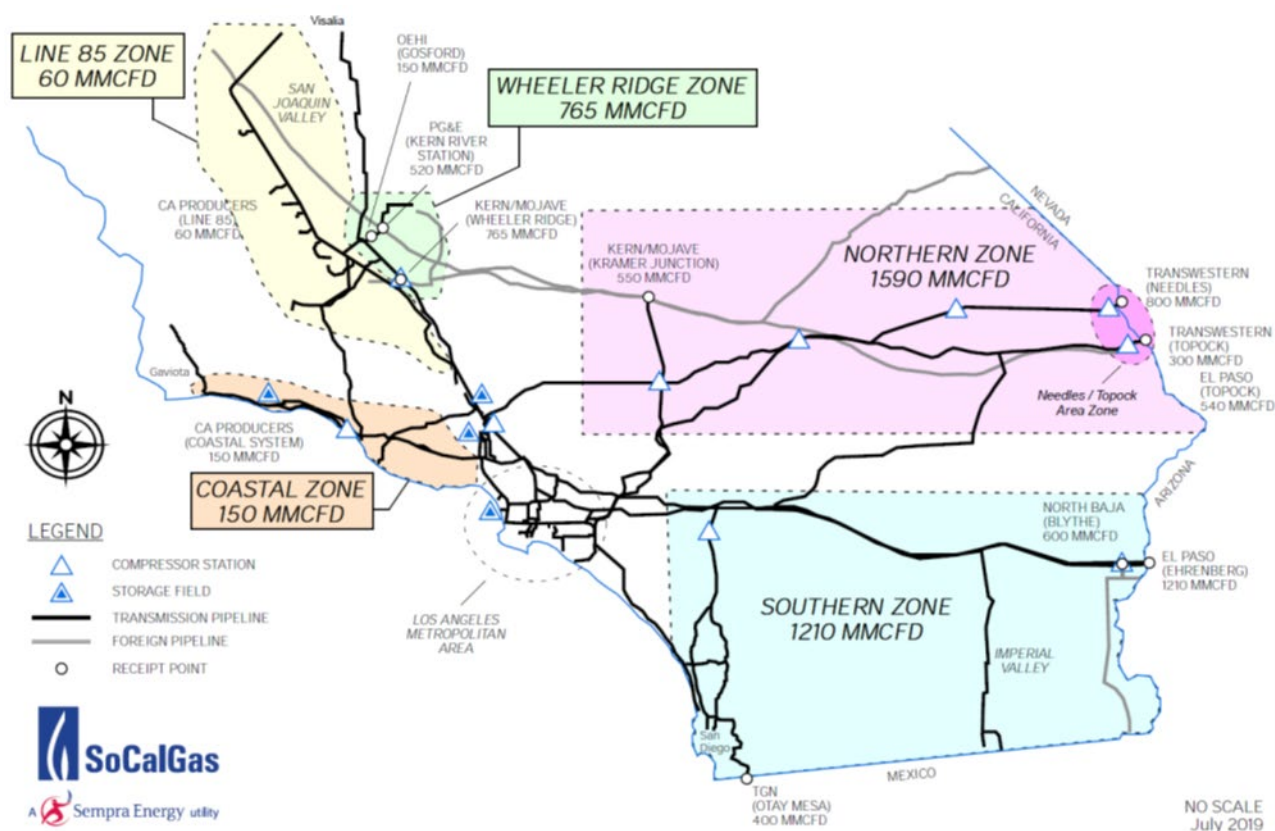
SoCalGas' Southern Zone is connected to U.S. Southwest and Mexico pipeline systems at Ehrenberg, Blythe, and Otay Mesa (to El Paso, North Baja, and TGN) respectively. The Southern Zone has a firm receipt capability of 1,210 MMcf/d.

SoCalGas' Northern Zone is connected to southwestern U.S. Southwest and Rocky Mountain pipeline systems (Transwestern, El Paso, Kern River, and Mojave) at Needles, west of

Topock AZ, and Kramer Junction. The Northern Zone has a nominal firm receipt capacity of 1,590 MMcf/d. Effective October 1, 2021, Line 4000 returned to service at a higher operating pressure. As a result, the amount of firm BTS capacity available in the Northern Zone and the Needles/Topock Area Zone increased to 1,250 MMcf/d and 800 MMcf/d respectively.

SoCalGas' Wheeler Ridge Zone is connected to Kern River/Mojave, OEHI Gosford, and PG&E and receives supplies from the U.S. Southwest, Rocky Mountain, and Western Canada production areas and California production from Elk Hills. The Wheeler Ridge Zone's firm receipt capacity is 765 MMcf/d.

FIGURE 24– RECEIPT POINT AND TRANSMISSION ZONE FIRM CAPACITIES



## STORAGE

Underground storage of natural gas plays a vital role in balancing the region’s energy supply and demand, and for systemwide reliability.<sup>92</sup> Natural gas storage is also used to meet peak daily and seasonal gas demand and to hedge against price volatility in natural gas commodity markets. In addition, natural gas storage has played a role in addressing emergency situations, including extreme weather and wildfires.<sup>93</sup> SoCalGas owns and operates four natural gas

<sup>92</sup> California Council on Science and Technology (CCST), January 2018, Long-Term Viability of Underground Natural Gas Storage in California, An Independent Review of Scientific and Technical Information, Conclusion, 2.4 at pp 504 at: [Full-Technical-Report-v2\\_max.pdf \(ccst.us\)](https://www.ccst.us/full-technical-report-v2-max.pdf) .

<sup>93</sup> *Id.*, Conclusion 2.5 at pp 506.

storage facilities within southern California: Aliso Canyon, Honor Rancho, La Goleta, and Playa Del Rey.



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In Southern California, natural gas storage fields are in areas with specific underground geologic characteristics, and in proximity to local gas consumers and transmission and distribution pipelines. Storage natural gas is withdrawn and delivered to customers through SoCalGas' transmission and distribution systems when customer demand exceeds flowing natural gas supplies and for system balancing.

SoCalGas' natural gas storage fields have a combined theoretical storage working inventory capacity of more than 130 Bcf.<sup>94</sup> However, the combined working inventory for SoCalGas is reduced due to current working inventory regulatory restrictions imposed at Aliso Canyon.

Prior to 2016 the Aliso Canyon working inventory was 86 Bcf.<sup>95</sup> Since October 2015,<sup>96</sup> the CPUC and CalGEM<sup>97</sup> have maintained restrictions on SoCalGas' use of Aliso Canyon. In November 2020, the CPUC set the Aliso Canyon storage inventory level at 34 BCF based on the prior Energy Division reports assessing whether monthly 1-in-10 peak day demand could be met with forecasted storage inventory levels.<sup>98</sup> In November 2021, the CPUC issued an order increasing the inventory limit for the Aliso Canyon Storage Field from 34 to 41.16 Bcf.<sup>99</sup> The CPUC and CalGEM may authorize a different maximum inventory in the future.

In July 2019, to improve short-term reliability and price stability in the southern California region, the CPUC deemed that Aliso Canyon be made available for withdrawals if certain conditions are met.<sup>100</sup> Aliso Canyon may be used for withdrawals only if any of the following four conditions are met: 1) Preliminary low Operational Flow Order (OFO) calculations for any

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<sup>94</sup> SoCalGas 2019 General Rate Case (GRC) Filing, Exhibit SCG-10-R, p. NPN-3 and NPN-4.

<sup>95</sup> As of July 19, 2017, CalGEM authorized Aliso Canyon to operate with a working inventory of equivalently 68.6 Bcf.

<sup>96</sup> Aliso Canyon experienced a natural gas leak in Well SS25 on October 23, 2015. The leak was stopped on February 11, 2016, and SS25 was permanently sealed on February 18, 2016.

<sup>97</sup> Formerly DOGGR.

<sup>98</sup> CPUC Decision (D.)20-11-044.

<sup>99</sup> CPUC Decision (D.)21-11-008 issued on November 4, 2021.

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[https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/News\\_Room/NewsUpdates/2020/WithdrawalProtocol-revised-April112020clean.pdf](https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/uploadedFiles/CPUCWebsite/Content/News_Room/NewsUpdates/2020/WithdrawalProtocol-revised-April112020clean.pdf)

cycle result in a Stage 2 low OFO or higher for the applicable gas day. 2) Aliso Canyon is above 70% of its maximum allowable inventory between February 1 and March 31. 3) Honor Rancho and/or Goleta fields decline to 110% of their month-end minimum inventory requirements during the winter season and 4) There is an imminent and identifiable risk of gas curtailments created by an emergency condition that would impact public health and safety or result in curtailments of electric load that could be mitigated by withdrawals from Aliso Canyon.

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### **STORAGE REGULATIONS**

Since 2015, the CPUC, CalGEM, and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) have proposed and adopted various regulations addressing natural gas storage requirements and standards including safety and reliability. SoCalGas is committed to working with various regulating bodies and policy makers to promote safe and reliable energy and natural gas storage services.

Most recently, PHMSA issued their Final Rule for Underground Storage regulations, CFR Part 192.12, amending its minimum safety standards for underground natural gas storage facilities, effective March 13, 2020. The PHMSA Final Rule adopts API RP 1171, Functional Integrity of Natural Gas Storage in Depleted Hydrocarbon Reservoirs and Aquifer Reservoirs, as published, modifies compliance timelines, formalizes integrity management practices, and clarifies the state's regulatory role.

CalGEM established fourteen California Code of Regulations §1726 California Underground Gas Storage regulations effective October 1, 2018, which includes mechanical testing mandates that require each well to be taken out of service for inspection every 24 months, unless an alternative frequency is approved by CalGEM, and semiannual field shut in tests for inventory certification.

## REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

### STATE REGULATORY MATTERS

#### GENERAL RATE CASE

On September 26, 2019, the CPUC unanimously approved a final 2019 GRC decision that adopted a TY 2019 revenue requirement of \$2.770 billion for SoCalGas which is \$166 million lower than the \$2.937 billion that SoCalGas had requested in its updated testimony. The adopted revenue requirement represents an increase of \$314 million or a 12.8 percent increase over 2018. The final decision adopted post-test year (PTY) revenue requirement adjustments for SoCalGas are \$220 million for 2020 (7.9 percent increase) and \$150 million for 2021 (5.0 percent increase).

In January 2020, the CPUC revised the rate case plans and implemented a 4-year GRC cycle for California IOUs. SoCalGas was directed to file a Petition for Modification (PFM) to revise its 2019 GRC decision to add two additional attrition years including adjustment amounts, resulting in a transitional 5-year GRC period (2019-2023).

In April 2020, SoCalGas filed a PFM of its 2019 GRC decision requesting attrition year increases of \$155 million (+4.95 percent) for 2022 and \$137 million (+4.15 percent) for 2023. In May 2021, the CPUC issued a decision authorizing SoCalGas to apply its PTY mechanism adopted in the 2019 GRC decision to 2022 and 2023 but updated the calculations based on the 2020 4th Quarter Global Insight forecast to more fully capture the impact of Covid-19 to the economy. This decision resulted in revenue requirements of \$3.3 and \$3.4 billion for SoCalGas for 2022 and 2023 respectively, which were slightly less than the original requests made in SoCalGas' PFM.

In May 2022, SoCalGas filed its 2024 General Rate Case seeking to revise its authorized revenue requirements, effective on January 1, 2024, to recover the reasonable costs of gas

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operations, facilities, infrastructure, and other functions necessary to provide utility services to customers. SoCalGas requests a \$4.426 billion revenue requirement for 2024, which, if approved, would be an increase of \$767 million over the expected 2023 revenue requirement, or a 20.9% increase. SoCalGas' 2024-2027 rate request includes investments in four key areas: maintaining and enhancing reliability and safety, supporting sustainability, and promoting innovation and technology to meet operational and customer needs and workforce development. SoCalGas also includes a post-test year revenue requirement and a regulatory account-related proposal. The general rate request process is scheduled to take between 18 months and two years and is expected to conclude in late 2023.

### **GAS RELIABILITY AND PLANNING OIR**

The CPUC initiated a rulemaking (R.20-01-007) to update gas reliability standards, determine the regulatory changes necessary to improve coordination between gas utilities and gas-fired electric generators, and implement a long-term planning strategy to manage the state's transition away from natural gas-fueled technologies to meet California's decarbonization goals.

The rulemaking has two tracks. Track 1 is intended to establish baseline standards and address issues of more immediate concern. These Track 1 issues include: determining whether changes to the reliability standards are needed and, if so, how any additional costs will be recovered and allocated; considering a change to the Operational Flow Order (OFO) penalty structure, which provides a financial incentive for gas customers, including electric generators, to deliver sufficient gas supply; and evaluating whether gas and electric interdependency requires the establishment of new reliability and cost containment protocols. A Proposed Decision (PD) on the OFO penalty structure was issued on March 18, 2022, and voted out at the April 21, 2022, CPUC Business Meeting. A final decision on the remaining Track 1 issues was adopted in July 2022, and includes no changes to design standards, a citation program for failure to meet minimum design standards and new reporting requirements for the California Gas Report starting in 2024.

Track 2 of the Gas Reliability OIR focuses on long-term system planning. Track 2A focuses on gas infrastructure. Its goal is to create new criteria for the CPUC to use when evaluating utility requests for spending on infrastructure as well as for proactively identifying distribution

pipelines that can be decommissioned. In this track, the CPUC seeks to find a balance in which California has sufficient transmission and storage infrastructure to avoid creating reliability issues and scarcity that drive up gas commodity prices while at the same time avoiding unneeded investments that could lead to stranded assets and reducing distribution pipeline miles to decrease revenue requirement over time. The CPUC held two workshops in January and issued a workshop report in March 2022. A PD is expected in November 2022.

Track 2B focuses on equity, rates, safety, and workforce issues. The equity portion focuses on barriers that low-income customers would face in advancing state electrification goals and what the CPUC can do to mitigate those barriers. The rates portion will look at ratemaking strategies and develop ways to mitigate the impact of the gas transition on customer rates both now and in the future. The safety portion will look at ways to streamline safety spending where possible, given that most safety spending is required by state or federal agencies.

Track 2C will focus on data and process, considering a long-term strategy for managing gas planning going forward. It is expected to begin in 2023.

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### ALISO CANYON ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

On February 9, 2017, the CPUC opened the Aliso Canyon proceeding, Investigation I.17-02-002, as directed by SB 380 (Pavley, 2016). SB 380 required the CPUC to “determine the feasibility of minimizing or eliminating the use of the SoCalGas Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility (Aliso Canyon) while still maintaining energy and electric reliability for the region.” This facility is the largest of four gas storage facilities serving southern California. The CPUC has modeled the current gas system, finding that the Aliso Canyon facility is currently necessary for winter reliability and cost containment.

A third-party consultant modeled the costs and benefits of adding new infrastructure that would allow Aliso Canyon to be closed by 2027 or 2035. The consultant modeled several different infrastructure portfolios, including gas infrastructure upgrades, new electricity transmission, increased energy efficiency and building electrification, and additional electric generation and storage. This analysis concluded that any of these portfolios could successfully replace the services provided by Aliso Canyon. The consultant found that any of the portfolios modeled, except for new gas infrastructure, would result in a net decrease in energy system costs, when factoring in the costs of compliance with the Cap-and-Trade Program and Renewable Portfolio Standard, because the benefits of using the new resources would outweigh the investment costs. However, on balance the savings would accrue to gas ratepayers, while electricity ratepayer costs would increase. This analysis did not address costs or usage of the Aliso Canyon site itself. The proceeding remains open, with the CPUC yet to determine whether to order that Aliso Canyon be closed and, if so, what infrastructure will be procured to allow that closure and what the timeline and other parameters will be. The CPUC anticipates a ruling in this proceeding before 2023.

The CPUC is also using this proceeding to determine the Aliso Canyon facility’s maximum allowable gas storage inventory. The allowed inventory level impacts customers rates because higher storage inventory allows for lower gas costs to ratepayers by enabling the utility to buy and store gas when prices are low and use its stored gas when prices are high. The CPUC increased the maximum inventory level for the facility in November 2021 which will remain in place until the Commission issues a new decision in the proceeding.

## **BUILDING DECARBONIZATION POLICY**

In September 2018, former Governor Brown signed two bills into law related to reducing GHG emissions from buildings, SB 1477 and AB 3232. SB 1477 calls on the CPUC to develop, in consultation with the CEC, two programs (BUILD and TECH) aimed at reducing GHG emissions associated with buildings. AB 3232 calls on the CEC, by 2021, to develop plans and projections to reduce GHG emissions of California's residential and commercial buildings to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, working in consultation with the CPUC and other state agencies.

In January 2019, the CPUC issued an OIR on building decarbonization (R.19-01-011). The proposed scope of the rulemaking includes: (1) implementing SB 1477; (2) potential pilot programs to address new construction in areas damaged by wildfires; (3) coordinating CPUC policies with Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards and Title 20 Appliance Efficiency Standards developed at the CEC; and (4) establishing a building decarbonization policy framework. A final decision D.20-03-027 was issued on April 6, 2020, which establishes a framework for CPUC oversight of two building decarbonization pilot programs—the Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD Program) program and the Technology and Equipment for Clean Heating (TECH Initiative) initiative. These two pilot programs are designed to develop valuable market experience for the purpose of decarbonizing California's residential buildings in order to achieve California's zero-emissions goals. SB 1477 makes available \$50 million annually for four years, for a total of \$200 million, derived from the revenue generated from GHG emission allowances directly allocated to gas corporations and consigned to auction as part of the Air Resources Board's (ARB) Cap-and-Trade Program. Incentive eligibility for the BUILD Program shall be limited strictly to newly constructed all-electric building projects, without any hookup to the gas distribution grid.

Phase II issued a Final Decision on November 4, 2021, which adopted the Wildfire and Natural Disaster Resilience Rebuild (WNDRR) Program to support all-electric rebuilding of residential properties that were destroyed or red-tagged due to a natural or man-made disaster on or after January 1, 2017. WNDRR will be offered for a ten-year period (2022-2032) across the service territories of the electric IOUs. Further, the decision directs the electric IOUs to study



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the total electric and gas bill impacts resulting from a customer switching from a natural gas water heater to an electric heat pump water heater (HPWH). Based on this analysis, each electric IOU must propose a HPWH rate adjustment in its next General Rate Case (Phase II) or Rate Design Window applications. In an effort to allow the CPUC and stakeholders to better understand propane use, the decision directs the electric IOUs to ask all new customers whether or not they use: (i) electric space heating equipment; (ii) electric water heating equipment; and (iii) propane to power any appliance other than an outdoor grill. The electric IOUs must report these responses to ED annually beginning on February 1, 2023, along with the number of total customers receiving the all-electric baseline allowance, as well as total customers receiving the new HPWH baseline allowance. Lastly, the decision adopts detailed non-binding guiding principles for how to determine program costs and benefits when programs overlap. These principles apply to the programs adopted under this proceeding (BUILD, TECH, and WNDRR), as well as programs authorized to incentivize clean heating technologies, specifically under Energy Efficiency (EE) (incl. the new statewide Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning and Plug Load Appliance Programs administered by SDG&E), and the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) (HPWH sub-program).

In Phase III of R.19-01-011, the CPUC is considering changing the rules regarding allowances, refunds, and discounts paid to builders to help facilitate the connection of buildings to the gas distribution system. In November 2021, CPUC's Energy Division staff released a report recommending the complete elimination of these payments for all customer classes effective July 1, 2023. According to the staff report, gas ratepayers subsidize gas line extensions at a cost exceeding \$100 million annually. According to the staff report, "By eliminating all gas line extension allowances, builders would be forced to shoulder greater expense if they choose to construct a building that uses gas...the added up-front gas burden would send a signal to builders that building new gas infrastructure is more expensive, and thus make dual-fuel construction less desirable and financially riskier. As such, the builder community would be more likely to gravitate towards all-electric new construction." The CPUC is expected to issue a Proposed Decision in the third quarter of 2022.

## AFFORDABILITY OIR

On July 12, 2018, the Commission instituted the OIR (R.18-07-006) to develop a common understanding, methods and processes to assess, the impacts on affordability of individual Commission proceedings and utility rate requests. This OIR includes gas, electric, water and communications utilities. On July 16, 2020, the Commission issued its Phase 1 decision (D.20-07-032), which defines affordability as the degree to which a representative household is able to pay for an essential utility service, given its socioeconomic status. This decision also adopts three metrics and supporting methodologies to be used by the Commission for assessing the affordability of essential utility services, including: hours at minimum wage required to pay for essential utility services; Socioeconomic vulnerability index (SEVI) of various communities; and ratio of essential utility service charges to non-disposable household income—known as the affordability ratio. The decision does not adopt an absolute definition of what constitutes affordable essential utility services; rather, the decision adopts metrics and methodologies for assessing affordability across utilities over time.

In Phase II of the Affordability Proceeding, a Proposed Decision was issued on June 10, 2021, providing further direction on implementation of the three metrics adopted in Phase I the CPUC will use to assess the affordability of utility service. The PD establishes how the affordability framework will be applied in CPUC proceedings and further develops the tools and methodologies used to calculate the three metrics. Gas and electric utilities must include certain Affordability Ratio and Hours-at-Minimum Wage data in any filing that would result in a revenue increase estimated to exceed one percent of currently authorized systemwide revenues. They must also include various estimated bill impacts by climate zone. The affordability metrics must also be updated at the time of a PD in General Rate Case (GRC) proceedings. SDG&E is directed to introduce the required affordability analysis in its next GRC Phase 2 application. Electric, gas and water utilities will also now all be required to submit quarterly rate trackers to the CPUC, aggregating the rate impacts of their various revenue requirements, pending rate requests, and authorizations.

The CPUC held an Affordability Proceeding 2022 En Banc on February 28 and March 1 of 2022 as part of Phase 3 of Affordability Rulemaking A.18-07-006, which examined proposals to

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contain costs and mitigate rate increases. Stakeholder proposals focusing on gas ratepayers included the following:

- Authorize utilities to deploy capital and recover cost for building decarbonization upgrades via tariffed on-bill structures that enable participation regardless of income, credit score, or renter status.
- Implement rate or infrastructure planning mechanisms to avoid excessive gas infrastructure costs falling disproportionately on residential customers who cannot electrify.
- Determine if electrification warrants securitization and/or accelerated depreciation of natural gas assets.
- Implement a Renewable Balancing Services tariff that would charge different rates to different customer classes, especially during peak hours, based on amount of natural gas use.
- Evaluate natural gas rates and affordability in coordination with the Long-Term Gas Planning Rulemaking.
- Determine how to efficiently prune the natural gas system while providing safety.
- Legislative action to ensure long-term budget availability and use state revenue to recover costs for programs, such as CARE.

The next step in Phase 3 of the proceeding is to build on the En Banc discussions. There will be Statewide listening sessions and a workshop held by the CPUC to solicit recommendations and strategies from parties to mitigate rate increases. A proposed decision is scheduled for Q2-Q3 2023.

## PIPELINE SAFETY

In 2011, the CPUC issued an OIR, R.11-02-019, to develop and adopt new regulations on pipeline safety, requiring that the utilities file implementation plans to test or replace natural gas transmission pipelines that do not have sufficient record of a pressure test.

SoCalGas and SDG&E jointly filed their comprehensive Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP) on August 26, 2011, pursuant to D.11-06-017. The comprehensive plan covered all of the utilities' approximately 4,000 miles of transmission lines and would be implemented in two phases. Phase 1 focuses on populated areas and Phase 2 covers less populated areas of SoCalGas' and SDG&E's service territories.

In June 2014, the CPUC issued D.14-06-007 approving the utilities' plan for implementing PSEP, subject to after-the-fact reasonableness review, established criteria to determine the costs that may be recovered from ratepayers, and authorized the establishment of balancing accounts to facilitate the recovery of costs for implementing Phase 1.

Subsequently, in D.16-12-063 the Commission approved SoCalGas' and SDG&E's joint application, (Application (A.) 14-12-016, requesting review and recovery of \$33.2 million, which is a portion of the tracked PSEP costs incurred prior to June 12, 2014. Additionally, D.16-08-003, approved SoCalGas' and SDG&E's application (A.15-06-013) to establish Phase 2 memorandum accounts. The decision also authorized 50 percent interim cost recovery for Phase 1 actual revenue requirements booked to the regulatory accounts subject to refund, and a long-term procedural schedule for PSEP going forward. D.16-08-003 ordered SoCalGas and SDG&E to transition PSEP to the GRC starting with Test Year 2019 and that future GRC applications could include PSEP costs until implementation of the Plan is complete.

From 2011 through March 2022, SoCalGas and SDG&E have invested approximately \$2.4 billion and \$790 million, respectively, in PSEP, with additional expenditures planned, involving the remediation of more than 450 pipeline miles for SoCalGas and 60 miles for SDG&E.

In D.19-02-004, the Commission approved SoCalGas' and SDG&E's second PSEP Reasonableness Review application (A.16-09-005), which presented costs totaling \$195 million

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(including certain costs for which the utilities are not seeking recovery) of pipeline safety projects completed by June 30, 2015. The Commission approved cost recovery of approximately \$187 million (\$172 million for SoCalGas and \$15 million for SDG&E).

In D.19-03-025, the Commission also approved SoCalGas' and SDG&E's PSEP forecast application (A.17-03-021), finding \$254.5 million associated with twelve SoCalGas Phase 1B and 2A pipeline projects reasonable and eligible for cost recovery. The decision directs SoCalGas and SDG&E to record costs to a one-way balancing account on an aggregate basis and balance to the authorized revenue requirements.

In December 2018, SoCalGas and SDG&E filed a third joint PSEP reasonableness review application (A.18-11-010) requesting cost review and rate recovery for 83 completed Phase 1 projects. The total costs submitted for review are approximately \$941 million (\$811 million for SoCalGas and \$130 million for SDG&E). In D.20-08-034, the Commission approved a settlement agreement which addressed the reasonableness review of approximately \$940 million in costs incurred executing 44 pipeline projects and 39 valve pipeline safety enhancement plan projects by granting cost recovery in total of \$934,607,000.

SoCalGas most recently requested additional PSEP funding in its 2024 GRC application (A.22-05-015) that will enable SoCalGas to continue the implementation and prudent execution of PSEP as mandated in Decision (D.) 14-06-007 and in furtherance of the CPUC's order to complete the Plan "as soon as practicable," while balancing other pipeline safety compliance regulations and the obligation to provide customers with safe and reliable service. Since its inception, the four objectives of PSEP have been and continue to be: (1) enhance public safety; (2) comply with Commission directives; (3) minimize customer impacts; and (4) maximize the cost effectiveness of safety investments.

## ANGELES LINK APPLICATION

On February 17, 2022, SoCalGas filed A.22-02-007 requesting authorization to establish the Angeles Link Memorandum Account, which would track the incremental costs associated with stakeholder engagement, engineering, design, and environmental work for a proposed pipeline delivering “renewable green hydrogen” into the Los Angeles Basin. The application does not specify a cost recovery mechanism for expenses recorded in the memorandum account, but the company could request cost recovery from ratepayers in a future proceeding if the memorandum account is approved. It states that the project must be approved prior to SoCalGas’s next GRC due to the urgent climate benefits that the project would bring. The anticipated costs for the proposed memorandum account do not include construction or capital costs. The application references the use of underground hydrogen transportation infrastructure and “new in-state dedicated hydrogen pipelines,” suggesting much of the pipeline will be new infrastructure built underground.

The application says that the project is designed to facilitate the closure of the Aliso Canyon methane storage facility and preserve energy reliability, as well as address overall climate change concerns. The application does not name specific end users of the renewable hydrogen, but it describes an intent to serve future hydrogen end users, including “hard-to-electrify” industries, electric generators, and the heavy-duty transportation sector. The application says that the foundation of the system would be one or more transmission pipelines that would run from generation sources in areas such as the Central Valley, Mojave Desert/Needles, or the Blythe area. The application does not specify how the hydrogen would be produced other than that it would come from electrolysis powered by renewable electricity.

The application describes three phases for the project. Phase 1 would last from 12 to 18 months and cost an estimated \$26 million. It would support a pre-Front End Engineering and Design analysis assessing hydrogen demand, identifying end users, and conducting energy studies, in addition to engaging stakeholders. Phase 2 would last from 18 to 24 months and cost \$92 million. It would identify a preferred option through design, engineering, and environmental studies and complete refined engineering and implementation plans. Phase 3 would last from 18 to 30 months and cost “several hundreds of millions of dollars.” This phase would prepare

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permit applications, including an application to the CPUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and other long-lead permit applications.

## **FEDERAL REGULATORY MATTERS**

SoCalGas and SDG&E participate in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) proceedings involving interstate natural gas pipelines serving California that can affect the deliveries of gas to their customers. SoCalGas holds contracts for interstate transportation capacity on the El Paso, Kern River, Transwestern, and GTN and Canadian pipelines. SoCalGas and SDG&E also participate in FERC and Canadian regulatory proceedings involving the natural gas industry generally as those proceedings may impact their operations and policies.

## **EL PASO**

On August 15, 2021, El Paso Natural Gas's (EPNG) Line 2000 ruptured near Coolidge, Arizona. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) opened Investigation PLD21FR003 into the incident. On April 19, 2022, EPNG reported that "the pipeline failure remains under a PHMSA order, and the entire Line 2000 system is under a reduced operating pressure. The reduced operating pressure in effect removes the Line 2000 system from service from Black River compressor station to the California border."

On April 21, 2022, FERC issued against EPNG an Order on Cost and Revenue Study, Instituting Investigation and Setting Matter for Hearing Procedures Pursuant to Section 5 of the Natural Gas Act. In that section 5 proceeding, FERC alleged that EPNG may be substantially over-recovering its cost of service, causing El Paso's existing rates to be unjust and unreasonable. The section 5 proceeding is anticipated to be resolved by mid-2023.

## **GTN AND CANADIAN PIPELINES**

SoCalGas acquires its Canadian natural gas supplies from the NGTL pipeline located in Alberta, Canada and transports these supplies through the NGTL pipeline in Alberta, to the Foothills Pipelines Limited Company pipeline (Foothills) in British Columbia, and finally to GTN at the Canadian/U.S. international border.

On November 18, 2021, FERC issued a letter order approving GTN's settlement agreement in lieu of GTN filing a NGA section 4 general rate case filing. That settlement agreement, among other things, maintained existing tariff recourse rates, established a moratorium on rate changes through December 31, 2023, and obligated GTN to file a NGA section 4 rate case in early 2024.

### **NORTH BAJA XPRESS PROJECT**

On April 21, 2022, FERC issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to North Baja Pipeline Company to construct and operate the North Baja Xpress project. The project will enable North Baja to provide 495,000 Dth/day of firm transportation service to Sempra LNG from the EPNG system at Ehrenberg for export to Mexico. The CPCN is conditioned on (1) making the facilities available within 3 years of the order date; (2) compliance with environmental conditions stated in the order; and (3) the execution of a firm service agreement before commencing construction.



## GREENHOUSE GAS ISSUES

### NATIONAL POLICY

Fundamental elements of the nation’s greenhouse gas(es) (GHG) program were established by the Clean Power Plan, which was adopted by the U.S. EPA in August 2015 pursuant to their authority under the federal Clean Air Act. The intent of the Clean Power Plan was to reduce carbon emissions from power plants while maintaining energy reliability and affordability. The Clean Power Plan established customized goals for each state. It was projected to reduce carbon emissions from the power sector 32 percent from 2005 levels by 2030. Individual state targets were based on national uniform “emission performance rate” standards (pounds of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) per MWh) and each state’s unique generation mix.

On February 9, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay of the EPA’s Clean Power Plan, freezing carbon pollution standards for existing power plants while the rule was under review at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In March 2017, President Trump signed an Executive Order directing the EPA Administrator to review the Clean Power Plan and if appropriate, suspend, revise, or rescind the rule. On October 10, 2017, the EPA released a proposed rule to repeal the Clean Power Plan. On June 30, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court determined that the EPA lacks authority under the Clean Air Act to set GHG standards that require power producers to significantly change the generation mix. The Court held that such consequential rules must be based on explicit congressional authorization.

Former President Trump announced the United States’ withdrawal from the Paris Agreement<sup>101</sup> (the international treaty on climate change) in 2017, but a number of U.S. states including California formed the United States Climate Alliance to maintain the objectives of the Clean Power Plan within their state borders separately from the federal government. President

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<sup>101</sup> [The Paris Agreement | UNFCCC](#)

Biden signed an executive order on January 20, 2021, to re-admit the United States into the Paris Agreement. Readmission became effective 30 days later.

## **MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS**

National GHG policymakers realize that motor vehicles are one of the largest sources of GHG emissions, and one of the potential solutions is the substitution of natural gas and electricity for the current diesel and gasoline energy sources. This transition to cleaner fuels will also increase the demand for both natural gas and natural gas-generated electricity. Under the EPA's Mandatory Reporting of GHGs rule, all vehicle and engine manufacturers outside of the light-duty sector must report emission rates of CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrous oxide, and methane from their products.

## **ASSEMBLY BILL 32**

The Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) requires California to reduce GHG emissions to the adopted statewide 1990 level by 2020. AB 32 directs the Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve the “maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective GHG emission reductions”.<sup>102</sup> AB 32 also required the ARB to prepare and approve a scoping plan that provides a roadmap to reach the 2020 emissions reduction target. The first scoping plan was approved by the ARB in 2008 and the ARB is required to update the plan at least once every 5 years. The most recent update, as of this writing, was adopted in December 2017. For each scoping plan, the ARB is required to use a collaborative consultation process through engagement with State agencies including the CPUC and CEC, and a diverse set of stakeholders with public input facilitated through workshops and other meetings. The result is a policy framework that comprises a broad portfolio of recommended GHG reduction strategies and regulations, including a market-based compliance mechanism that are cost effective and minimizes administrative burden and GHG emission leakage.

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<sup>102</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=200520060AB32](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=200520060AB32).

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### **SENATE BILL 32**

SB 32 (Pavley) was enacted on September 8, 2016 and went into effect on January 1, 2017. The law extended the goals of AB 32 by requiring the ARB to ensure statewide GHG emissions are 40 percent below the 1990 levels by 2030. The continuation of the Global Warming Solutions Act keeps California on track with the emission reduction goals of the Paris Agreement. The 2017 Scoping Plan Update incorporated the 2030 target and constructed California's climate policy portfolio that includes doubling building efficiency, increasing renewable power by 50 percent cleaner zero and near-zero emission vehicles, reducing short-lived climate pollutants such as black carbon and limiting industry emissions through a Cap-and-Trade program. The companion bill to SB 32, AB 197, provides increased legislative oversight of the ARB through a Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policies and directed it to take certain actions to improve local air quality. These actions include internet posting of emissions of GHG, criteria pollutants, and toxic air contaminants from stationary and mobile sources, prioritization of specified emission reduction rules and regulations to protect disadvantaged communities, and consideration of the social cost of carbon when preparing plans to meet GHG reduction targets and goals.

On May 10, 2022, the ARB released the Draft 2022 Scoping Plan Update. The draft of the 2022 Update reflects direction from major climate legislation and four Governor's Executive Orders issued since the adoption of the 2017 Scoping Plan Update. One of the executive orders, B-55-18 (signed September 2018) establishes a statewide goal to achieve carbon neutrality (i.e., the point at which removal of carbon pollution from the atmosphere meets or exceeds emissions) as soon as possible, and no later than 2045, and to achieve and maintain net negative GHG emissions thereafter. It also calls for the ARB to ensure future scoping plans identify and recommend measures to achieve this carbon neutrality goal and to develop a framework for implementation and accounting that tracks progress toward the goal. Further, in July 2021, Governor Newsom wrote to the ARB Chair requesting that the ARB evaluate how to achieve carbon neutrality no later than 2035 including analysis of how to reduce or eliminate demand for fossil fuel and end oil extraction in California. Additionally, the Governor asked for the pathway to carbon neutrality to prioritize strategies that reduce emissions of GHG as well as provide public health co-benefits, include an evaluation of cost effectiveness, and protect against leakage

of GHG emissions to other states as mandated by law (AB 32). The Draft 2022 Scoping Plan Update recommends an alternative that achieves carbon neutrality in 2045 and found that the two 2035 alternatives evaluated have much higher direct costs, job losses, rate of slowing economic growth and degree of uncertainty.

### **SENATE BILL 350**

The Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act, or SB 350, was signed into law on October 7, 2015, and sets ambitious goals that will help the State achieve the emissions reduction targets of SB 32. SB 350 increased and extended the RPS target to 50 percent by 2030, which later was amended by SB 100. Additionally, the law requires the state to double statewide energy efficiency savings in both the electric and natural gas sectors by 2030. The GHG reduction targets associated with these requirements are to be incorporated into IRPs, which detail how each required utility will reduce GHGs, deploy clean energy resources and otherwise meet the resources needs of their customers. The Energy Commission is coordinating with other state agencies—including the: CPUC, ARB, and CAISO—to implement the bill. SoCalGas has been engaged with these agencies throughout the process and has provided input.

### **SENATE BILL 1383**

SB 1383 was signed into law on September 19, 2016, establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP) in various sectors of California’s economy.<sup>103</sup> SB 1383 requires a 40 percent reduction in methane, a 40 percent reduction on hydrofluorocarbon gases and a 50 percent reduction in anthropogenic black carbon by 2030, relative to 2013 baseline levels and requires the ARB, the CPUC, and the CEC to undertake various actions related to reducing SLCPs in the state. SB 1383 also establishes targets to achieve a 50 percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and a 75 percent reduction by 2025. The law grants CalRecycle the regulatory authority required to achieve the organic waste disposal reduction targets and establishes an additional target that not less than 20 percent of currently disposed edible food is recovered for human consumption by 2025. The bill mandates the ARB,

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<sup>103</sup> [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB1383](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1383).

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in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, to adopt regulations to reduce methane emissions from livestock and dairy manure operations. SB 1383 also requires state agencies to consider and, as appropriate, adopt policies and incentives to significantly increase the sustainable production and use of RNG.

Pursuant to SB 1383, the ARB formed a Dairy and Livestock GHG Reduction working group in 2017 to help understand ways to reduce dairy and livestock methane emissions by 40 percent from 2013 levels by 2030. The working group's assignment was to identify and address technical, market, regulatory, and other barriers to development of methane reduction projects. SoCalGas actively participated in the working group and its three sub-groups including SoCalGas staff serving as co-chair of the Fostering Markets for Digester Projects sub-group whose task was to establish a roadmap, attentive to the SB 1383 statute dates of July 1, 2020 and January 1, 2024, to significantly expand the number of livestock digester projects in California that support the state's climate and air quality goals.

SoCalGas has participated in the CDFA Dairy Digester Research and Development Program (DDRDP), which provides financial assistance for the installation of dairy digesters in California, which will result in reduced GHG emissions. SoCalGas staff attended and presented at CDFA DDRDP workshops, webinars and listening sessions held in environmental justice (also known as disadvantaged communities) areas near dairies. SoCalGas also provided education and assisted customers who showed interest in the CDFA Program, as well as on other topics related to RNG, such as alternative fuel vehicles. A specific example is our promotion of RNG in our marketing materials especially those developed and displayed at the International Ag Expo held every year in Tulare, California. CDFA also includes a link on their DDRDP website to SoCalGas' RNG website.

## **SENATE BILL 100 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER B-55-18**

The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2019, or SB 100, was signed into law on September 10, 2018. SB 100 sets a state policy that eligible renewable energy and zero-carbon resources supply 100 percent of all retail sales of electricity in California by 2045. The bill also accelerates California's RPS, which, pursuant to a 2016 bill by the same author (SB 350), already mandates that load-serving entities procure at least 50 percent of retail sales from eligible

renewable energy resources by 2030; under SB 100, the 2030 target will be increased to 60 percent, and the 50 percent target will be advanced to 2026, in recognition that California retail sellers are well on their way to achieving the target in advance of the existing deadlines. EO B-55-18 establishes a new statewide goal to achieve economy-wide carbon neutrality no later than 2045. In March 2021, the Joint Agencies (California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, and California Air Resources Board), published the 2021 *SB 100 Joint Agency Report: Achieving 100 Percent Clean Electricity in California: An Initial Assessment*. The report includes a review of the policy to provide 100 percent of electricity retail sales and state loads from renewable and zero-carbon resources in California by 2045. The report assesses various pathways to achieve the target and an initial assessment of costs and benefits. It also includes results from capacity expansion modeling and makes recommendations for further analysis and actions by the joint agencies. The Joint Agencies followed up with a workshop in October 2021 to analyze the non-energy benefits, social costs and reliability. Then the CEC conducted a workshop in collaboration with the CPUC and CAISO in February 2022, to discuss approaches for examining the environmental and land use implications of potential resource portfolios to meet SB 100 targets.

### **ASSEMBLY BILL 3232**

The zero emissions buildings and sources of heat energy bill requires the CEC to assess the potential for the state to reduce the emissions of GHGs from the state's residential and commercial building stock by at least 40 percent below 1990 levels by January 1, 2030. AB 3232 also requires consideration of the impact of emission reduction strategies on grid reliability and as directed by AB 3232, the CEC will conduct additional analyses on strategies and update progress on reducing GHG emissions from residential and commercial buildings in the 2021 and future IEPRs. On August 11, 2021, the California Energy Commission (CEC) voted to adopt the AB 3232 California Building Decarbonization Assessment Final Staff Report (AB 3232 Final Report) during their regular Business Meeting. The Final Commissioner Report was published on August 13, 2021. In addition, a workbook containing updated assumptions being used in the Fuel Substitution Scenario Analysis Tool (FSSAT) was published to the 19-DECARB-01 Docket on February 28, 2022.

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AB 3232 suggests two baseline approaches from which California can track building decarbonization: systemwide and direct emissions. According to the Final Commissioner Report, the bulk of building GHG emissions in 2030 are from today's existing buildings and California has approximately 14 million existing single-family homes and multifamily units. The report defined and analyzed seven GHG emission strategies within seven high-level categories and the analysis concluded that as of 2018, systemwide GHG emissions in residential and commercial buildings are 26 percent below 1990 levels and current policies and activities are on a trajectory to reach 36 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. SoCalGas engaged with the CEC Commissioners and Staff on the Draft Version of the Building Decarbonization Assessment mandated by AB 3232 through attending six public workshops from December 2019 to May 2021 to discuss and share feedback on the findings presented in the AB 3232 Final Report; the CEC received many comments submitted to the public docket 19-DECARB-01.

### **GHG RULEMAKING**

Beginning on January 1, 2015, the ARB's Cap-and-Trade Program expanded to include emissions from all SoCalGas customers. SoCalGas is required to purchase carbon allowances or offsets on behalf of our end-use customers for the emissions generated from the full combustion of the natural gas we deliver. Large end-use customers who emit at least 25,000 mtCO<sub>2e</sub> equivalent per year have a direct obligation to the ARB for their own emissions; therefore, SoCalGas' obligation does not include these customers and they will not be responsible for compliance costs related to end-users from SoCalGas.

The CPUC completed a rulemaking proceeding in late 2015 to determine how the costs related to compliance with the Cap-and-Trade program will be included in end-use customers' rates.<sup>104</sup> The rulemaking had also addressed how revenues generated from the sale of directly allocated allowances will be returned to ratepayers. The rulemaking had initially determined that all Cap-and-Trade compliance costs will be included on a forecasted basis in customers' transportation rates beginning April 1, 2016. Customers with a direct obligation to the ARB for their emissions are exempt from SoCalGas' end-users' compliance obligation and will receive a volumetric credit called the "Cap-and-Trade Cost Exemption" for the amount of their

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<sup>104</sup> CPUC D.15-10-032.

transportation rates that contribute to these costs. All customers' rates will also include compliance costs related to SoCalGas' covered facilities, as well as for Lost and Unaccounted For (LUAF) gas.

In the same CPUC decision, it was determined that revenues generated from the sale of directly allocated allowances would be returned as a fixed, once-annual, California Climate Credit to all residential households on their April bills. Nonresidential customers were not to receive a California Climate Credit. An Application for Rehearing on the use of the revenues generated from the sale of directly allocated allowances was granted in April 2016. As such, the introduction of Cap-and-Trade costs into rates and the distribution of the gas California Climate Credit was delayed. In March 2018, the CPUC issued its Final Decision (D.18-02-017), which directed IOUs to recover Cap-and-Trade costs and distribute the California Climate Credit. It found that: (1) only residential customers are eligible for the California Climate Credit, with the initial Climate Credit to be distributed in October 2018 and in April every year thereafter; (2) GHG compliance costs can be incorporated in transportation rates beginning July 1, 2018, with 2018 costs amortized over 18 months; and (3) the accumulated 2015-2017 GHG costs and revenues are to be netted, with the remaining balance either distributed in the 2018 Climate Credit or amortized in transportation rates.

## **REPORTING AND CAP-AND-TRADE OBLIGATIONS**

The ARB publishes total, covered and non-covered emissions because total emissions are used to calculate California's GHG emissions inventory and covered emissions are used to determine a facility's Cap-and-Trade obligation. At the time of the writing of the 2020 CGR, the 2019 GHG numbers have not been verified by the independent third party. The 2018 numbers were the most recent verified numbers for the reporting category. As of 2018, SoCalGas reported to the ARB *verified* GHG emissions of approximately 41.4 mmtCO<sub>2</sub>E in three primary categories: (1) combustion emissions at five compressor stations and two storage fields, where annual emissions exceed 10,000 mtCO<sub>2</sub>E; (2) vented and fugitive emissions from three compressor stations, two storage fields and the natural gas distribution system; and (3) the GHG emissions resulting from combustion of natural gas delivered to all customers.



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In 2018, GHG emissions for gas delivered to all customers was 39.9 mmtCO<sub>2</sub>e, but 20.7 mmtCO<sub>2</sub>e for gas delivered to non-covered customers. Non-covered customers consist of smaller customers with emissions of less than 25,000 mtCO<sub>2</sub>E. For Cap-and-Trade obligation, 20.7 mmtCO<sub>2</sub>e is the appropriate Cap-and-Trade value. Large, covered customers pay their own Cap-and-Trade bill.

Four of the five facilities subject to the EPA's mandatory reporting regulation are also subject to ARB's Cap-and-Trade Program. On January 1, 2015, natural gas suppliers became subject to the Cap-and-Trade Program and now have a compliance obligation for GHG emissions from the natural gas use of their small customers (i.e., those customers who are not covered directly under ARB's Cap-and-Trade Program). More recently, SoCalGas estimated that its GHG emissions compliance obligation as a natural gas supplier to be approximately 22.0 mtCO<sub>2</sub>E for 2019. ARB will issue final 2019 GHG emissions compliance obligations for natural gas suppliers in November 2020.

The adoption of rules and procedures to minimize natural gas leakage from Commission-regulated natural gas pipelines consistent with Pub. Util. Code Section 961 (d), § 192.703 (c) of Subpart M of Title 49 of the CFR, and the Commission's General Order 112-F are covered under R.15-01-008. As part of this rulemaking, natural gas utilities are required to annually report their methane emissions from intentional and unintentional releases as well as their leak management practices. In 2020, SoCalGas reported 2.2 Bcf of methane emissions from intentional and unintentional releases for the year 2019. These emissions were reported in the SB 1371 report. Only some intentional emissions are subject to the ARB Cap-and-Trade Program.

## **PROGRAMMATIC EMISSIONS REDUCTION: CALIFORNIA GHG REDUCTION STRATEGIES**

The ARB has the responsibility to develop the broad strategies to achieve California's GHG emissions reduction targets. The 2017 Scoping Plan Update identified several strategies to achieve the 2030 target to reduce emissions by 40 percent from 1990 levels: double building

efficiency; 50 percent renewable power; cleaner transportation; and reduce SLCPs and Cap emissions from various sectors. The SLCP includes targets to reduce methane emissions from organic sources of methane and methane leakage from the oil and gas industry.

The CPUC has an on-going Rulemaking, R.15-01-008, to implement SB 1371, which requires the adoption of rules and procedures to minimize natural gas leakage from Commission -regulated natural gas pipeline facilities. In [D.17-06-015](#), utilities were ordered to implement a Natural Gas Leak Abatement Program consistent with 26 Best Practices for emission mitigation. This proceeding is led by the CPUC in consultation with the ARB. The first phase will develop the overall policies and guidelines for a natural gas leak abatement program consistent with SB 1371. The second phase will develop ratemaking and performance-based financial incentives associated with the natural gas leak abatement program determined through Phase 1 of the proceeding. Energy efficiency and renewables are considered fundamental to GHG emission reduction in the electric sector. As a result, integration of additional renewables will require quick-start peaking capacity for firming and shaping of intermittent power, which in the foreseeable future will be gas-fired combustion turbines.

## **RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS**

### **STATE AND FEDERAL POLICIES FOR RNG**

#### **STATE POLICIES ON RNG**

AB 1900 (2012, Gatto) required that the Commission open a rulemaking to ensure that each gas corporation provide non-discriminatory open access to its gas pipeline system to any party for the purposes of physically interconnecting with the gas pipeline system and effectuating the safe delivery of gas. On February 13, 2013, the Commission opened the order instituting rulemaking (OIR) R.13-02-008, (or ‘Biomethane OIR’) to adopt a biomethane standard and requirement, pipeline open access rules, and related enforcement provisions. In collaboration with and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, the Commission determined that biomethane could be safely injected into the natural gas pipeline system and Decision D.14-01-034 (January 16, 2014) adopted pipeline injection standards for 17 constituents of concern

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potentially found in biomethane. The establishment of these biomethane injection standards was Phase 1 of the Biomethane OIR.

Phase 2 of the Biomethane OIR resulted in Decision D.15-06-029, which adopted a biomethane interconnector monetary incentive program to encourage the development of biomethane projects interconnecting to the utilities gas pipeline systems. The incentive program authorized a total of \$40 million for incentives, providing up to \$1.5 million per project that successfully interconnect and operate by June 11, 2020. Pub. Util. Code § 399.19 later increased the incentive amounts to \$3 million for non-dairy clusters and \$5 million for dairy clusters and extended the incentive program to December 31, 2021.

On October 2, 2019, Governor Newsom signed into law SB 457, which extended the biomethane incentive program again until December 31, 2026, or until all available program funds were expended. Decision D.19-12-009 implemented the SB 457 extension which also implemented a reservation system for the biomethane monetary incentive program that allowed project developers to reserve incentive funds during the development of a project and receive the incentive funds once the project is operating. The Incentive Reservation System is publicly available online to promote the transparency of the use of funds and all \$40 million earmarked for incentives was reserved by 11 biomethane projects, with an additional 8 projects placed on a waiting list for possible incentive funding later.

Phase 3 of the Biomethane OIR addressed the need for a statewide standard renewable gas interconnection tariff (SRGIT) and interconnection agreement (SRGIA) between the California natural gas utilities and RNG developers. On August 27, 2020, the Commission issued decision D.20-08-035, which adopted the SRGIT filed by SoCalGas, SDG&E, Southwest Gas, and PG&E (IUOs). Decision D.20-08-035 also allocated an additional \$40 million for biomethane interconnection incentives to assist those RNG interconnection projects on the incentive waiting list.

Phase 4 of the Biomethane OIR was opened November 21, 2019, to address two issues: (1) standards for injection of renewable H<sub>2</sub> into gas pipelines; and (2) implementation of SB 1440 that was signed into law on September 23, 2018 and required the Commission to consider adopting biomethane procurement targets (or goals) for each natural gas corporation in the state.

## **SB 1440 AND RNG**

On February 24, 2022, the Commission issued Decision D.22-02-025 to implement SB 1440 and defined two biomethane procurement targets for the IOUs. A short-term 2025 biomethane procurement target was set at 17.6 billion cubic feet (BCF) of biomethane, which corresponds to 8 million tons of organic waste diverted statewide annually from landfills. This target was set to support the organic waste diversion targets established previously in SB 1383. With this target, each utility will be responsible for procuring only RNG produced from organic waste, including wood waste, at a level in accordance with its proportionate share of statewide Cap-and-Trade allowances.

The medium-term 2030 target for annual biomethane procurement was established at 72.8 BCF to assist the state achieve its goal to reduce methane emissions 40 percent by 2030<sup>105</sup> and is referred to as a “Renewable Gas Standard” (RGS) for California.<sup>106</sup> With this target, each utility will be responsible for procuring a percentage of the total in accordance with its proportionate share of 2020 annual bundled core customer natural gas demand, excluding NGV demand, as noted in the 2020 California Gas Report. Each utility may procure RNG produced from other feedstocks besides organic waste, including landfill, WWTP, Syngas or dairy.<sup>107</sup>

## **SB 1383 AND RNG**

Another significant driver for RNG development in California is SB 1383. Signed into law on September 19, 2016, SB 1383 required the state board to implement a comprehensive strategy to reduce emissions of SLCPs so as to achieve a reduction in methane by 40%, hydrofluorocarbon gases by 40%, and anthropogenic black carbon by 50% below 2013 levels by 2030. The bill established specified targets for reducing organic waste in landfill and required state agencies to consider and, as appropriate, adopt policies and incentives to significantly increase the sustainable production and use of renewable gas.

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<sup>105</sup> SB-32 California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

<sup>106</sup> D.22-02-025, p. 32.

<sup>107</sup> Dairy purchases are limited to 4% of the total utility proportionate share of the target volume.

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SB 1383 requires that beginning in 2022, all cities and counties provide organic waste collection services to all residents and businesses and also recycle these organic materials at recycling facilities such as anaerobic digestion facilities that create biofuel and electricity or composting facilities that make soil amendments. City and county governments are also required to procure prescribed amounts of products from in-state recycled organic material depending on their population. Allowed recycled products are, compost, mulch that meets SB 1383 regulations, renewable gas used as fuel for transportation, electricity, or heating applications and electricity generated from biomass conversion of municipal-solid-waste.

SB 1383 also required that the CPUC implement at least 5 dairy biomethane pilot projects to demonstrate interconnection to the common carrier pipeline system. For these pilot projects the gas corporations were allowed to fund and recover in rates the cost of pipeline infrastructure, including biogas collection lines and costs to interconnect with existing pipelines, removing many upfront costs developers would otherwise have to incur. On December 3, 2018, a selection committee consisting of staff members and attorneys from the CPUC, the ARB, and the CDFG, selected six dairy biomethane pilot projects. Four pilot projects are in SoCalGas service territory: CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC; CalBioGas North Visalia LLC; CalBioGas South Tulare LLC; and Lakeside Pipeline LLC. (The other two projects are in PG&E service territory: Maas Energy Works in Merced; and Weststeyn Dairy in Willows.)

### **A.19-02-005<sup>108</sup> AND RNG**

On February 28, 2019, SoCalGas and SDG&E filed a joint application A.19-02-005 for a voluntary RNG Tariff offering that would give the option to residential and small industrial and commercial customers to identify an amount of their monthly natural gas bill for the purchase of RNG in lieu of traditional natural gas. On December 17, 2020, Decision D.20-12-022, approved the voluntary renewable natural gas tariff authorizing a three-year voluntary Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Tariff pilot program with two additional years for program wind-down. On March 14, 2022 SoCalGas filed an Advice Letter affirming their intention to implement the program

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<sup>108</sup> On June 21, 2021, the Commission granted the Utilities' request for an extension of time to comply with D.20-12-022 as the Commission had provided guidance in OP 1(a) of D.20-12-022 that the Utilities should wait to consider sourcing long-term contracts for the voluntary RNG pilot program in conjunction with any RNG procurement authorized in the implementation of SB 1440.

within one year and review contract opportunities now that D.22-02-025 has implemented SB 1440.

## FUEL STANDARDS AND RNG

Fuel standards are evolving and becoming more stringent in California. Established by Executive Order and signed into law by then Governor Schwarzenegger in 2007, the fuel standard required a 10 percent carbon intensity reduction in the transportation sector by 2020. Those regulations were amended in 2018 to require a 20 percent reduction by 2030. The fuel standard(s) require fuel providers to ensure that the mix of fuel they sell into the California market meets, on average, provides a declining standard for GHG emissions measured in CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent grams per unit of fuel energy sold.

There is a significant amount of RNG used in California NGVs. The most recent data from the Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) Program<sup>109</sup> shows that approximately 98 percent of fuel delivered to NGVs in 2021 was RNG. The chart below shows how RNG usage in this important program has grown over time. Since 2013, RNG use by NGV's has displaced more than 886 million gallons of diesel fuel and has been responsible for reducing more than 8.4 MMT of carbon emissions.<sup>110</sup>

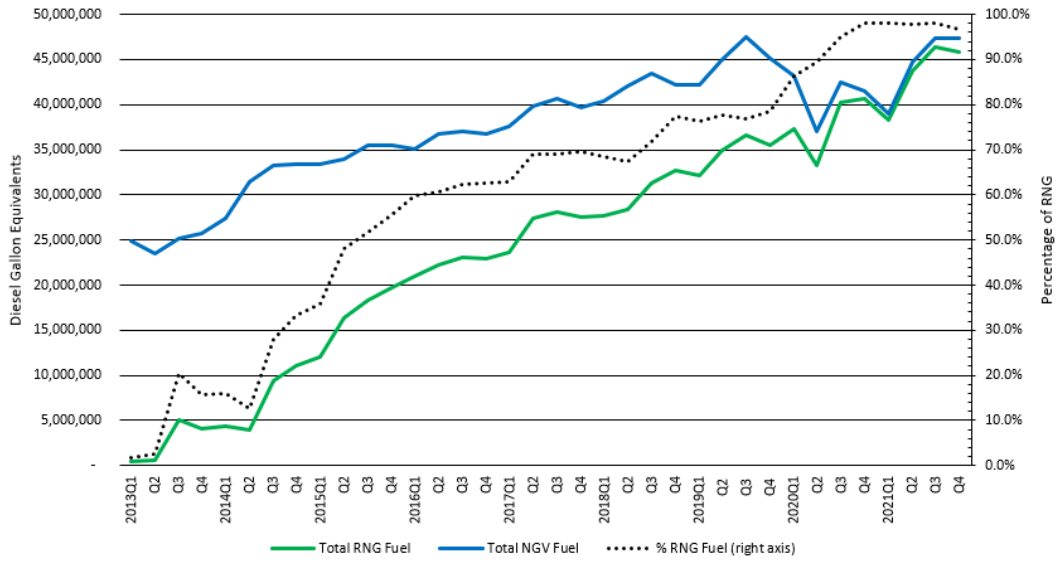
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<sup>109</sup> [https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/quarterlysummary\\_043022.xlsx](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/quarterlysummary_043022.xlsx).

<sup>110</sup> *Id.*

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**Figure 25 - LCFS Program NGV Statistics for Years 2013 - 2021**



The California NGV market continues to represent an important growth opportunity for RNG due to the economic incentives available from the LCFS Program and the Federal Renewable Fuel Standard, which help to offset the price premium between RNG and traditional fuels such as natural gas or diesel.

SoCalGas opted into the LCFS program in 2013 and began generating credits from fossil natural gas dispensed at utility owned CNG refueling stations that serve both company vehicles and the general public. In 2018, the CPUC approved a SoCalGas Advice Letter to initiate a Voluntary RNG Procurement Pilot program to procure and dispense RNG at its utility owned CNG stations. As RNG is an eligible alternative fuel under LCFS program and EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), it generates Renewable Identification Number credits from the RFS Program in addition to the LCFS credits. The value from the credits generated is returned to CNG customers by reducing the price at the pump. Also, RNG has a lower carbon intensity than traditional CNG and will generate more credits per unit of energy under the LCFS program. On April 1, 2019, SoCalGas began procuring 100 percent RNG at all utility owned CNG stations. SoCalGas anticipates the Pilot will result in more value returned to its CNG customers while supporting the development of the RNG market.

### **CAP-AND-TRADE**

The Cap-and-Trade Regulation establishes a declining limit on major sources of GHG emissions throughout California. The Program applies to certain GHG emission sources and certain fuel suppliers, including natural gas utilities. CARB creates allowances equal to the total amount of permissible emissions and each year reduces the number of allowances created as the annual cap declines. An increasing auction reserve price for allowances and the reduction in annual allowances provides a carbon price signal intended to promote GHG emissions reductions. Many entities covered under the regulation must purchase allowances at quarterly auctions, however, qualifying RNG is exempt from compliance obligations under the program.



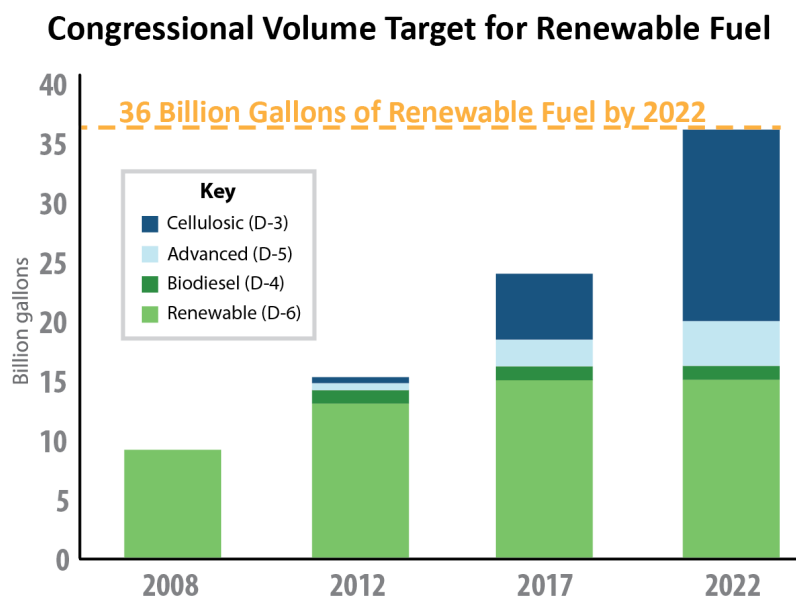
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### FEDERAL POLICIES ON RNG

#### RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD (RFS)

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is a federal program that requires transportation fuel sold in the United States to contain a minimum volume of renewable fuels to expand the use of renewable fuels and reduce reliance on imported oil. RFS originated with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and was expanded and extended by Congress in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). The RFS program provides a market-based monetary value for renewable fuels, including RNG that can be combined with LCFS incentives to increase the incentive amounts available to RNG developers, suppliers, or marketers. The RFS requires renewable fuel to be blended into transportation fuel in increasing amounts each year, escalating to 36 billion gallons by 2022.<sup>111</sup> For a fuel to qualify as a renewable fuel under the RFS program, EPA must determine that the fuel qualifies under the statute and regulations and the fuel must achieve a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as compared to a 2005 petroleum baseline.<sup>112</sup>

**Figure 26 – Federal Renewable Fuel Targets**



<sup>111</sup> <https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/overview-renewable-fuel-standard>

<sup>112</sup> *Id.*

## HYDROGEN

Hydrogen is the simplest and most abundant element, making up approximately 75 percent of the observable universe. Hydrogen can be utilized as a fuel to generate energy. With its abundance and simple chemical structure, hydrogen can be manufactured from feedstock such as methane, or water and electricity, using scalable, sustainable, and renewable methods. Hydrogen has favorable emissions characteristics because it does not contain carbon or produce GHG when it is consumed. For this reason, hydrogen can play an important role in the transition to a clean, low-carbon energy system in California.<sup>113</sup>

As part of the State of California's climate strategy, hydrogen can provide important GHG emissions reductions, and can also play a key role in enabling the use of zero-emissions fuel cell electric vehicles, which can reduce criteria emissions from on-road diesel, the largest and hardest to electrify contributors to the State's black carbon and nitrogen oxides (NOx) inventories.<sup>114</sup> California has also been at the forefront of developing hydrogen fueling stations to demonstrate the feasibility of hydrogen-fueled transportation and the potential that such a network creates for deployment of light duty fuel-cell electric vehicles (FCEVs).

Hydrogen fuel for transportation was adopted in California through the policy framework by Assembly Bill (AB) 8, which provided certainty for hydrogen fueling station deployment.<sup>115</sup> In addition, new programs and policies have been developed and initiated to ensure that some of the most ambitious public-private goals are met as projected. The Low Carbon Fuel Standard's (LCFS) Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure (HRI) credit provisions took effect, predicated on the goal of reaching 200 hydrogen stations by 2025 as described by Governor Brown's Executive Order B-48-18 (EO B-48-18).<sup>116</sup>

Globally, hydrogen is widely seen as a pivotal component of the future clean energy economy. The two primary technological processes used today to produce hydrogen are electrolysis and

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<sup>113</sup> <http://hydrogencouncil.com> .

<sup>114</sup> <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/inventory/slcp/slcp.htm> .

<sup>115</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140AB8](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB8) .

<sup>116</sup> <https://www.ca.gov/archive/gov39/2018/01/26/governor-brown-takes-action-to-increase-zero-emission-vehicles-fund-new-climate-investments/index.html>.

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reformation, including steam methane reformation (SMR) and autothermal reformation (ATR). Hydrogen is also produced when organic mass is gasified, but this “syngas,” consisting of mainly carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrogen, is typically an intermediate product often used to generate methane or electricity. Reforming is a mature technology and is the most economical way to produce hydrogen, supplying 95% or more of the hydrogen used in the United States today.<sup>117</sup> The electrolysis process uses renewable electricity to split water (H<sub>2</sub>O) into hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) and oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>).

As a gaseous fuel, hydrogen can help decarbonize the gas grid and be used in a variety of end use applications, beyond transportation. The hydrogen can either be stored directly, or methanated and injected into the natural gas grid to be stored and delivered to a variety of end uses, supplementing or displacing traditional natural gas. Storing hydrogen from electrolysis is a scalable and versatile energy storage pathway.

In 2022, SoCalGas proposed the development of what would be the nation's largest green hydrogen energy infrastructure system, the Angeles Link, to deliver clean, reliable energy to the Los Angeles region. As proposed, the Angeles Link would support the integration of more renewable electricity resources like solar and wind and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from electric generation, industrial processes, heavy-duty trucks, and other hard-to-electrify sectors of the Southern California economy. The proposed Angeles Link would also significantly decrease demand for natural gas, diesel and other fossil fuels in the LA Basin, helping accelerate California’s and the region's climate and clean air goals.

Electrolytic green hydrogen is produced entirely from renewable electricity, and it expands our renewable energy storage capabilities, allowing us to utilize more renewable electricity and avoid curtailment while reducing emissions in hard-to-electrify sectors. As contemplated, the Angeles Link would deliver green hydrogen in an amount equivalent to almost 25 percent of the natural gas SoCalGas delivers today. Building the system to provide a clean alternative fuel could, over time and combined with other future clean energy projects, reduce

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<sup>117</sup> The Potential to Build Current Natural Gas Infrastructure to Accommodate the Future Conversion to Near-Zero Transportation Technology, Institute of Transportation Studies, UC Davis (March 2017), available at <https://steps.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-UCD-ITS-RR-17-04-1.pdf>

natural gas demand served by the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility, facilitating its ultimate retirement while continuing to provide reliable and affordable energy to the region.

## PEAK DAY DEMAND

Beginning in April 2008, gas supplies to serve both SoCalGas’ and SDG&E’s bundled core gas demand are procured as a combined portfolio. SoCalGas and SDG&E plan and design their systems to provide continuous service to their core customers under an extreme peak day event. On the extreme peak day event, service to all noncore customers is assumed to be fully interrupted. The criteria for extreme peak day design is defined as a 1-in-35 likelihood event for each utility’s service area. This criteria correlates to a system average temperature of 40.5 degrees Fahrenheit for SoCalGas’ service area and 43.3 degrees Fahrenheit for SDG&E’s service area.

**TABLE 28 – CORE 1-IN-35 YEAR EXTREME PEAK DAY DEMAND  
(MMcf/d)**

Year	SoCalGas Core Demand <sup>1/</sup>	SDG&E Core Demand <sup>2/</sup>	Other Core Demand <sup>3/</sup>	Total Demand	<i>Estimated AAFS Impact on Core Peak Day Demand <sup>5/</sup></i>
2022	2,869	404	170	<b>3,443</b>	-2
2023	2,827	403	170	<b>3,401</b>	-9
2024	2,782	402	171	<b>3,355</b>	-25
2025	2,735	400	173	<b>3,308</b>	-44
2026	2,691	398	174	<b>3,263</b>	-65
2027	2,647	397	175	<b>3,218</b>	-88
2028	2,601	395	176	<b>3,173</b>	-113

Notes:

- (1) 1-in-35 peak temperature cold day SoCalGas core sales and transportation. Forecast embodies the baseline forecast with load modifiers that include changing weather design to account for climate change, assumed EE savings and assumed fuel substitution under AAFS 2.
- (2) 1-in-35 peak temperature cold day SDG&E core sales and transportation.
- (3) 1-in-35 peak temperature cold day core demand of Southwest Gas Corporation, City of Long Beach, City of Vernon, and Ecogas.
- (4) The criteria for extreme peak day design are defined as a 1-in-35 likelihood event for each utility’s service area. These criteria correlate to a system average temperature of 40.5 degrees Fahrenheit for SoCalGas’ service area and 43.3 degrees Fahrenheit for SDG&E’s service area.
- (5) Estimated impact shown represents SoCalGas and SDG&E’s combined AAFS impacts. SoCalGas and SDG&E’s AAFS Impacts are included in the forecast of Peak day demand of “SoCalGas Core Demand”, “SDG&E Core Demand”, and “Total Demand”.

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Demand on an extreme peak day is met through a combination of withdrawals from underground storage facilities and flowing pipeline supplies. The following table provides forecasted core extreme peak day demand.

SoCalGas aligned around the fuel substitution scenario developed by the California Energy Commission (CEC). SoCalGas emphasizes that we are still in the early stages of this energy transition and forecasts around the timing and degree of these changes are highly uncertain. These forecasts will improve over time as trends are observed in the real world and policy and market drivers mature. SoCalGas will be actively monitoring these trends and expects that each update of the CGR will incorporate greater definition of these factors and their impact(s) on the resultant gas demand segment forecasts.

It is also important to note that the CGR is relied upon for system planning purposes to inform important infrastructure investment and operating decisions that impact the natural gas system capacity and reliability. For these reasons, it is important to recognize that while we need to evolve with the energy transition, we also consider a measured view around prospective load reductions to avoid premature design standard reductions that may not serve California well if less load reductions materialize than are anticipated. We have an obligation to our customers to make sure they have safe, clean, reliable and affordable sources of energy and compromising these outcomes based on prospective and uncertain projections will not serve the public interest so ambition must be appropriately balanced with reality.

The CPUC has also mandated that SoCalGas and SDG&E design its system to provide service to both core and noncore customers under a winter temperature condition with an expected recurrence interval of 10 years. The demand forecast for this 1-in-10-year cold day condition is shown in the table below.

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**TABLE 29 – WINTER 1-IN-10 YEAR COLD DAY DEMAND CONDITION  
(MMcf/d)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>SoCalGas Core <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>SDG&amp;E Core <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Other Core <sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Noncore NonEG <sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>Electric Generation <sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>Total Demand</b>	<i>Estimated AAFS Impact on Core Peak Day Demand <sup>(7)</sup></i>
2022	2,709	380	150	621	812	4,672	-2
2023	2,670	380	150	621	792	4,612	-9
2024	2,628	378	151	622	749	4,528	-23
2025	2,584	376	152	622	725	4,459	-41
2026	2,542	375	153	621	710	4,402	-61
2027	2,500	373	154	621	735	4,383	-83
2028	2,458	372	155	620	669	4,274	-107

Notes:

- (1) 1-in-10 peak temperature cold day SoCalGas core sales and transportation.
- (2) 1-in-10 peak temperature cold day SDG&E core sales and transportation.
- (3) 1-in-10 peak temperature cold day core demand of Southwest Gas Corporation, City of Long Beach, City of Vernon, and Ecogas.
- (4) Noncore-Non-EG includes noncore non-EG end-use customers of SoCalGas, SDG&E, Southwest Gas Corporation, City of Long Beach, City of Vernon, and Ecogas. Average daily December Noncore-Non-EG demand for all market segments except Refinery and SoCalGas noncore Commercial; SoCalGas noncore Commercial is at 1-in-10 peak temperature cold day demand and Refinery is at connected load.
- (5) Electric Generation includes UEG/EWG Base Hydro, large cogeneration, industrial and commercial cogeneration (<20MW), refinery-related cogeneration, and EOR-related cogeneration.
- (6) The criteria for 1-in-10 peak day design are defined as a 1-in-10 likelihood event for each utility's service area. These criteria correlate to a system average temperature of 42.2 degrees Fahrenheit for SoCalGas' service area and 44.8 degrees Fahrenheit for SDG&E's service area.
- (7) Estimated impact shown represents SoCalGas and SDG&E's combined AAFS impacts. SoCalGas and SDG&E's AAFS Impacts are included in the forecast of Peak day demand of "SoCalGas Core Demand", "SDG&E Core Demand", and "Total Demand".

The SoCalGas and SDG&E system is a winter peaking system; peak demand is expected to occur during the winter operating season of November through March. For this reason, the CPUC has not mandated a summer design standard. For informational purposes only, the table below presents a forecast of summer demand on the SoCalGas and SDG&E system.

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**TABLE 30 – SUMMER HIGH SENDOUT DAY DEMAND  
(MMcf/d)**

Year	High Demand Month <sup>(1)</sup>	SoCalGas Core <sup>(2)</sup>	SDG&E Core <sup>(3)</sup>	Other Core <sup>(4)</sup>	Noncore NonEG <sup>(5)</sup>	Electric Generation <sup>(6)</sup>	Total Demand
2022	Sep	607	87	57	587	1,241	2,579
2023	Sep	599	87	57	589	1,180	2,513
2024	Sep	591	87	57	590	981	2,306
2025	Sep	582	86	58	590	1,031	2,347
2026	Sep	575	86	58	589	1,080	2,387
2027	Sep	567	85	58	589	1,104	2,403
2028	Sep	558	84	59	588	1,022	2,312

Notes:

- (1) Month of High Sendout gas demand during summer (July, August or September).
- (2) Average daily summer SoCalGas core sales and transportation.
- (3) Average daily summer SDG&E core sales and transportation.
- (4) Average daily summer core demand of Southwest Gas Corporation, City of Long Beach, City of Vernon, and Ecogas.
- (5) Noncore-Non-EG includes noncore non-EG end-use customers of SoCalGas, SDG&E, Southwest Gas Corporation, City of Long Beach, City of Vernon, and Ecogas. Average daily September Noncore-Non-EG demand for all noncore market segments except Refinery; Refinery is at connected load.
- (6) Highest demand during the high demand month under 1-in-10 dry hydro conditions except year 2022, when the Electric Generation highest demand is based on 2022 hydro condition.

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**Table 31**

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### ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND SENDOUT - MMCF/DAY RECORDED YEARS 2017 TO 2021

Line	CAPACITY AVAILABLE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
1	California Source Gas					
	<u>Out-of-State Gas</u>					
2	California Offshore -POPCO / PIOC					
3	El Paso Natural Gas Co.					
4	Transwestern Pipeline Co.					
5	Kern / Mojave					
6	PGT / PG&E					
7	Other					
8	Total Out-of-State Gas					
9	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE					
	<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>					
10	California Source Gas	84	104	97	87	86
	<u>Out-of-State Gas</u>					
11	Other Out-of-State	2,434	2,246	2,305	2,366	2,377
12	Total Out-of-State Gas	2,434	2,246	2,305	2,366	2,377
13	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	2,518	2,350	2,402	2,453	2,463
14	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	(14)	(8)	7	(19)	(20)
15	TOTAL THROUGHPUT (1)(2)	2,504	2,342	2,409	2,435	2,443
	<b>DELIVERIES BY END-USE</b>					
16	Core Residential	565	569	645	635	621
17	Commercial	214	217	226	196	211
18	Industrial	55	57	61	53	55
19	NGV	38	40	41	37	40
20	Subtotal	872	883	973	920	927
21	Noncore Commercial	56	59	58	57	57
22	Industrial	389	389	357	369	376
23	EOR Steaming	39	38	51	51	34
24	Electric Generation	713	615	589	641	654
25	Subtotal	1,198	1,101	1,055	1,118	1,121
26	Wholesale/International	401	333	342	374	372
27	Co. Use & LUAF	33	25	39	23	23
28	SYSTEM TOTAL-THROUGHPUT (1)(2)	2,504	2,342	2,409	2,435	2,443
	<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>					
29	Core All End Uses	62	71	74	63	64
30	Noncore Commercial/Industrial	446	448	415	426	433
31	EOR Steaming	39	38	51	51	34
32	Electric Generation	713	623	589	641	654
33	Subtotal-Retail	1,260	1,181	1,129	1,181	1,185
34	Wholesale/International	401	333	342	374	372
35	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	1,660	1,514	1,471	1,554	1,557
36	CURTAILMENT (3)					
37	REFUSAL					
38	Total BTU Factor (Dth/Mcf)	1.0343	1.0319	1.0336	1.0293	1.0322

**NOTES:**

- (1) The wholesale volumes only reflect natural gas supplied by SoCalGas; and, do not include supplies from other sources. Refer to the supply source data provided in each utility's report for a complete accounting of their supply sources.
- (2) Deliveries by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes and data includes effect of prior period adjustments.
- (3) The table does not explicitly show any curtailment numbers for the recorded years because, during some curtailment events, the estimate of the curtailed volume is not available. This table does not explicitly show any curtailment data for the recorded years, the noncore customer usage data implicitly captures the effects of any curtailment events.

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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS - MMCF/DAY  
ESTIMATED YEARS 2022 THRU 2026**

**Table 32**

**AVERAGE TEMPERATURE YEAR**

LINE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	LINE
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>							
1	California Line 85 Zone (California Producers)	60	60	60	60	60	1
2	California Coastal Zone (California Producers)	150	150	150	150	150	2
Out-of-State Gas							
3	Wheeler Ridge Zone (KR, MP, PG&E, OEHI) <sup>1/</sup>	765	765	765	765	765	3
4	Southern Zone (EPN,TGN,NBP) <sup>2/</sup>	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	4
5	Northern Zone (TW,EPN,QST, KR) <sup>3/</sup>	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5
6	Total Out-of-State Gas	3,225	3,225	3,225	3,225	3,225	6
7	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE <sup>4/</sup>	3,435	3,435	3,435	3,435	3,435	7
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
8	California Source Gas <sup>5/</sup>	61	61	61	61	61	8
9	Out-of-State	2,379	2,354	2,266	2,219	2,190	9
10	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	2,440	2,415	2,327	2,280	2,251	10
11	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	11
12	TOTAL THROUGHPUT <sup>6/</sup>	2,440	2,415	2,327	2,280	2,251	12
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END-USE <sup>7/</sup></b>							
13	CORE <sup>8/</sup> Residential	610	604	594	585	575	13
14	Commercial	206	200	194	190	185	14
15	Industrial	54	54	53	52	51	15
16	NGV	41	42	43	44	45	16
17	Subtotal-CORE	912	900	883	870	856	17
18	NONCORE Commercial	48	49	49	49	49	18
19	Industrial	389	390	389	389	388	19
20	EOR Steaming	27	27	27	27	27	20
21	Electric Generation (EG)	670	667	612	584	571	21
22	Subtotal-NONCORE	1,135	1,132	1,076	1,049	1,035	22
23	WHOLESALE & INTERNATIONAL Core	208	208	207	207	206	23
24	Noncore Excl. EG	28	27	27	28	28	24
25	Electric Generation (EG)	127	117	104	97	97	25
26	Subtotal-WHOLESALE & INTL.	363	352	339	332	331	26
27	Co. Use & LUAF	31	30	29	29	28	27
28	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT <sup>6/</sup>	2,440	2,415	2,327	2,280	2,251	28
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>							
29	CORE All End Uses	64	64	63	63	62	29
30	NONCORE Commercial/Industrial	437	438	437	438	437	30
31	EOR Steaming	27	27	27	27	27	31
32	Electric Generation (EG)	670	667	612	584	571	32
33	Subtotal-RETAIL	1,199	1,196	1,139	1,112	1,097	33
34	WHOLESALE & INTERNATIONAL All End Uses	363	352	339	332	331	34
35	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	1,562	1,548	1,478	1,443	1,428	35
<b>CURTAILMENT (RETAIL &amp; WHOLESALE)</b>							
36	Core	0	0	0	0	0	36
37	Noncore	0	0	0	0	0	37
38	TOTAL - Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	38

**NOTES:**

- 1/ Wheeler Ridge Zone: KR & MP at Wheeler Ridge, PG&E at Kern Stn., OEHI at Gosford)
- 2/ Southern Zone (EPN at Ehrenberg, TGN at Otay Mesa, NBP at Blythe); ability to receive 1,210 MMcf/d dependent on local area demand
- 3/ Northern Zone (TW at No. Needles, EPN at Topok, QST at No. Needles, KR at Kramer Jct.); projected capacity may vary from that shown over the span of the CGR timeframe pending 2024 General Rate Case decision
- 4/ Represents the outlook for firm receipt capacities at the time of publication; subject to change over the span of the CGR timeframe.
- 5/ Average 2021 recorded California Source Gas; production less than capacity due to reservoir performance and economics.
- 6/ Excludes own-source gas supply of 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.2 1.2 gas procurement by the City of Long Beach
- 7/ Requirement forecast by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes.
- 8/ Core end-use demand exclusive of core aggregation transportation (CAT) in MDth/d: 875 863 847 834 820

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ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS - MMCF/DAY  
ESTIMATED YEARS 2027 THRU 2035

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE YEAR

LINE		2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	LINE
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>							
1	California Line 85 Zone (California Producers)	60	60	60	60	60	1
2	California Coastal Zone (California Producers)	150	150	150	150	150	2
Out-of-State Gas							
3	Wheeler Ridge Zone (KR, MP, PG&E, OEH) <sup>1/</sup>	765	765	765	765	765	3
4	Southern Zone (EPN,TGN,NBP) <sup>2/</sup>	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	4
5	Northern Zone (TW,EPN,QST, KR) <sup>3/</sup>	1,250	1,250	1,590	1,590	1,590	5
6	Total Out-of-State Gas	3,225	3,225	3,565	3,565	3,565	6
7	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE <sup>4/</sup>	3,435	3,435	3,775	3,775	3,775	7
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
8	California Source Gas <sup>5/</sup>	61	61	61	61	61	8
9	Out-of-State	2,160	2,106	2,080	2,034	1,912	9
10	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	2,221	2,167	2,141	2,095	1,973	10
11	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	11
12	TOTAL THROUGHPUT <sup>6/</sup>	2,221	2,167	2,141	2,095	1,973	12
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END-USE <sup>7/</sup></b>							
13	CORE <sup>8/</sup>						
14	Residential	565	552	542	530	466	13
15	Commercial	181	177	174	170	155	14
16	Industrial	50	49	48	47	44	15
17	NGV	46	47	48	50	54	16
17	Subtotal-CORE	842	825	813	797	719	17
18	NONCORE						
19	Commercial	49	49	49	49	48	18
20	Industrial	388	388	388	387	385	19
21	EOR Steaming	26	25	24	24	20	20
22	Electric Generation (EG)	558	529	516	493	461	21
22	Subtotal-NONCORE	1,021	991	977	952	914	22
23	WHOLESALE & INTERNATIONAL						
24	Core	206	205	204	203	199	23
25	Noncore Excl. EG	28	28	28	28	29	24
26	Electric Generation (EG)	96	92	92	88	87	25
26	Subtotal-WHOLESALE & INTL.	330	324	325	319	315	26
27	Co. Use & LUAF	28	27	27	26	25	27
28	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT <sup>6/</sup>	2,221	2,167	2,141	2,095	1,973	28
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>							
29	CORE						
30	All End Uses	62	62	62	61	61	29
31	NONCORE						
32	Commercial/Industrial	437	437	436	436	433	30
33	EOR Steaming	26	25	24	24	20	31
34	Electric Generation (EG)	558	529	516	493	461	32
35	Subtotal-RETAIL	1,083	1,052	1,039	1,013	975	33
34	WHOLESALE & INTERNATIONAL						
35	All End Uses	330	324	325	319	315	34
35	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	1,413	1,376	1,363	1,333	1,290	35
<b>CURTAILMENT (RETAIL &amp; WHOLESALE)</b>							
36	Core	0	0	0	0	0	36
37	Noncore	0	0	0	0	0	37
38	TOTAL - Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	38

NOTES:

- 1/ Wheeler Ridge Zone: KR & MP at Wheeler Ridge, PG&E at Kern Stn., OEH at Gosford)
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- 6/ Excludes own-source gas supply of gas procurement by the City of Long Beach
- 7/ Requirement forecast by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes.
- 8/ Core end-use demand exclusive of core aggregation transportation (CAT) in MDth/d:

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**ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS - MMCF/DAY  
ESTIMATED YEARS 2022 THRU 2026**

**Table 34**

**COLD TEMPERATURE YEAR (1 IN 35 COLD YEAR EVENT) & DRY HYDRO YEAR**

LINE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	LINE
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>							
1	California Line 85 Zone (California Producers)	60	60	60	60	60	1
2	California Coastal Zone (California Producers) Out-of-State Gas	150	150	150	150	150	2
3	Wheeler Ridge Zone (KR, MP, PG&E, OEHI) <sup>1/</sup>	765	765	765	765	765	3
4	Southern Zone (EPN,TGN,NBP) <sup>2/</sup>	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	4
5	Northern Zone (TW,EPN,QST, KR) <sup>3/</sup>	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5
6	Total Out-of-State Gas	3,225	3,225	3,225	3,225	3,225	6
7	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE <sup>4/</sup>	3,435	3,435	3,435	3,435	3,435	7
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
8	California Source Gas <sup>5/</sup>	61	61	61	61	61	8
9	Out-of-State	2,452	2,432	2,343	2,298	2,267	9
10	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	2,513	2,493	2,404	2,359	2,328	10
11	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	11
12	TOTAL THROUGHPUT <sup>6/</sup>	2,513	2,493	2,404	2,359	2,328	12
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END-USE <sup>7/</sup></b>							
<b>CORE <sup>8/</sup></b>							
13	Residential	660	653	642	632	622	13
14	Commercial	214	208	202	197	193	14
15	Industrial	55	55	53	52	51	15
16	NGV	41	42	43	44	45	16
17	Subtotal-CORE	970	957	940	926	911	17
<b>NONCORE</b>							
18	Commercial	49	49	49	50	50	18
19	Industrial	389	390	389	389	388	19
20	EOR Steaming	27	27	27	27	27	20
21	Electric Generation (EG)	670	671	616	591	578	21
22	Subtotal-NONCORE	1,136	1,138	1,081	1,057	1,042	22
<b>WHOLESALE &amp; INTERNATIONAL</b>							
23	Core	221	221	220	220	219	23
24	Noncore Excl. EG	28	28	28	28	28	24
25	Electric Generation (EG)	127	118	105	98	98	25
26	Subtotal-WHOLESALE & INTL.	376	366	353	346	345	26
27	Co. Use & LUAF	32	31	30	30	29	27
28	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT <sup>6/</sup>	2,513	2,493	2,404	2,359	2,328	28
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>							
<b>CORE</b>							
29	All End Uses	66	65	64	64	64	29
<b>NONCORE</b>							
30	Commercial/Industrial	438	439	438	439	438	30
31	EOR Steaming	27	27	27	27	27	31
32	Electric Generation (EG)	670	671	616	591	578	32
33	Subtotal-RETAIL	1,201	1,203	1,146	1,121	1,106	33
34	WHOLESALE & INTERNATIONAL All End Uses	376	366	353	346	345	34
35	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	1,577	1,569	1,498	1,467	1,451	35
<b>CURTAILMENT (RETAIL &amp; WHOLESALE)</b>							
36	Core	0	0	0	0	0	36
37	Noncore	0	0	0	0	0	37
38	TOTAL - Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	38

NOTES:

- 1/ Wheeler Ridge Zone: KR & MP at Wheeler Ridge, PG&E at Kern Stn., OEHI at Gosford)
- 2/ Southern Zone (EPN at Ehrenberg, TGN at Otay Mesa, NBP at Blythe); ability to receive 1,210 MMcf/d dependent on local area demand
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- 6/ Excludes own-source gas supply of 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 gas procurement by the City of Long Beach
- 7/ Requirement forecast by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes.
- 8/ Core end-use demand exclusive of core aggregation transportation (CAT) in MDth/d: 934 921 903 889 874

Table 35

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ESTIMATED YEARS 2027 THRU 2035

COLD TEMPERATURE YEAR (1 IN 35 COLD YEAR EVENT) & DRY HYDRO YEAR

LINE		2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	LINE
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>							
1	California Line 85 Zone (California Producers)	60	60	60	60	60	1
2	California Coastal Zone (California Producers)	150	150	150	150	150	2
Out-of-State Gas							
3	Wheeler Ridge Zone (KR, MP, PG&E, OEHI) <sup>1/</sup>	765	765	765	765	765	3
4	Southern Zone (EPN,TGN,NBP) <sup>2/</sup>	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	1,210	4
5	Northern Zone (TW,EPN,QST, KR) <sup>3/</sup>	1,250	1,250	1,590	1,590	1,590	5
6	Total Out-of-State Gas	3,225	3,225	3,565	3,565	3,565	6
7	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE <sup>4/</sup>	3,435	3,435	3,775	3,775	3,775	7
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
8	California Source Gas <sup>5/</sup>	61	61	61	61	61	8
9	Out-of-State	2,239	2,180	2,156	2,104	1,992	9
10	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	2,300	2,241	2,217	2,165	2,053	10
11	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	11
12	TOTAL THROUGHPUT <sup>6/</sup>	2,300	2,241	2,217	2,165	2,053	12
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END-USE <sup>7/</sup></b>							
13	CORE <sup>8/</sup>						
14	Residential	610	597	586	573	506	13
15	Commercial	189	184	181	177	161	14
16	Industrial	51	50	49	48	45	15
17	NGV	46	47	48	50	54	16
17	Subtotal-CORE	896	878	864	848	766	17
18	NONCORE						
19	Commercial	50	49	49	49	49	18
20	Industrial	388	388	388	387	385	19
21	EOR Steaming	26	25	24	24	20	20
22	Electric Generation (EG)	567	534	524	496	474	21
22	Subtotal-NONCORE	1,031	996	985	956	928	22
23	WHOLESALE & INTERNATIONAL						
24	Core	219	217	217	216	212	23
25	Noncore Excl. EG	28	28	28	28	29	24
26	Electric Generation (EG)	98	93	94	89	92	25
26	Subtotal-WHOLESALE & INTL.	344	339	339	334	333	26
27	Co. Use & LUAF	29	28	28	27	26	27
28	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT <sup>6/</sup>	2,300	2,241	2,217	2,165	2,053	28
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>							
29	CORE						
30	All End Uses	64	63	63	63	62	29
31	NONCORE						
32	Commercial/Industrial	438	437	437	436	434	30
33	EOR Steaming	26	25	24	24	20	31
34	Electric Generation (EG)	567	534	524	496	474	32
35	Subtotal-RETAIL	1,095	1,059	1,048	1,019	990	33
34	WHOLESALE & INTERNATIONAL						
35	All End Uses	344	339	339	334	333	34
35	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	1,439	1,398	1,387	1,353	1,324	35
<b>CURTAILMENT (RETAIL &amp; WHOLESALE)</b>							
36	Core	0	0	0	0	0	36
37	Noncore	0	0	0	0	0	37
38	TOTAL - Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	38

NOTES:

- 1/ Wheeler Ridge Zone: KR & MP at Wheeler Ridge, PG&E at Kern Stn., OEHI at Gosford)
- 2/ Southern Zone (EPN at Ehrenberg, TGN at Otay Mesa, NBP at Blythe); ability to receive 1,210 MMcf/d dependent on local area demand
- 3/ Northern Zone (TW at No. Needles, EPN at Topok, QST at No. Needles, KR at Kramer Jct.); projected capacity may vary from that shown over the span of the CGR timeframe pending 2024 General Rate Case decision
- 4/ Represents the outlook for firm receipt capacities at the time of publication; subject to change over the span of the CGR timeframe.
- 5/ Average 2021 recorded California Source Gas; production less than capacity due to reservoir performance and economics.
- 6/ Excludes own-source gas supply of 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 1.3 gas procurement by the City of Long Beach
- 7/ Requirement forecast by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes.
- 8/ Core end-use demand exclusive of core aggregation transportation (CAT) in MDth/d: 859 841 827 811 727

**TABLE 36**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY  
ANNUAL GAS REQUIREMENTS - MMCF/DAY  
1-IN-10 COLD TEMPERATURE YEAR & DRY HYDRO YEAR <sup>(1)</sup>**

Year	CORE	NONCORE	WHOLESALE & INTERNATIONAL	Company Use & LUAF	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT
2022	950	1,135	373	31	2,490
2023	938	1,137	363	31	2,469
2024	920	1,081	350	30	2,381
2025	907	1,057	343	29	2,336
2026	892	1,042	342	29	2,305
2027	878	1,031	341	29	2,278
2028	860	996	336	28	2,219
2029	847	985	336	28	2,195
2030	831	956	331	27	2,144
2035	750	928	330	26	2,034

**NOTES:**

(1) SoCalGas’ Demand forecast of 1-in-10 cold temperature year and dry hydro year is used to evaluate the backbone transmission capacity and slack capacity in compliance with CPUC Decision (D.) 06-09-039 and the daily receipt capacity in compliance with D.22-07-002.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH ENERGY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

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## CITY OF LONG BEACH ENERGY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The annual gas supply and forecast requirements prepared by the Long Beach Energy Resources Department (Long Beach) are shown on the following tables for the years 2022 through 2035.

Long Beach operates the fifth largest municipally owned natural gas utility in the country and is one of only three in the State. The gas utility provides safe and reliable natural gas services to about 500,000 residents and businesses via approximately 150,000 connected gas meters, delivered through more than 1,800 miles of gas pipelines. Long Beach's service territory includes the cities of Long Beach and Signal Hill, and sections of surrounding communities including Lakewood, Bellflower, Compton, Seal Beach, Paramount, and Los Alamitos. Long Beach's gas use is split at 53 percent residential and 47 percent commercial/industrial.

Long Beach serves core and noncore customers from three incremental supply sources: (1) interstate supplies delivered into the SoCalGas' intrastate pipeline system; (2) gas storage withdrawals; and (3) local gas delivered directly to Long Beach Energy Resources Department's pipeline system from gas fields within the city. Currently, local production supplies about 5 percent of Long Beach's gas use. Long Beach purchases most of its gas supplies from producers in the South-Western U.S. As a Wholesale customer, Long Beach contracts with SoCalGas for intrastate transmission service to deliver that gas from the California border to its service area.

The City of Long Beach is the only municipal government in the State of California that manages oil operations. Through its Energy Resources Department, the City operates the Wilmington Oil Field and has various financial interests in smaller oil fields throughout the City, such as the Signal Hill East and West Units, Recreation Park, and City Wasem.

As a municipal utility, Long Beach's gas rates and policies are established by the City Council, which acts as the regulatory authority. The City Charter requires the gas utility to



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establish its rates comparable to the rates charged by surrounding gas utilities for similar types of service.

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**CITY OF LONG BEACH ENERGY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT – TABULAR DATA**

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**TABLE 37 – CITY OF LONG BEACH-GAS AND OIL DEPARTMENT: TABLE 1-LB  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND SENDOUT – MMcf/d  
RECORDED YEARS 2017-2021**

<b>LINE</b>	<b>GAS SUPPLY AVAILABLE</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>LINE</b>
	California Source Gas						
1	Regular Purchases	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
2	Received for Exchange/Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2
3	Total California Source Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3
4	Purchases from Other Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4
	Out-of-State Gas						
5	Pacific Interstate Companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5
6	Additional Core Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6
7	Incremental Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7
8	Out-of-State Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8
9	Total Out-of-State Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9
10	Subtotal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
11	Underground Storage Withdrawal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11
12	GAS SUPPLY AVAILABLE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12
	<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>						
	California Source Gas						
13	Regular Purchases	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.7	1.3	13
14	Received for Exchange/Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14
15	Total California Source Gas	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.7	1.3	15
16	Purchases from Other Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16
	Out-of-State Gas						
17	Pacific Interstate Companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17
18	Additional Core Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18
19	Incremental Supplies	24.6	23.9	25.2	24.8	24.2	19
20	Out-of-State Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
21	Total Out-of-State Gas	24.6	23.9	25.2	24.8	24.2	21
22	Subtotal	25.2	24.5	26.3	25.5	25.5	22
23	Underground Storage Withdrawal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23
24	TOTAL Gas Supply Taken & Transported	25.2	24.5	26.3	25.5	25.5	24

**CITY OF LONG BEACH GAS & OIL DEPARTMENT**

**TABLE 38 – CITY OF LONG BEACH-GAS AND OIL DEPARTMENT: TABLE 1-LB  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND SENDOUT – MMcf/d  
RECORDED YEARS 2017-2021 (CONTINUED)**

<b>LINE</b>	<b>ACTUAL DELIVERIES BY END-USE</b>		<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>LINE</b>
1	CORE	Residential	11.8	12.1	12.9	12.9	12.6	1
2	CORE/NONCORE	Commercial	6.0	5.9	6.1	5.3	5.7	2
3	CORE/NONCORE	Industrial	4.7	4.3	4.7	4.1	4.3	3
4		Subtotal	22.5	22.3	23.8	22.2	22.6	4
5	NON CORE	Non-EOR Cogeneration	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.5	2.3	5
6		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6
7		Electric Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7
8		Subtotal	2.2	1.9	1.7	2.5	2.3	8
9	WHOLESALE	Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9
10		Com. & Ind., others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
11		Electric Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11
12		Subtotal-WHOLESALE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12
13		Co. Use & LUAF	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	13
14		Subtotal-END USE	25.1	24.5	26.3	25.5	25.4	14
15		Storage Injection	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
16		SYSTEM TOTAL-THROUGHPUT	25.1	24.5	26.3	25.5	25.4	16
<b>ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>								
17		Residential	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
18		Commercial/Industrial	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.1	18
19		Non-EOR Cogeneration	2.0	1.9	1.5	2.5	2.3	19
20		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
21		Electric Utilites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21
22		Subtotal-RETAIL	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.3	5.4	22
23	WHOLESALE	All End Uses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23
24		TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	5.0	4.9	4.7	5.3	5.4	24
<b>ACTUAL CURTAILMENT</b>								
25		Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
26		Commercial/Industrial	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26
27		Non-EOR Cogeneration	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27
28		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28
29		Electric Utilites	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29
30		Wholesale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
31		TOTAL- Curtailment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31
32	REFUSAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32

NOTE: Actual deliveries by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes, but excludes actual curtailments.

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**TABLE 39– CITY OF LONG BEACH-GAS AND OIL DEPARTMENT: TABLE 1A-LB  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND SENDOUT – MMcf/d  
AVERAGE YEAR FORECAST FOR THE 2022 CGR REPORT**

LINE	ACTUAL DELIVERIES BY END-USE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2030	2035	LINE
1	CORE	Residential	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.5	1
2	CORE/NONCORE	Commercial	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	2
3	CORE/NONCORE	Industrial	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	3
4		Subtotal	21.7	21.7	21.7	21.9	22.1	22.3	4
5	NON CORE	Non-EOR Cogeneration	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.7	5
6		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6
7		Electric Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7
8		Subtotal	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.7	8
9	WHOLESALE	Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9
10		Com. & Ind., others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
11		Electric Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11
12		Subtotal-WHOLESALE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12
13		Co. Use & LUAF	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	13
14		Subtotal-END USE	24.9	24.9	25.0	25.2	25.6	25.9	14
15		Storage Injection	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
16		SYSTEM TOTAL-THROUGHPUT	24.9	24.9	25.0	25.2	25.6	25.9	16
<b><u>ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</u></b>									
17		Residential	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
18		Commercial/Industrial	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	18
19		Non-EOR Cogeneration	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	19
20		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
21		Electric Utilites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21
22		Subtotal-RETAIL	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.6	22
23	WHOLESALE	All End Uses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23
24		TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.6	24
<b><u>ACTUAL CURTAILMENT</u></b>									
25		Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
26		Commercial/Industrial	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26
27		Non-EOR Cogeneration	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27
28		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28
29		Electric Utilites	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29
30		Wholesale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
31		TOTAL- Curtailment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31
32	REFUSAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32

NOTE: Actual deliveries by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes, but excludes actual curtailments.

**CITY OF LONG BEACH GAS & OIL DEPARTMENT**

**TABLE 40 – CITY OF LONG BEACH-GAS AND OIL DEPARTMENT: TABLE 2A-LB  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND SENDOUT – MMcf/d  
AVERAGE YEAR FORECAST (CONTINUED)**

LINE	ACTUAL DELIVERIES BY END-USE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2030	2035	LINE
1	CORE	Residential	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.5	1
2	CORE/NONCORE	Commercial	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.7	2
3	CORE/NONCORE	Industrial	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	3
4		Subtotal	21.7	21.7	21.7	21.9	22.1	22.3	4
5	NON CORE	Non-EOR Cogeneration	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.7	5
6		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6
7		Electric Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7
8		Subtotal	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.7	8
9	WHOLESALE	Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9
10		Com. & Ind., others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
11		Electric Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11
12		Subtotal-WHOLESALE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12
13		Co. Use & LUAF	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	13
14		Subtotal-END USE	24.9	24.9	25.0	25.2	25.6	25.9	14
15		Storage Injection	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
16		SYSTEM TOTAL-THROUGHPUT	24.9	24.9	25.0	25.2	25.6	25.9	16
<b>ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>									
17		Residential	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
18		Commercial/Industrial	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	18
19		Non-EOR Cogeneration	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	19
20		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
21		Electric Utilites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21
22		Subtotal-RETAIL	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.6	22
23	WHOLESALE	All End Uses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23
24		TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.3	5.6	24
<b>ACTUAL CURTAILMENT</b>									
25		Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
26		Commercial/Industrial	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26
27		Non-EOR Cogeneration	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27
28		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28
29		Electric Utilites	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29
30		Wholesale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
31		TOTAL- Curtailment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31
32	REFUSAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32

NOTE: Actual deliveries by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes, but excludes actual curtailments.

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**TABLE 41– CITY OF LONG BEACH-GAS AND OIL DEPARTMENT: TABLE 3C-LB  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND SENDOUT – MMcf/d  
COLD YEAR FORECAST FOR THE 2022 CGR REPORT  
(CONTINUED)**

LINE	GAS SUPPLY AVAILABLE	2022	2023	2024	2025	2030	2035	LINE
	California Source Gas							
1	Regular Purchases	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
2	Received for Exchange/Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2
3	Total California Source Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3
4	Purchases from Other Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4
	Out-of-State Gas							
5	Pacific Interstate Companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5
6	Additional Core Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6
7	Incremental Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7
8	Out-of-State Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8
9	Total Out-of-State Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9
10	Subtotal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
11	Underground Storage Withdrawal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11
12	GAS SUPPLY AVAILABLE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12
	<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
	California Source Gas							
13	Regular Purchases	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	13
14	Received for Exchange/Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14
15	Total California Source Gas	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	15
16	Purchases from Other Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16
	Out-of-State Gas							
17	Pacific Interstate Companies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17
18	Additional Core Supplies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18
19	Incremental Supplies	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	19
20	Out-of-State Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
21	Total Out-of-State Gas	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	21
22	Subtotal	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	22
23	Underground Storage Withdrawal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23
24	TOTAL Gas Supply Taken & Transported	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	24

**CITY OF LONG BEACH GAS & OIL DEPARTMENT**

**TABLE 42– CITY OF LONG BEACH-GAS AND OIL DEPARTMENT: TABLE 4C-LB  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND SENDOUT – MMcf/d  
COLD YEAR FORECAST FOR THE 2022 CGR REPORT  
(CONTINUED)**

<b>LINE</b>	<b>ACTUAL DELIVERIES BY END-USE</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>LINE</b>
1	CORE	Residential	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.1	1
2	CORE/NONCORE	Commercial	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	2
3	CORE/NONCORE	Industrial	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	3
4		Subtotal	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.8	27.8	4
5	NON CORE	Non-EOR Cogeneration	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	5
6		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6
7		Electric Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7
8		Subtotal	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	8
9	WHOLESALE	Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9
10		Com. & Ind., others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10
11		Electric Utilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11
12		Subtotal-WHOLESALE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12
13		Co. Use & LUAF	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	13
14		Subtotal-END USE	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	14
15		Storage Injection	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
16		SYSTEM TOTAL-THROUGHPUT	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7	16
<b><u>ACTUAL TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</u></b>									
17		Residential	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
18		Commercial/Industrial	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	18
19		Non-EOR Cogeneration	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	19
20		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
21		Electric Utilites	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21
22		Subtotal-RETAIL	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	22
23	WHOLESALE	All End Uses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23
24		TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	24
<b><u>ACTUAL CURTAILMENT</u></b>									
25		Residential	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	25
26		Commercial/Industrial	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	26
27		Non-EOR Cogeneration	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27
28		EOR Cogen. & Steaming	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28
29		Electric Utilites	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29
30		Wholesale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
31		TOTAL- Curtailment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	31
32	REFUSAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32

NOTE: Actual deliveries by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes, but excludes actual curtailments.



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**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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## INTRODUCTION

SDG&E is a combined gas and electric distribution utility serving more than three million people in San Diego and the southern portions of Orange counties. SDG&E delivered natural gas to 903,649 customers in San Diego County in 2021, including power plants and turbines. Total gas sales and transportation through SDG&E's system for 2021 were approximately 94 billion cubic feet (Bcf), which is an average of 258.5 MMcf/d.

## **GAS DEMAND**

### **OVERVIEW**

SDG&E's gas demand forecast is largely determined by the long-term economic outlook for its San Diego County service area. The county's economic trends are expected to generally parallel those of the larger SoCalGas area as discussed above.

This projection of natural gas requirements, excluding EG demand and noncore demand, begins with a usage calculator derived from end use models that integrates demographic assumptions, economic growth, energy prices, energy efficiency programs, detailed customer information, building and appliance standards, weather and other factors. After the forecast is developed, the forecast is treated for three out-of-model adjustments. The adjustments made to the forecasts include (1) allowing for less heating degree days in the average weather design each year of the forecast period to account for climate change; (2) gas demand destruction due to greater energy efficiency savings forecast over the planning period; and (3) incremental energy savings created from assumed fuel substitution. All of the energy savings incorporated into the forecast reflect market potential and were used as load modifiers to create a final forecast of demand. The baseline forecast was adjusted downward to account for the incremental energy savings influences that are expected to occur.

The introduction of potential fuel substitution into the long-term demand forecast is new for SDG&E in the CGR long term forecast development. SDG&E's own internal estimates of fuel substitution are preliminary. SDG&E is working on finding methods, using historical usage data, to identify customers who may be converting gas space and water heating to electric substitutes.

Fuel substitution was introduced into the 2021 IEPR as additional achievable fuel substitution (AAFS).<sup>118</sup> The AAFS2 was utilized. It includes the effects of potential updates in

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<sup>118</sup> SEE IEPR, Chapter 2, pp. 33-49. See also Appendix A.

the Title 24 building standards and the presumed building electrification encouraged by future ratcheting driven by tighter goals, rate enhancements and higher uptake rates at future points in time.

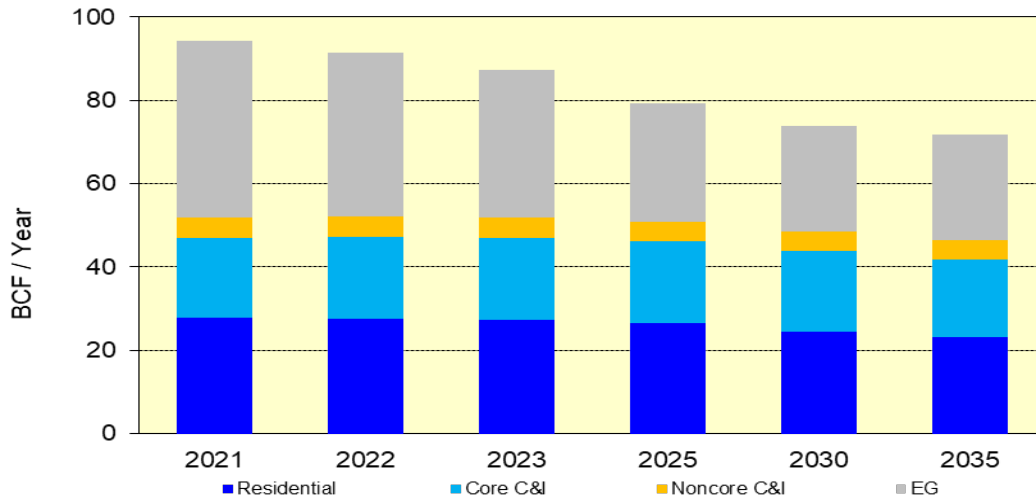
Altogether, SDG&E's gas demand, not inclusive of gas driven EG, is projected to drop slightly from 52 Bcf in 2021 to 46 Bcf in 2035, which is an average annual rate of decline of 0.8 percent. Including EG, overall demand adjusted for average temperature conditions totaled 94 Bcf in 2021 and is expected to drop about 1.9 percent per year to 72 Bcf by 2035.

Assumptions for SDG&E's gas transportation requirements for EG are included as part of the wholesale market sector description for SoCalGas.

## **ECONOMICS AND DEMOGRAPHICS**

SDG&E's gas demand forecast is largely determined by the long-term economic outlook for its San Diego County service area. San Diego County's total employment is forecasted to grow on average just over 1% annually from 2021 to 2035; the subset of industrial (mining and manufacturing) jobs is projected to grow an average of 0.1% per year during the same period. The number of SDG&E gas meters is expected to increase an average of about 0.8% annually from 2021 through 2035.

**FIGURE 27 – SDG&E’S COMPOSITION OF NATURAL GAS THROUGHPUT  
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE, NORMAL YEAR (2021-2035)  
(Bcf/year)**



From 2021 through 2035, SDG&E's forecasted gas demand is expected to decline at an average annual rate of 1.9 percent. The decline is being driven by future projected reductions in the EG load. Additional factors reducing the load forecast are energy efficiency programs and new requirements on Title 24 building codes and standards and assumed fuel substitution over the forecast period.

## **MARKET SECTORS**

### **Residential**

SDG&E served approximately 873,304 residential customers in 2021. The residential usage varies for each of the various residential market segments that SDG&E serves. Conditional demand estimates based on the 2019 Residential Appliance Saturation Survey (R.A.S.S.) have allowed SDG&E to better understand customer usage and needs. The updated survey information included below was part of the estimation and resulting baseline residential market forecast.

The table below shows the weather-normalized home usage by customer type and the saturations by end use for SDG&E based upon the conditional demand study.

**Table 43: SDG&E Residential Appliance Saturation Survey, 2019 Update**

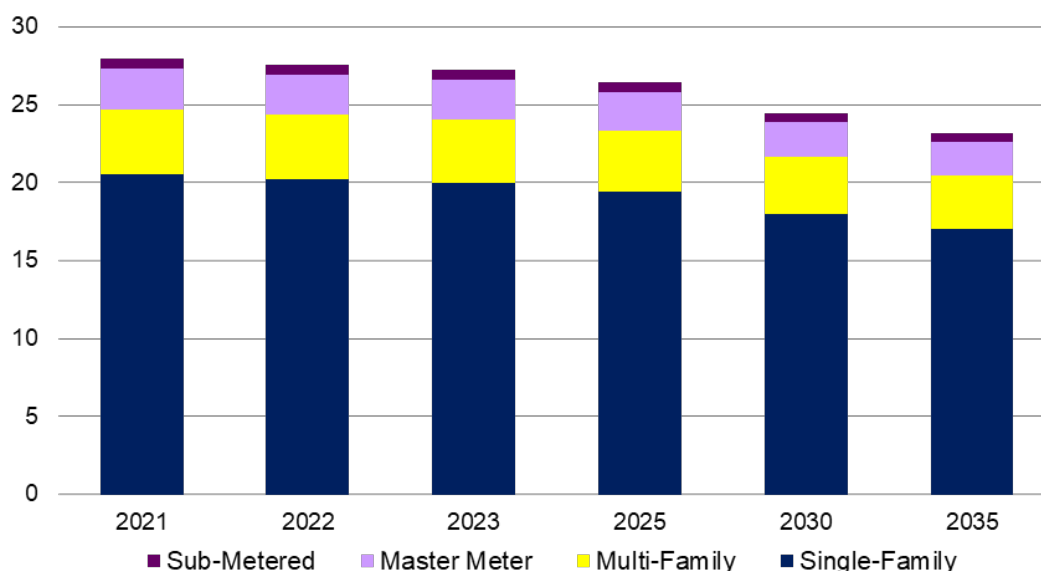
		2019 Residential Appliance Saturation Survey								
		Conditional Demand Study								
SDG&E		Single Family Unit Energy Consumption (UEC)	Single Family Saturation (%)	Single Family Intensity	Single Family Use Proportion		Multi Family Unit Energy Consumption	Multi Family Saturation	Multi Family Intensity	Multi Family Use Proportion
	Space Heat	211	98.00%	207	52.91%		107	92.62%	99	46.45%
	Water Heat	128	99.80%	128	32.69%		92	91.54%	84	39.48%
	Cooking	30	75.20%	23	5.78%		27	64.99%	18	8.23%
	Clothes Drying	31	63.71%	20	5.05%		27	40.91%	11	5.18%
	Pool Heat	144	3.40%	5	1.25%		N/A		N/A	
	Spa Heat	101	5.95%	6	1.54%		41	0.97%	0	0.19%
	Gas Fireplace	11	8.33%	1	0.23%		6	7.50%	0	0.21%
	Gas Barbecue	15	14.09%	2	0.54%		10	5.73%	1	0.27%
	Total Household SF			391 Therms/Year	100%				213 Therms/Year	100%

The conditional demand estimates based on the 2019 R.A.S.S. show that the average use per meter is 391 therms for single-family households and 213 therms for multi-family households. The use-per-customer data is constructive in forming the forecast. For the residential market, the change in the forecast from one year to the next is based on the confluence of two immediate economic drivers. In any given year, the residential load will grow due to the new customer hookups that occur. New customers generate a growth in demand. Second, the residential load will change due to existing customers' (vintage customers') changing needs. When gas appliances reach the end of their useful life, customers make a choice. The choice consists of either replacing the older appliance with a more energy efficient gas-using appliance, or changing out the replacement appliance from gas to its electric substitute, a behavior characterized as fuel substitution. The usage calculator that compiles the forecast is referred to as an end use model.

The total residential customer count for SDG&E consists of four residential segment types and each of the segment types exhibits variation in usage behavior that can be identified. The customer types are single-family and multi-family customers, as well as master-meter and sub-metered customers. Residential demand, adjusted for average temperature conditions, totaled 27.9 Bcf in 2021. By the year 2035, the residential demand is expected to drop to 23.2 Bcf. The change reflects a 1.3 percent average annual rate of decline. There are several reasons that justify the decline.



**Figure 28 – Composition of SDG&E’s Residential Demand Forecast**  
**Average Year Weather Design, 2021-2035**  
**(Bcf/year)**



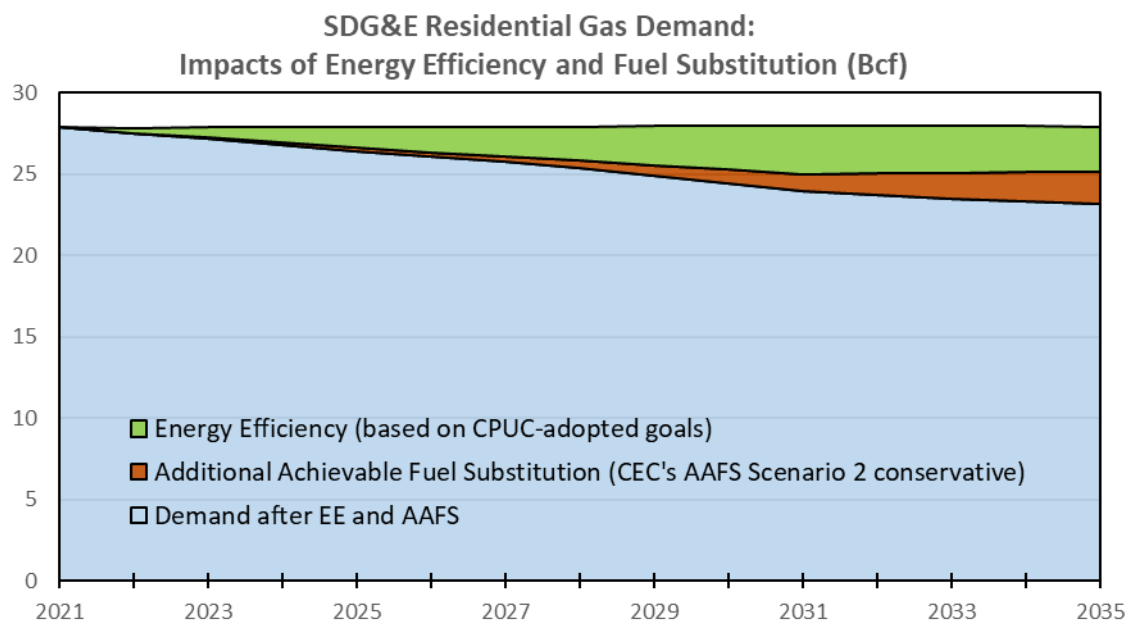
As described above, SDG&E’s residential base forecast is developed from an end use model. The model results are modified by anticipated impacts of climate change as well as forecasts of policy adoptions that impact gas use. After the base forecast is developed, the forecast is modified with three out-of-model adjustments. The energy savings adjustments made to the forecast include: (1) allowing for fewer heating degree days in the average weather design for each consecutive year of the forecast to account for climate change; (2) gas demand destruction due to greater energy efficiency savings forecasted over the planning period; and (3) incremental energy savings created from assumed fuel substitution. All of these energy savings incorporated into the forecast reflect market potential and became load modifiers to create a final forecast of demand.

The major modifiers to the forecast are energy efficiency and building electrification. The energy efficiency forecast includes the confluence of two types of gas energy savings: Codes and Standards savings, which include current and expected modifications to Title 24 and the energy savings stemming from the customer programs authorized by the CPUC under D.19-08-034 and D.21-09-037. The baseline forecast was adjusted downward to account for the

incremental energy saving influences that are expected to occur over the forecast period.

The final forecast also includes a load modifier for fuel substitution. For purposes of constructing a long-term reasonable forecast for the 2022 CGR, SDG&E participated in an electrification working group committee along with PG&E, SoCalGas and Southern California Edison (SCE) to evaluate different approaches and assumptions to modeling the effects of fuel substitution. After several meetings and discussions, SDG&E aligned around the relatively conservative fuel substitution forecast scenario developed by the California Energy Commission. Fuel substitution was estimated and introduced separately from energy efficiency savings by the CEC in its 2021 IEPR as additional achievable fuel substitution (AAFS). Of the five possible fuel substitution scenarios developed by the CEC, the AAFS-2 Scenario, which is the CEC's mid-low scenario for electrification, was chosen by SDG&E to prepare the final residential forecast. Scenario 2 quantifies the assumed fuel substitution that would take place with potential future updates in the Title 24 building standards and the presumed additional building electrification encouraged by future ratcheting driven by tighter goals, rate enhancements and higher uptake rates at future points in time. All of the above-mentioned gas reductions were included in the residential forecast as modifiers to the base forecast.

As can be seen from the following graph, the effects of both energy efficiency and fuel substitution have an impact on the residential market, with increasing impact out to the end of the forecast period in 2035.

**Figure 29: SDG&E Residential EE and Fuel Substitution**

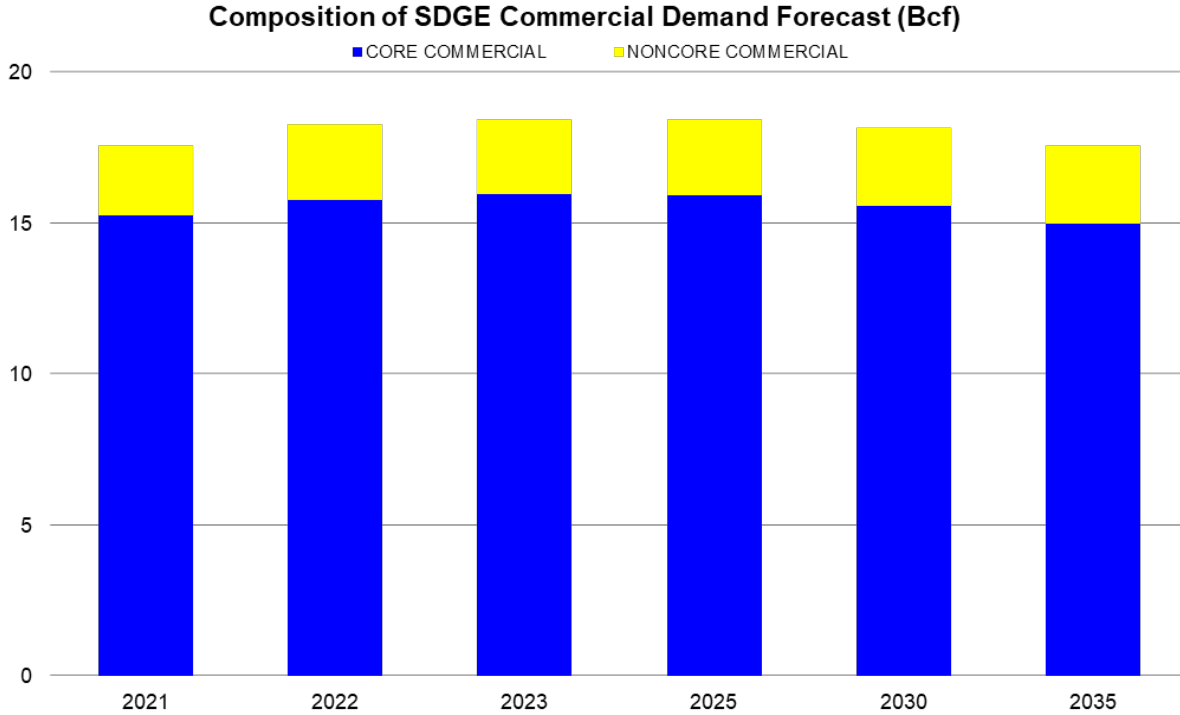
By year 2035, the assumed additional energy efficiency removes 10 percent of residential gas demand. Evaluated separately, the assumed additional fuel substitution removes another 7 percent of residential gas demand by 2035.

## Commercial

On a temperature-adjusted basis, SDG&E's core commercial demand in 2021 totaled 15.23 Bcf. By the year 2035, the core commercial load is expected to decline slightly to 14.98 Bcf. The forecasted annual average rate of decline is 0.1 percent.

SDG&E's non-core commercial load in 2021 was 2.35 Bcf. Over the forecast period, gas demand in this market is projected to grow an average of 0.7 percent per year to 2.58 BCF by 2035, driven by increased economic activity.

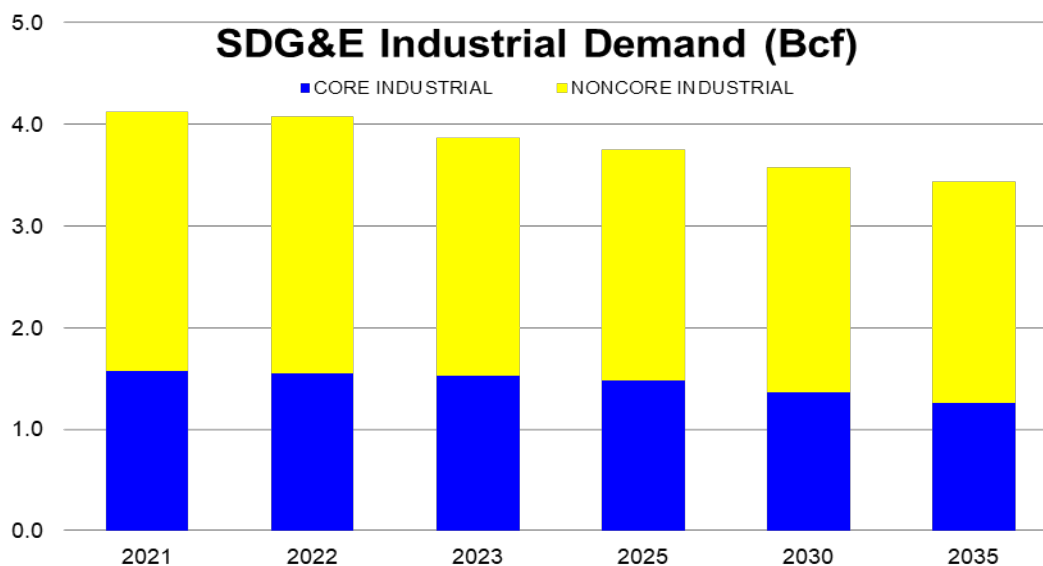
**FIGURE 30 –SDG&E COMMERCIAL NATURAL GAS DEMAND FORECAST  
AVERAGE YEAR WEATHER DESIGN  
(2021-2035)**



## Industrial

Temperature-adjusted core industrial demand was 1.57 Bcf in 2021 and is expected to decline to 1.26 Bcf by 2035, an average decrease of 1.6 percent per year. This result is due to a yearly average increase in marginal gas rates and the impact of savings from CPUC-authorized energy efficiency programs in the core industrial sector.

**FIGURE 31 –SDG&E INDUSTRIAL NATURAL GAS DEMAND FORECAST  
AVERAGE YEAR WEATHER DESIGN  
(2021-2035)**

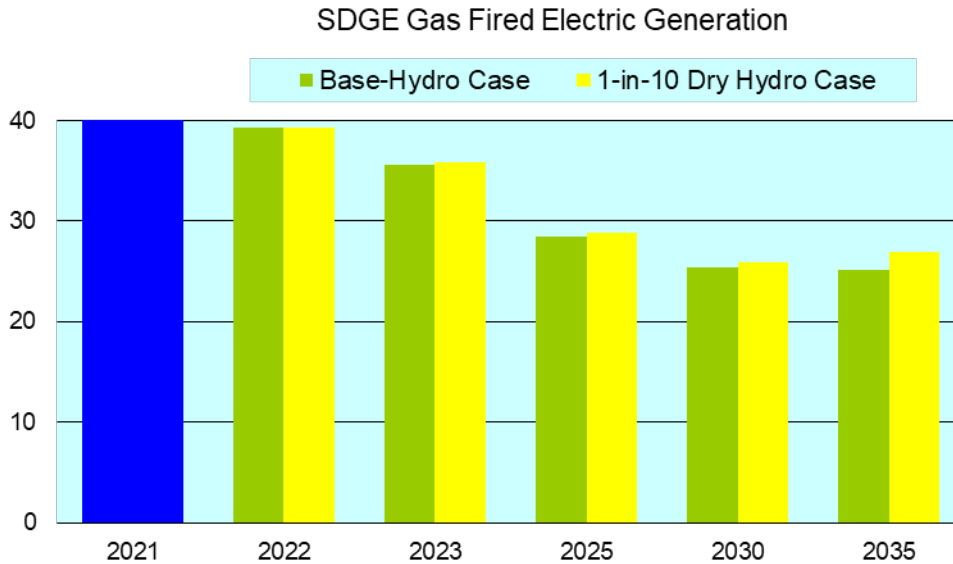


Non-core industrial load in 2019 was 2.4 Bcf and is expected to shrink about 0.6 percent per year to 2.2 Bcf by 2035. Demand-dampening effects of higher energy efficiency and higher carbon-allowance fees will more than offset slight increases from economic growth.

### Electric Generation

Total EG, including cogeneration and non-cogeneration EG, was 29 Bcf in 2019. From 2019, EG load is expected to decline an average of 1.35 percent per year to 23 Bcf by 2035. The following graph shows total EG forecasts for a normal hydro year and a 1-in-10 dry hydro year.

**FIGURE 32 – SDG&E’S TOTAL EG GAS DEMAND: BASE HYDRO AND 1-IN-10 DRY HYDRO DESIGN, 2021-2035 (Bcf/year)**



*Small Cogeneration (<20 MW)*

Small Electric Generation load from self-generation totaled 7.1 Bcf in 2021 and is projected to increase an average of 0.3 percent per year to 7.3 Bcf by 2035. Economic growth is expected to slightly outpace demand-dampening effects of higher carbon-allowance fees.

*Electric Generation Including Large Cogeneration (>20 MW)*

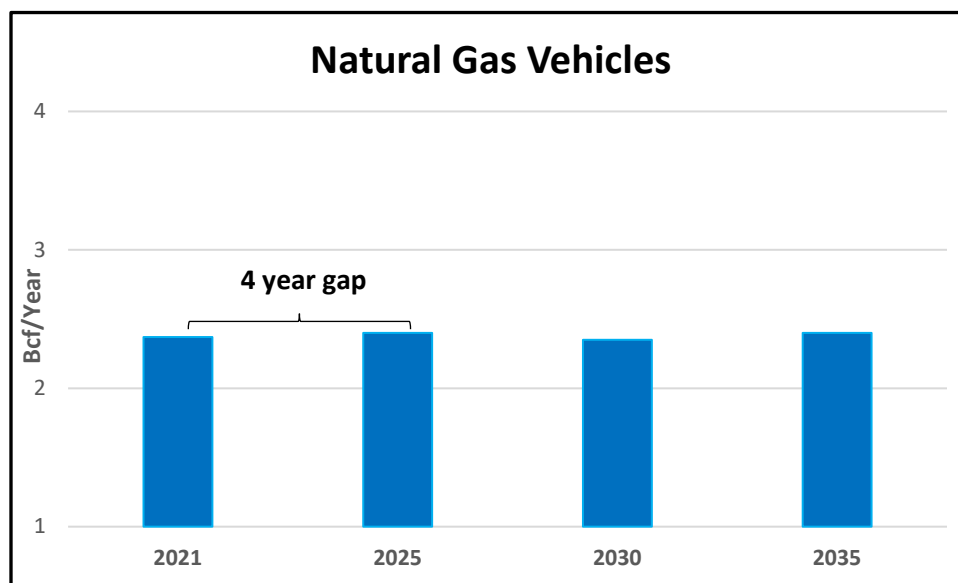
The forecast of large EG loads in SDG&E’s service area is based on the power market simulation noted in SoCalGas’ EG chapter for “Electric Generation Including All Cogeneration EG demand is forecasted to decrease from 32 Bcf in 2022 to 18 Bcf in 2035. This forecast includes no additional thermal generating resources in its service area, and it assumes no retirement during the same time period. It assumes the same 2021 Preferred System Plan as discussed in the Southern California Gas Company’s EG section.

## Natural Gas Vehicles

The clean vehicle market is expected to grow due to strong economic fundamentals, increased vehicle options, the continuation of government (federal, state, and local) incentives, additional regulations encouraging alternative fuel vehicle adoption, and regional collaboration for the deployment of necessary infrastructure. Additionally, since April 2019 SDG&E has been procuring 100 percent renewable natural gas (RNG) at all utility owned CNG stations, which provides significant GHG emission reduction benefits.

However, NGV growth may be offset by competing technologies such as vehicle electrification and hydrogen fuel-cell technologies. In addition, the COVID-19 pandemic which began in 2020, disrupted usage and consumption levels compared to a regular year. In 2021, SDG&E served 38 compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling stations located throughout the service territory and delivered approximately 2 Bcf of natural gas. The SDG&E NGV market is expected to remain stable with an average annual rate of 0.11 percent over the forecast horizon.

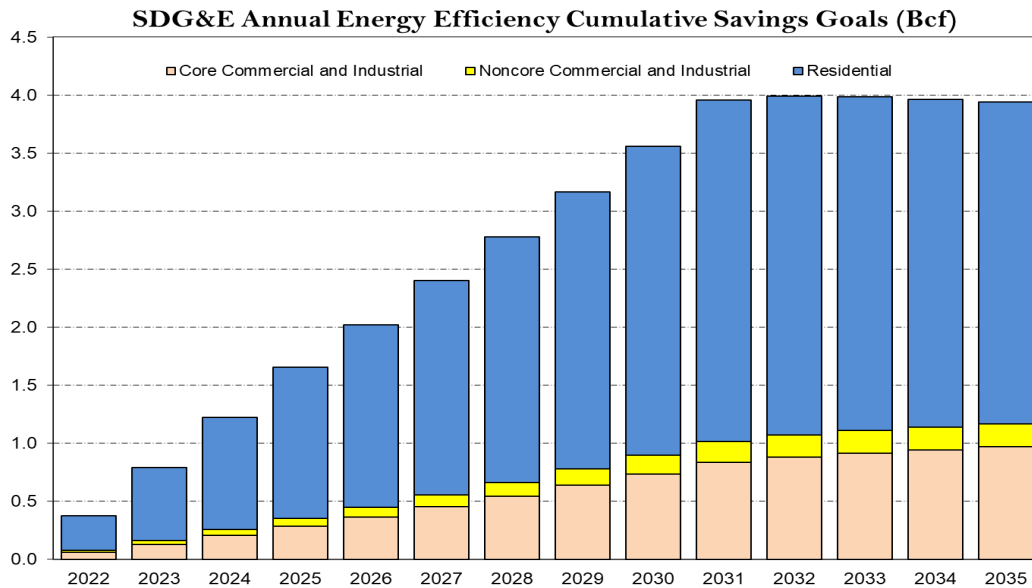
**FIGURE 33 – ANNUAL NGV DEMAND FORECAST**



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Conservation and energy efficiency activities encourage customers to install energy efficient equipment and weatherization measures and adopt energy saving practices that result in reduced gas usage, while still maintaining a comparable level of service. Conservation and energy efficiency load impacts are shown as positive numbers. The “total net load impact” is the natural gas throughput reduction resulting from the energy efficiency programs.

**FIGURE 34 – SDG&E ANNUAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY CUMULATIVE SAVING GOALS (Bcf)**



The cumulative net load impact forecast from SDG&E’s integrated gas and electric energy efficiency programs for selected years is shown in the graph above. The net load impact includes all energy efficiency programs, both gas and electric, that SDG&E has forecasted to be implemented beginning in year 2022 and occurring through the year 2035 in addition to the Title 24 Codes and Standards expected over the 2022-2035 horizon. Savings and goals for these



programs are based on the program goals authorized by the Commission in D.19-08-034 and D.21-09-037.

Savings reported are for measures installed under SDG&E's gas and electric Energy Efficiency programs. Credit is only taken for measures that are installed as a result of SDG&E's Energy Efficiency programs, and only for the measure lives of the measures installed.<sup>119</sup> Measures with useful lives less than the forecast planning period fall out of the forecast when their expected life is reached. Naturally occurring conservation that is not attributable to SDG&E's Energy Efficiency activities is not included.

## **Gas Supply**

Beginning in April 2008, gas supplies to serve both SoCalGas' and SDG&E's retail core gas demand are procured with a combined SoCalGas/SDG&E portfolio per D.07-12-019 of December 6, 2007. For more information, refer above to the "Gas Supply, Capacity, and Storage" section in the Southern California part of this report.

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<sup>119</sup> 1 "Hard" impacts include measures requiring a physical equipment modification or replacement. SDG&E does not include "soft" impacts, e.g., energy management services type measures.<sup>110</sup> This EE forecast does not include the impacts of fuel substitution measures (natural gas to electric measures). Fuel substitution is addressed in the overview section of the writeup.

## REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

### GENERAL RATE CASE

On September 26, 2019, CPUC unanimously approved a final 2019 GRC decision that adopted a TY 2019 revenue requirement of \$1.990 billion for SDG&E's combined operations (\$1.590 billion for electric, \$0.400 billion for gas) which is \$213 million lower than the \$2.203 billion that SDG&E had requested in its Update testimony. The adopted revenue requirement represents an increase of \$107 million or a 5.7 percent increase over 2018. The final decision adopted PTY revenue requirement adjustments for SDG&E of \$134 million for 2020 (6.7 percent increase) and \$102 million for 2021 (4.8 percent increase).

In January 2020, the CPUC revised the rate case plans and implemented a 4-year GRC cycle for California IOUs. SDG&E was directed to file a PFM to revise its 2019 GRC decision to add two additional attrition years including adjustment amounts, resulting in a transitional five-year GRC period (2019-2023).

In April 2020 (then slightly revised in May), SDG&E filed a PFM of its 2019 GRC decision requesting attrition year increases of \$94 million (+4.24 percent) for 2022 and \$96 million (+4.13 percent) for 2023. In May 2021, the CPUC issued a decision authorizing SDG&E to apply its PTY mechanism adopted in the 2019 GRC decision to 2022 and 2023 but updated the calculations based on the 2020 4th Quarter Global Insight forecast to more fully capture the impact of Covid-19 to the economy. This decision resulted in revenue requirements of \$2.3 and \$2.4 billion for SDG&E for 2022 and 2023 respectively, which were slightly less than the original requests made in SDG&E's PFM.

In May 2022 SDG&E filed its 2024 General Rate Case seeking to revise its authorized revenue requirements, effective on January 1, 2024, to recover the reasonable costs of electric and gas operations, facilities, infrastructure, and other functions necessary to provide utility services to customers. SDG&E requests a combined \$3.022 billion revenue requirement (\$674 million gas and \$2.348 billion electric), which, if approved, would be an increase of \$475 million

over the expected 2023 revenue requirement. SDG&E also includes post-test year revenue requirement and regulatory account-related proposals. The general rate request process is scheduled to take between 18 months and two years and is expected to conclude in late 2023.

### **Other Regulatory Matters**

For more information on non-GRC regulatory matters, refer above to the “Regulatory Environment” section in the Southern California part of this report, which generally applies to SDG&E’s gas business as well.

## PEAK DAY DEMAND

Gas supplies to serve both SoCalGas’ and SDG&E’s retail core gas demand are procured with a combined portfolio that contains a total firm storage withdrawal capacity designed to serve the utilities’ combined retail core peak day gas demand. Please see the corresponding discussion of “Peak Day Demand and Deliverability” under the SoCalGas portion of this report for an illustration of how storage and flowing supplies can meet the growth in forecasted load for the combined (SoCalGas and SDG&E) retail core peak day demand.

The table below shows SDG&E’s Core 1-in-35 Year Extreme Peak Day Demand and Winter 1-in-10 Year Cold Day System Demand.

**TABLE 44– SDG&E WINTER PEAK DAY DEMAND (MMcf/d)**

Year	Core 1-in-35 Extreme Peak Day Demand <sup>1/</sup>	1-in-10 Cold Day Demand			
		Core <sup>2/</sup>	Noncore C&I <sup>3/</sup>	EG <sup>4/</sup>	Total
2022	<b>404</b>	380	13	116	<b>510</b>
2023	<b>403</b>	380	13	104	<b>496</b>
2024	<b>402</b>	378	13	94	<b>484</b>
2025	<b>400</b>	376	13	98	<b>487</b>
2026	<b>398</b>	375	13	102	<b>490</b>
2027	<b>397</b>	373	13	102	<b>488</b>
2028	<b>395</b>	372	13	78	<b>462</b>

Notes:

- (1) The criterion for core 1-in-35 extreme peak day design is defined as a 1-in-35 likelihood for SDG&E’s service area. This criteria correlates to 43.3 degrees Fahrenheit for SDG&E’s service area. 1-in-35 and 1-in-10 Core peak day demand forecasts embody the baseline forecast with load modifiers that include changing weather design to account for climate change, assumed EE savings and assumed fuel substitution under AAFS 2.
- (2) The criterion for 1-in-10 peak day design is defined as a 1-in-10 likelihood for SDG&E’s service area. This criterion correlates to 44.8 degrees Fahrenheit for SDG&E’s service area.
- (3) Average daily December demand for noncore commercial and noncore industrial.
- (4) Electric Generation includes UEG/EWG Base Hydro, large cogeneration, industrial and commercial cogeneration (<20MW).

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### **SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY – TABULAR DATA**

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**TABLE 45 – SDG&E  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY TAKEN– MMcf/d  
RECORDED YEARS 2017-2021**

**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY TAKEN (MMCF/DAY)  
RECORDED YEARS 2017 -2021**

<b>LINE</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b>					
<b>1 California Sources</b>					
Out of State gas					
2 California Offshore (POPCO/PIOC)					
3 El Paso Natural Gas Company					
4 Transwestern Pipeline company					
5 Kern River/Mojave Pipeline Company					
6 TransCanada GTN/PG&E					
7 Other					
<b>8 TOTAL Output of State</b>					
9 Underground storage withdrawal					
<b>10 TOTAL Gas Supply available</b>					
<b>Gas Supply Taken</b>					
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>California Source Gas</b>					
11 Regular Purchases	0	0	0	0	0
12 Received for Exchange/Transport	0	0	0	0	0
13 <b>Total California Source Gas</b>	0	0	0	0	0
14 <b>Purchases from Other Utilities</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Out-of-State Gas</b>					
15 Pacific Interstate Companies	0	0	0	0	0
16 Additional Core Supplies	0	0	0	0	0
17 Supplemental Supplies-Utility	111	112	128	126	126
18 Out-of-State Transport-Others	188	127	103	151	139
19 <b>Total Out-of-State Gas</b>	299	239	230	277	265
<b>20 TOTAL Gas Supply Taken &amp; Transported</b>	299	239	230	277	265
(MMCFD)					

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**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND SENDOUT (MMCF/DAY)**  
**RECORDED YEARS 2017-2021**

Actual Deliveries by End-Use		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>CORE</b>	Residential	72	70	81	81	78
	Commercial	52	54	57	50	52
	Industrial	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Subtotal - CORE</i>	124	124	138	131	130
<b>NONCORE</b>	Commercial	-	-	-	-	-
	Industrial	11	12	13	13	15
	Non-EOR Cogen/EG	71	51	43	84	77
	Electric Utilities	92	49	33	41	36
<i>Subtotal - NONCORE</i>	174	112	89	138	128	
<b>WHOLESALE</b>	All End Uses	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Subtotal - Co Use &amp; LUAF</i>	1	3	4	8	7
<b>SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT</b>		299	239	230	277	265
<b>Actual Transport &amp; Exchange</b>						
<b>CORE</b>	Residential	1	1	1	1	-
	Commercial	13	14	14	12	11
<b>NONCORE</b>	Industrial	11	12	13	13	15
	Non-EOR Cogen/EG	71	51	43	84	77
	Electric Utilities	92	49	33	41	36
	<i>Subtotal - RETAIL</i>	188	127	103	151	139
<b>WHOLESALE</b>	All End Uses	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORT &amp; EXCHANGE</b>		188	127	103	151	139
<b>Storage</b>						
	<i>Storage Injection</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	<i>Storage Withdrawal</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Actual Curtailment</b>						
	Residential	-	-	-	-	-
	Com/Indl & Cogen	-	-	-	-	-
	Electric Generation	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CURTAILMENT</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>REFUSAL</b>		-	-	-	-	-
ACTUAL DELIVERIES BY END-USE includes sales and transportation volumes						
	MMbtu/Mcf:	1.040	1.038	1.032	1.025	1.030

ile and MMCFD Supplies are used in the odd year reports (see P 17-18 of CGR)

**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY – TABULAR DATA**

**TABLE 47 – SDG&E: SDG&E  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS – MMcf/d  
ESTIMATED YEARS 2022-2026  
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE YEARS**

		AVERAGE TEMPERATURE YEAR					
LINE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	LINE
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE <sup>1/ &amp; 2/</sup></b>							
1	California Source Gas	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Southern Zone of SoCalGas <sup>1/</sup>	574	574	574	574	574	2
3	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE	574	574	574	574	574	3
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
4	California Source Gas	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	Southern Zone of SoCalGas	253	241	227	219	218	5
6	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	253	241	227	219	218	6
7	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	TOTAL THROUGHPUT	253	241	227	219	218	8
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END-USE <sup>3/</sup></b>							
9	CORE <sup>4/</sup>						
	Residential	75	75	73	72	71	9
10	Commercial	43	44	44	44	44	10
11	Industrial	4	4	4	4	4	11
12	NGV	6	6	6	6	6	12
13	Subtotal-CORE	129	129	127	126	125	13
14	NONCORE						
	Commercial	7	7	7	7	7	14
15	Industrial	7	6	6	6	6	15
16	Electric Generation (EG)	108	97	85	78	77	16
17	Subtotal-NONCORE	121	111	98	91	91	17
18	Co. Use & LUAF	2	2	2	2	2	18
19	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT	253	241	227	219	218	19
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>							
20	CORE						
	All End Uses	12	12	12	12	12	20
21	NONCORE						
	Commercial/Industrial	14	13	13	13	13	21
22	Electric Generation (EG)	108	97	85	78	77	22
23	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	134	123	110	103	103	23
<b>CURTAILMENT</b>							
24	Core	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	Noncore	0	0	0	0	0	25
26	TOTAL - Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	26

NOTES:

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2/ For 2020 and after, assume capacity at same levels. Actual capacity through the CGR timeframe is subject to change.

3/ Requirement forecast by end-use includes sales, transportation, and exchange volumes.

4/ Core end-use demand exclusive of core aggregation

transportation (CAT) in MDth/d:	120	120	118	117	116
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**TABLE 48 – SDG&E: -SDG&E  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS – MMcf/d  
ESTIMATED YEARS 2027-2035  
AVERAGE TEMPERATURE YEARS**

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE YEAR							
LINE		2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	LINE
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b> <sup>1/ &amp; 2/</sup>							
1	California Source Gas	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Southern Zone of SoCalGas <sup>1/</sup>	574	574	574	574	574	2
3	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE	574	574	574	574	574	3
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
4	California Source Gas	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	Southern Zone of SoCalGas	215	210	209	204	198	5
6	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	215	210	209	204	198	6
7	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	TOTAL THROUGHPUT	215	210	209	204	198	8
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END-USE</b> <sup>3/</sup>							
9	CORE <sup>4/</sup>						
	Residential	71	69	68	67	63	9
10	Commercial	43	43	43	43	41	10
11	Industrial	4	4	4	4	3	11
12	NGV	6	6	6	6	6	12
13	Subtotal-CORE	124	122	121	120	114	13
14	NONCORE						
	Commercial	7	7	7	7	7	14
15	Industrial	6	6	6	6	6	15
16	Electric Generation (EG)	76	73	73	70	69	16
17	Subtotal-NONCORE	90	86	86	83	82	17
18	Co. Use & LUAF	2	2	2	2	2	18
19	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT	215	210	209	204	198	19
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>							
20	CORE						
	All End Uses	12	12	12	12	12	20
21	NONCORE						
	Commercial/Industrial	13	13	13	13	13	21
22	Electric Generation (EG)	76	73	73	70	69	22
23	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	102	98	99	95	94	23
<b>CURTAILMENT</b>							
24	Core	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	Noncore	0	0	0	0	0	25
26	TOTAL - Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	26

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4/ Core end-use demand exclusive of core aggregation

transportation (CAT) in MDth/d:	115	113	112	111	105
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**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY – TABULAR DATA**

**TABLE 49 – SDG&E:  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS – MMcf/d  
ESTIMATED YEARS 2022-2026  
COLD TEMPERATURE YEAR (1-IN-35 COLD YEAR EVENT) AND DRY HYDRO YEAR**

**COLD TEMPERATURE YEAR (1 IN 35 COLD YEAR EVENT) & DRY HYDRO YEAR**

LINE		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	LINE
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE <sup>1/ &amp; 2/</sup></b>							
1	California Source Gas	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Southern Zone of SoCalGas <sup>1/</sup>	574	574	574	574	574	2
3	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE	574	574	574	574	574	3
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
4	California Source Gas	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	Southern Zone of SoCalGas	262	251	237	229	228	5
6	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	262	251	237	229	228	6
7	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	TOTAL THROUGHPUT	262	251	237	229	228	8
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END-USE <sup>3/</sup></b>							
9	CORE <sup>4/</sup>						
	Residential	83	82	81	80	79	9
10	Commercial	45	45	45	45	45	10
11	Industrial	4	4	4	4	4	11
12	NGV	6	6	6	6	6	12
13	Subtotal-CORE	138	138	136	135	134	13
14	NONCORE						
	Commercial	7	7	7	7	7	14
15	Industrial	7	6	6	6	6	15
16	Electric Generation (EG)	108	98	86	79	79	16
17	Subtotal-NONCORE	121	111	99	92	92	17
18	Co. Use & LUAF	2	2	2	2	2	18
19	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT	262	251	237	229	228	19
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>							
20	CORE						
	All End Uses	13	13	13	13	13	20
21	NONCORE						
	Commercial/Industrial	14	13	13	13	13	21
22	Electric Generation (EG)	108	98	86	79	79	22
23	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	134	124	112	105	104	23
<b>CURTAILMENT</b>							
24	Core	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	Noncore	0	0	0	0	0	25
26	TOTAL - Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	26

**NOTES:**

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transportation (CAT) in MDth/d:	129	129	127	126	125
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**TABLE 50 – SDG&E:  
ANNUAL GAS SUPPLY AND REQUIREMENTS – MMcf/d  
ESTIMATED YEARS 2027-2035  
COLD TEMPERATURE YEAR (1-IN-35 COLD YEAR EVENT) AND DRY HYDRO YEAR**

COLD TEMPERATURE YEAR (1 IN 35 COLD YEAR EVENT) & DRY HYDRO YEAR							
LINE		2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	LINE
<b>CAPACITY AVAILABLE</b> <sup>1/ &amp; 2/</sup>							
1	California Source Gas	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Southern Zone of SoCalGas <sup>1/</sup>	574	574	574	574	574	2
3	TOTAL CAPACITY AVAILABLE	574	574	574	574	574	3
<b>GAS SUPPLY TAKEN</b>							
4	California Source Gas	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	Southern Zone of SoCalGas	226	220	220	215	212	5
6	TOTAL SUPPLY TAKEN	226	220	220	215	212	6
7	Net Underground Storage Withdrawal	0	0	0	0	0	7
8	TOTAL THROUGHPUT	226	220	220	215	212	8
<b>REQUIREMENTS FORECAST BY END-USE</b> <sup>3/</sup>							
9	CORE <sup>4/</sup>						
	Residential	78	77	76	74	71	9
10	Commercial	45	45	45	44	42	10
11	Industrial	4	4	4	4	4	11
12	NGV	6	6	6	6	6	12
13	Subtotal-CORE	133	131	130	129	123	13
14	NONCORE						
	Commercial	7	7	7	7	7	14
15	Industrial	6	6	6	6	6	15
16	Electric Generation (EG)	78	74	74	71	74	16
17	Subtotal-NONCORE	91	87	87	84	87	17
18	Co. Use & LUAF	2	2	2	2	2	18
19	SYSTEM TOTAL THROUGHPUT	226	220	220	215	212	19
<b>TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE</b>							
20	CORE						
	All End Uses	13	13	13	13	12	20
21	NONCORE						
	Commercial/Industrial	13	13	13	13	13	21
22	Electric Generation (EG)	78	74	74	71	74	22
23	TOTAL TRANSPORTATION & EXCHANGE	104	100	100	97	99	23
<b>CURTAILMENT</b>							
24	Core	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	Noncore	0	0	0	0	0	25
26	TOTAL - Curtailment	0	0	0	0	0	26

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transportation (CAT) in MDth/d:	124	122	121	120	114
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## GLOSSARY

### **A.**

Application.

### **AAEE**

Additional Achievable Energy Efficiency.

### **AAFS**

Additional Achievable Fuel Substitution. The scenarios forecast reductions for gas consumption which are “substituted out” through electrification.

### **AB**

Assembly Bill.

### **AMI**

Advanced Metering Infrastructure.

### **APD**

Abnormal Peak Day.

### **API**

American Petroleum Institute.

### **A/S**

ancillary services.

### **Average Day (Operational Definition)**

Annual gas sales or requirements assuming average temperature year conditions divided by 365 days.

### **Average Temperature Year**

Long-term average recorded temperature.

### **Bcf**

billion cubic feet.

**Bcf/d**

billion cubic feet per day.

**Bcf/y**

billion cubic feet per year.

**BTU (British Thermal Unit)**

Unit of measurement equal to the amount of heat energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water 1 degree F. This unit is commonly used to measure the quantity of heat available from complete combustion of natural gas.

**CAISO**

California Independent System Operator.

**CalGEM**

California Geologic Energy Management Division (formerly, DOGGR).

**California-Source Gas**

1. Regular Purchases – All gas received or forecasted from California producers, excluding exchange volumes. Also referred to as Local Deliveries.
2. Received for Exchange/Transport – All gas received or forecasted from California producers for exchange, payback, or transport.

**CARB**

California Air Resources Board.

**CCST**

California Council on Science and Technology.

**CDFA**

California Department of Food and Agriculture.

**CEC**

California Energy Commission.

**CFR**

Code of Federal Regulations.

**CGR**

California Gas Report.

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### **CNG (Compressed Natural Gas)**

Fuel for NGVs, typically natural gas compressed to 3000 pounds per square inch.

### **CO<sub>2</sub>**

carbon dioxide.

### **Cogeneration**

Simultaneous production of electricity and thermal energy from the same fuel source. Also used to designate a separate class of gas customers.

### **Cold Temperature Year**

Cold design-temperature conditions based on long-term recorded weather data.

### **Combined Heat and Power (CHP)**

Combined Heat and Power (CHP) is the sequential production of electricity and thermal energy from the same fuel source. Historically, CHP has been perceived as an efficient technology and is promoted in California as a preferred EG resource.

### **Commercial (SoCalGas and SDG&E)**

Category of gas customers whose establishments consist of services, manufacturing nondurable goods, dwellings not classified as residential, and farming (agricultural).

### **Commercial (PG&E)**

Non-residential gas customers not engaged in EG, EOR, or gas resale activities with usage less than 20,800 therms per month.

### **Commission**

California Public Utilities Commission (see also CPUC).

### **Company Use**

Gas used by utilities for operational purposes, such as fuel for line compression and injection into storage.

### **Conversion Factor (LNG)**

Approximate LNG liquid conversion factor for one therm (High-Heat Value).

- Pounds 4.2020
- Gallons 1.1660
- Cubic Feet 0.1570
- Barrels 0.0280
- Cubic Meters 0.0044
- Metric Tonnes 0.0019

**Conversion Factor (Natural Gas)**

- 1 cf (Cubic Feet) = Approximately 1,000 Btus
- 1 Ccf = 100 cf = Approximately 1 Therm
- 1 Therm = 100,000 BTUs = Approximately 100 cf = 0.1 Mcf
- 10 Therms = 1 Dth (dekatherm) = Approximately 1 Mcf
- 1 Mcf = 1,000 cf = Approximately 10 Therms = 1 MMBtu
- 1 MMcf = 1 million cubic feet = Approximately 1 MDth (1 thousand dekatherm)
- 1 Bcf = 1 billion cf = Approximately 1 million MMBtu

**Conversion Factor (Petroleum Products)**

Approximate heat content of petroleum products (MMBtu per Barrel).

- Crude Oil 5.800
- Residual Fuel Oil 6.287
- Distillate Fuel Oil 5.825
- Petroleum Coke 6.024
- Butane 4.360
- Propane 3.836
- Pentane Plus 4.620
- Motor Gasoline 5.253

**Core Aggregator**

Individuals or entities arranging natural gas commodity procurement activities on behalf of core customers. Also, sometimes known as an Energy Service Provider (ESP), a Core Transport Agent (CTA), or a Retail Service Provider.

**Core Customer (PG&E)**

All customers with average usage less than 20,800 therms per month.

**Core Customers (SoCalGas and SDG&E)**

All residential customers; all commercial and industrial customers with average usage less than 20,800 therms per month who typically cannot fuel switch. Also, those commercial and industrial customers (whose average usage is more than 20,800 therms per year) who elect to remain a core customer receiving bundled gas service from the LDC.

**Core Subscription**

Noncore customers who elect to use the LDC as a procurement agent to meet their commodity gas requirements.

**COVID-19**

Coronavirus Disease 2019.

**CPUC**

California Public Utilities Commission (see also Commission).



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### **Cubic Foot of Gas**

Volume of natural gas, which, at a temperature of 60 degrees F and an absolute pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch, occupies one cubic foot.

### **Curtailement**

Temporary suspension, partial or complete, of gas deliveries to a customer or customers.

### **D.**

Decision.

### **DDRDP**

Dairy Digester Research and Development Program.

### **DOE**

Department of Energy.

### **DOGGR**

California Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (now CalGEM).

### **ECA**

Energia Costal Azul.

### **EG**

Electric Generation (including cogeneration) by a utility, customer, or independent power producer.

### **Electrification (Building Electrification)**

Fuel Substitution

### **Energy Service Provider (ESP)**

Individuals or entities engaged in providing retail energy services on behalf of customers. ESP's may provide commodity procurement, but could also provide other services, e.g., metering and billing.

### **EO**

Executive Order.

### **EOR (Enhanced Oil Recovery)**

Injection of steam into oil-holding geologic zones to increase ability to extract oil by lowering its viscosity. Also used to designate a special category of gas customers.

**Exchange**

Delivery of gas by one party to another and the delivery of an equivalent quantity by the second party to the first. Such transactions usually involve different points of delivery and may or may not be concurrent.

**EWG (Exempt Wholesale Generator)**

A category of customers consuming gas for the purpose of generating electric power.

**F**

Fahrenheit.

**FERC**

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**FTA**

Free Trade Agreement.

**Futures (Gas)**

Unit of natural gas futures contract trades in units of 10,000 MMBtu at the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX). The price is based on delivery at Henry Hub in Louisiana.

**Gas Accord**

The Gas Accord is a multi-party settlement agreement, which restructured PG&E's gas transportation and storage services. The settlement was filed with the CPUC in August 1996, approved by the CPUC in August 1997 (D.97-08-055) and implemented by PG&E in March 1998. In D.03-12-061, the CPUC ordered the Gas Accord structure to continue for 2004 and 2005. Key features of the Gas Accord structure include the following: unbundling of PG&E's gas transmission service and a portion of its storage service; placing PG&E at risk for transmission service and a portion of its storage service; placing PG&E at risk for transmission and storage costs and revenues; establishing firm, tradable transmission and storage rights; and establishing transmission and storage rates.

**Gas Sendout**

That portion of the available gas supply that is delivered to gas customers for consumption, plus shrinkage.

**GHG (Green House Gas)**

GHGs are the gases present in the atmosphere which reduce the loss of heat into space and therefore contribute to global temperatures through the greenhouse effect. The most abundant GHGs are, in order of relative abundance are water vapor, CO<sub>2</sub>, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone and CFCs.

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### **GRC**

General Rate Case.

### **GT&S**

Gas Transmission and Storage.

### **GTN**

Gas Transmission Northwest LLC.

### **H2**

Hydrogen.

### **HDD (Heating Degree Day)**

A HDD is accumulated for every degree F the daily average temperature is below a standard reference temperature (SoCalGas and SDG&E: 65 degrees F; PG&E 60 degrees F). A basis for computing how much electricity and gas are needed for space heating purposes. For example, for a 50 degrees F average temperature day, SoCalGas and SDG&E would accumulate 15 HDD, and PG&E would accumulate 10 HDD.

### **Heating Value**

Number of BTU's liberated by the complete combustion at constant pressure of one cubic foot of natural gas at a base temperature of 60 degrees F and a pressure base of 14.73 psia, with air at the same temperature and pressure as the natural gas, after the products of combustion are cooled to the initial temperature of natural gas, and after the water vapor of the combustion is condensed to the liquid state. The heating value of the natural gas shall be corrected for the water vapor content of the natural gas being delivered except that, if such content is 7 pounds or less per one million cubic feet, the natural gas shall be considered dry.

### **IEPR**

Integrated Energy Policy Report.

### **ILI**

In-Line Inspection.

### **Industrial (PG&E)**

Non-residential customers not engaged in EG, EOR, or gas resale activities using more than 20,800 therms per month.

### **Industrial (SoCalGas and SDG&E)**

Category of gas customers who are engaged in mining and in manufacturing.

**IOU**

investor-owned utility.

**IRP**

Integrated Resource Plan.

**LCFS**

Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

**LDC**

Local electric and/or natural gas distribution company.

**LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas)**

Natural gas that has been super cooled to -260 degrees F (-162 degrees C) and condensed into a liquid that takes up 600 times less space than in its gaseous state.

**Load Following**

A utility's practice of adding additional generation to available energy supplies to meet moment-to-moment demand in the distribution system served by the utility, and for keeping generating facilities informed of load requirements to insure that generators are producing neither too little nor too much energy to supply the utilities' customers.

**MCF**

The volume of natural gas which occupies 1,000 cubic feet when such gas is at a temperature of 60 degrees F and at a standard pressure of approximately 15 pounds per square inch.

**MHP**

Mobile Home Park.

**MMBtu**

Million British Thermal Units. One MMBtu is equals to 10 therms or one dekatherm.

**MMcf/d**

Million cubic feet per day.

**mnt**

million metric tons.

**mntCO<sub>2</sub>e**

million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

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### **mtCO<sub>2</sub>e**

metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

### **MW**

megawatt.

### **MWh**

megawatt-hour.

### **NGSS**

Natural Gas Storage Strategy.

### **NGTL**

NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.

### **NGV (Natural Gas Vehicle)**

Vehicle that uses CNG or LNG as its source of fuel for its internal combustion engine.

### **Noncore Customers**

Commercial and industrial customers whose average usage exceeds 20,800 therms per month, including qualifying cogeneration and solar electric projects. Noncore customers assume gas procurement responsibilities and receive gas transportation service from the utility under firm or interruptible intrastate transmission arrangements.

### **Non-Utility Served Load**

The volume of gas delivered directly to customers by an interstate or intrastate pipeline or other independent source instead of the local distribution company.

### **Off-System Sales**

Gas sales to customers outside the utility's service area.

### **OIR**

Order Instituting Rulemaking.

### **OTC**

once-through-cooling.

### **Out-of-State Gas**

Gas from sources outside the state of California.

### **PFM**

Petition for Modification.

**PG&E**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

**PHMSA**

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

**Piggable**

Refers to the process of using devices known as "pigs" to perform various maintenance operations such as pipeline cleaning and inspection.

**Priority of Service (PG&E)**

In the event of a curtailment situation, PG&E curtails gas usage to customers based on the following end-use priorities:

1. Core Residential;
2. Non-residential Core;
3. Noncore using firm backbone service (including UEG);
4. Noncore using as-available backbone service (including UEG); and
5. Market Center Services.

**Priority of Service (SoCalGas + SDG&E)**

In the event of a curtailment situation, SoCalGas and SDG&E curtail gas usage to customers in the following order:

- Up to 60 percent (November thru March) or 40 percent (April thru October) of dispatched EG load;
- Up to 100 percent of nonEG noncore except for refineries;
- Up to 100 percent of refineries and up to 100 percent of the remaining dispatched EG load;
- Non-Residential Core customers; and
- Residential Core customers.

**PSEP**

Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan.

**PSIA**

Pounds per square inch absolute. Equal to gauge pressure plus local atmospheric pressure.

**Pub. Util. Code**

Public Utilities Code.

**Purchase from Other Utilities**

Gas purchased from other utilities in California.

**R.**

Rulemaking.

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### **R.**

Rulemaking.

### **R&D**

Research and Development.

### **Requirements**

Total potential demand for gas, including that served by transportation, assuming the availability of unlimited supplies at reasonable cost.

### **Res.**

Resolution.

### **Resale**

Gas customers who are either another utility or a municipal entity that, in turn, resells gas to end-use customers.

### **Residential**

A category of gas customers whose dwellings are single-family units, multi-family units, mobile homes, or other similar living facilities.

### **RNG**

Renewable Natural Gas.

### **RNGS**

Renewable Gas Standard.

### **RP**

Recommended Practice.

### **RPS**

Renewables Portfolio Standard.

### **RSP**

Reference System Plan.

### **SB**

Senate Bill.

### **SDG&E**

San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

**Short-Term Supplies**

Gas purchased usually involving 30-day, short-term contract or spot gas supplies.

**SLCP**

Short-Lived Climate Pollutants.

**SMUD**

Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

**SoCalGas**

Southern California Gas Company.

**Spot Purchases**

Short-term purchases of gas typically not under contract and generally categorized as surplus or best efforts.

**Storage Banking**

The direct use of local distribution company gas storage facilities by customers or other entities to store self-procured commodity gas supplies.

**Storage Injection**

Volume of natural gas injected into underground storage facilities.

**Storage Withdrawal**

Volume of natural gas taken from underground storage facilities.

**Supplemental Supplies**

A utility's best estimate for additional gas supplies that may be realized, from unspecified sources, during the forecast period.

**SWG**

Southwest Gas Corporation.

**SWRCB**

State Water Resources Control Board.

**System Capacity or Normal System Capacity (Operational Definition)**

The physical limitation of the system (pipelines and storage) to deliver or flow gas to end-users.

**System Utilization or Nominal System Capacity (Operational Definition)**

The use of system capacity or nominal system capacity at less than 100 percent utilization.



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### **Take-or-Pay**

A term used to describe a contract agreement to pay for a product (natural gas) whether or not the product is delivered.

### **Tariff**

All rate schedules, sample forms, rentals, charges, and rules approved by regulatory agencies for used by the utility.

### **TCF**

Trillion cubic feet of gas.

### **Therm**

A unit of energy measurement, nominally 100,000 BTUs.

### **Total Gas Supply Available**

Total quantity of gas estimated to be available to meet gas requirements.

### **Total Gas Supply Taken**

Total quantity of gas taken from all sources to meet gas requirements.

### **Total Throughput**

Total gas volumes passing through the system including sales, company use, storage, transportation, and exchange.

### **Traditional Gas**

A term designated to refer to fossil fuels, including but not limited to, natural gas.

### **Transportation Gas**

Non-utility-owned gas transported for another party under contractual agreement.

### **UC**

University of California.

### **UEG**

utility electric generation.

### **Unaccounted-For**

Gas received into the system but unaccounted for due to measurement, temperature, pressure, or accounting discrepancies.

**Unbundling**

The separation of natural gas utility services into its separate service components, such as gas procurement, transportation, and storage with distinct rates for each service.

**U.S.**

United States.

**USA**

Underground Service Alert.

**WACOG**

Weighted average cost of gas.

**WECC**

Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

**Wholesale**

A category of customer, either a utility or municipal entity, that resells gas.

**Wobbe**

The Wobbe number of a fuel gas is found by dividing the high heating value of the gas in BTU per standard cubic feet (scf) by the square root of a specific gravity with respect to air. The higher a gases' Wobbe number, the greater the heating value of the quality of gas that will flow through a hole of a given size in a given amount of time.

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**RESPONDENTS**

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## RESPONDENTS

The following utilities have been designated by the California Public Utilities Commission as respondents in the preparation of the California Gas Report.

- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- San Diego Gas and Electric Company
- Southern California Gas Company

The following utilities also cooperated in the preparation of the report.

- City of Long Beach Energy Resources Department
- Sacramento Municipal Utilities District
- Southern California Edison Company
- Southwest Gas Corporation
- ECOGAS Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V.

A statewide committee has been formed by the respondents and cooperating utilities to prepare this report. The following individuals served on this committee.

### Working Committee

- Rose-Marie Payan- SoCalGas/SDG&E- *Statewide Chair, 2022 CGR*
- Todd Peterson-PG&E
- Scott Wilder- SoCalGas/SDG&E
- Sharim Chaudhury- SoCalGas/SDG&E
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- Julia Cortez- SoCalGas
- Brandon Duran-SoCalGas
- Dave Bisi- SoCalGas
- Stan Sinclair- SoCalGas
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**RESERVATIONS**

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**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

2023 CGR Reservation Form

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