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SoCalGas Issues “SoCalGas Advisory”

Customers urged to conserve natural gas

LOS ANGELES, December 18, 2016—[Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) today issued a “SoCalGas Advisory,” which asks customers to immediately reduce their natural gas use to help lower the risk of possible natural gas and electricity shortages. The Advisory will continue until further notice.

SoCalGas has also issued a system-wide curtailment watch to noncore customers (large commercial and industrial customers, including electric generation plants). SoCalGas is currently meeting system demands utilizing significant storage withdrawal. However, due to severe cold weather conditions throughout the southwestern United States and the SoCalGas service territory, there is a potential for interstate pipeline supply disruptions. Noncore customers are advised that they may be receiving a notice to curtail service.

SoCalGas urges all customers to immediately reduce their natural gas use by:

- Lowering their thermostats to 68 degrees or below
- Waiting a day to use natural gas appliances, and
- Washing clothes in cold water when possible.

More than 95 percent of Southern Californians use natural gas for home heating, and about 60 percent of the electricity used in California comes from power plants that run on natural gas. By conserving natural gas during this critical period, SoCalGas customers can help lower the risk of possible natural gas and electricity shortages.

The California Public Utilities Commission ordered the creation of the "SoCalGas Advisory" program to help address state agencies' concerns about regional energy reliability this winter due to the moratorium on injection operations at Aliso Canyon.

More ways to conserve natural gas and information on the program are available at socalgas.com/advisory.

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