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## Advice Letter No. 1251-G

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

## Subject: Revisions to Rule No. 22 Pursuant to Decision 22-12-057

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its California Gas Tariff. The tariff sheets being modified as a result of this submission are provided in Attachment A.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to revise Rule No. 22 - Standard Renewable Gas Interconnections to the Utility's Pipeline System pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs (OP) 4 through 6 in Decision (D.) 22-12-057 to incorporate a definition for Clean Renewable Hydrogen and to Lower and Upper Actions Levels for hydrogen.

## **Background**

On February 13, 2013, Rulemaking (R.) 13-02-008 was opened to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 1900 (Gatto, 2012), which added Health and Safety Code (HSC) § 25421 and requires the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) to take certain actions with respect to biogas and biomethane.

Specifically, HSC § 25421(c) requires the Commission to adopt biomethane standards that specify the concentration of allowable constituents in biomethane injected into a common carrier pipeline. The adoption of the biomethane standards ensures the protection of human health, and pipeline and pipeline facility integrity and safety.

Pursuant to OP 5 in D.22-12-057, the respondent gas utilities in R.13-02-008, including Southwest Gas, are required to revise their respective Standard Renewable Gas Interconnection (SRGI) Tariff Rules (Southwest Gas Rule No. 22) to reflect the following new "clean renewable hydrogen" definition provided in OP 4:

Hydrogen which is produced through a process that results in a lifecycle (*i.e.*, well-to-gate) greenhouse gas emissions rate of not greater than 4 kilograms of CO2e per kilogram of hydrogen produced and does not use fossil fuel as either a feedstock or production energy source.



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Additionally, OP 6 in D.22-12-057 requires the respondent gas utilities to revise their SRGI Tariff Rules to include Lower and Upper Action Levels for hydrogen as one percent and five percent content by volume, respectively.

## **Proposed Tariff Revisions to Rule No. 22**

In compliance with OPs 4-6 in D.22-12-057, Southwest Gas has modified its Rule No. 22 to add a definition for Clean Renewable Hydrogen and include Lower and Upper Action Levels for hydrogen as described above. Other conforming revisions are included to accommodate these revisions.

This Advice Letter will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

## Effective Date

Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to D.22-12-057 and General Order (GO) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective February 17, 2023, which is the date of submission.

## **Protest**

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission's Energy Division. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based with specificity and must be sent no later than 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter submission. Protests are to be submitted electronically to the Commission's Energy Division at:

Email: edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this Advice Letter should be sent electronically to:

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## **Notice**

Southwest Gas believes it is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 of GO 96-B, since this Advice Letter is being submitted in compliance with D.22-12-057.



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## **Service**

Service In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rule 7.2, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this Advice Letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached distribution list and on the official service list in R.13-02-008.

Respectfully submitted, SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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#### B. **DEFINITIONS**

#### 6. Btu Zone or Area

A physically identifiable area of the gas transmission and/or distribution system in which the heating value of the Gas is measured and is representative of the entire area.

#### 7. California Producer or Production

An entity which interconnects with the Utility's pipeline system to deliver Gas produced in California.

#### 8. **CARB**

California Air Resources Board of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

#### 9. CARB/OEHHA Report

The report entitled Recommendations to the California Public Utilities Commission Regarding Health Protective Standards for the Injection of Renewable Natural into the Common Carrier Pipeline, prepared by Staff of the California Air Resources Board and the Office of Health Hazard Assessment. The CARB/OEHHA Report was submitted in Rulemaking (R.)13-02-008 and adopted in Decision (D.) 14-01-034.

## 10. Clean Renewable Hydrogen

Hydrogen which is produced through a process that results in a lifecycle (i.e., well-to-gate) greenhouse gas emissions rate of not greater than 4 kilograms of CO2e per kilogram of hydrogen produced and does not use fossil fuel as either a feedstock or production energy source.

## 11. Commission (CPUC)

The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, sometimes referred to as the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), CPUC, or Commission.

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#### B. DEFINITIONS (Continued)

## 12. Conditioning or Upgrading

The removal of non-compliant components from Biogas or Raw Product Gas, or the addition of other gases, in order to meet Utility pipeline quality gas specifications. Blending is not considered to be a form of Conditioning or Upgrading.

## 13. Conditioning or Upgrading Facilities

Interconnector's Facilities used for Conditioning and Upgrading.

## 14. Constituent of Concern (Constituent)

A chemical or compound that may negatively impact the Merchantability of Renewable Gas.

## 15. Day(s)

Refers to calendar day(s) unless otherwise stated.

## 16. Displacement Receipt Point Capacity

Utility pipeline system improvements which increase the takeaway capacity from a Receipt Point but do not increase the overall downstream capacity of the Utility's pipeline system. The addition of Displacement Receipt Point Capacity increases the ability of the Utility to receive gas from a Receipt Point or zone in competition with other gas supplies delivered into the Utility's pipeline system.

## 17. End Use Customer (Customer)

Ultimate consumer of gas using Utility intrastate transportation services on either a bundled, commodity and intrastate transportation basis or an intrastate transportation only basis.

## 18. Expansion Receipt Point Capacity

Utility pipeline system improvements which increase the takeaway capacity from a Receipt Point and the overall downstream capacity of the Utility's pipeline system.

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#### B. **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

## 19. Gas

Any mixture of combustible and non-combustible gases used to produce heat by burning that can be accepted into a Utility pipeline without any compromise to operational safety or integrity. It shall include, but not be limited to, natural gas, renewable gas, biomethane, manufactured gas, or a mixture of any or all of the above. It shall meet the Utility's quality specifications, tariffs, rules, and other applicable regulations.

## 20. Group 1 Compound

Any Health Protective Constituent with a concentration below the Trigger Level.

## 21. Group 2 Compound

Any Health Protective Constituent with a concentration at or above the Trigger Level.

## 22. Hazardous Waste Landfill

For the purposes of this Rule, Hazardous Waste Landfill shall be given the same definition as provided in the California Health and Safety Code, including facilities permitted by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

## 23. Health Protective Constituents

- 1. Carcinogenic (cancer risk): Any Constituent determined by the State of California to cause cancer, as listed below in Table 1, Maximum Constituent Concentrations.
- 2. Non-carcinogenic (non-cancer risk or chronic risk): Any Constituent determined by the State of California to cause non-cancer health risk, as listed below in Table 1, Maximum Constituent Concentrations.

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#### B. **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

## 24. Heating Value

Total heating value of the gas normally measured on a gross dry higher heating value (HHV) basis (unless otherwise specified), and is defined as the number of British Thermal Units (Btu) evolved by the complete combustion, at constant pressure, of one standard cubic foot of gas with air, the temperature of the gas, air and products of combustion being 60 degrees Fahrenheit and all of the water formed by the combustion reaction being condensed to the liquid state.

## 25. Integrity Protective Constituents

Constituents that may impact the integrity of the Utility's pipeline system as listed in Table 1 Maximum Constituent Concentrations.

## 26. Interconnect Capacity

The metering, regulation and odorization daily capacity of the Utility Facilities, which is not necessarily the Takeaway Capacity and is not, nor is it intended to be, any commitment by Utility of Takeaway Capacity.

## 27. Interconnection Point

The point where the Utility Facilities and Interconnector's Facilities physically interconnect for delivery of Gas by Interconnector to, and receipt thereof by, Utility.

## 28. Interconnector's Facilities

The Gas pipeline facilities constructed and operated by an Interconnector up to the Interconnection Point.

## 29. Issued for Construction (IFC)

Drawings and documents which are used for construction work and activities.

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#### B. **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

30. Local Government Entity Renewable Gas Interconnector (Government Entity)

A city or county as defined by Article XI of the California Constitution.

## 31. Lower Action Level

The concentration or measured value of a Constituent, used to screen Renewable Gas during the initial gas quality review and ongoing periodic testing, requiring a shut-off of Renewable Gas supply if exceeded three times in a 12-month period.

## 32. Merchantability

The ability to purchase, sell, or market Gas. The Gas shall not contain dust, sand, dirt, gums, oils, microbes, bacteria, pathogens and/or other substances at levels that would be injurious to Utility facilities or which would present a health and/or safety hazard to Utility employees, customers, and/or the public or that would cause Gas to be unmarketable.

33. Million Standard cubic feet per day (MMScfd or MMScf/d)

Volumetric flow rate of Gas measured in millions of standard cubic feet per Day.

## 34. OEHHA

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California **Environmental Protection Agency.** 

## 35. Raw Product Gas or Feedstock Gas

Gas from biogenic or other renewable sources, such as Biogas, biomass, or power to Gas from renewable electricity, before conditioning or upgrading to comply with this Rule's Gas quality specifications.

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#### B. DEFINITIONS (Continued)

## 36. Receipt Point(s) or Points of Receipt

The place(s) where Interconnector delivers, or has delivered on its behalf, Gas into the Utility's pipeline system.

## 37. Renewable Gas

Gas from biogenic or other renewable sources, such as Biogas, biomass, or power to Gas from renewable electricity that has been conditioned or upgraded to comply with this Rule's Gas quality specifications, including Biomethane.

## 38. Renewable Gas Interconnector or Supplier (Interconnector)

Party physically interconnecting or interconnected with the Utility and effectuates the delivery of Renewable Gas through new or modified facilities, including any third-party delivering renewable gas into the utility pipeline either directly or through one or more intermediary pipelines, and effectuates the delivery of Renewable Gas through new or modified facilities.

## 39. Takeaway Capacity

Utility's physical takeaway capability downstream of the outlet of the Utility Facilities at the Interconnection Point. Takeaway Capacity for any particular day may be affected by physical flows from other Receipt Points, physical pipeline and/or storage conditions for that Day, and end-use demand on the Utility's pipeline system, and will be solely determined by the Utility.

## 40. Thousand Standard cubic feet per day (MScfd or MScf/d)

Volumetric flow of Gas measured in thousands of standard cubic feet per day.

## 41. Trigger Level

The concentration or measured value of a Constituent requiring additional periodic testing and analysis.

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#### B. DEFINITIONS (Continued)

## 42. Upper Action Level

The concentration or measured value of a Constituent requiring an immediate shut-off of Renewable Gas supply.

## 43. Utility Facilities

Facilities owned and operated by Utility, including but not limited to, pipelines, appurtenant facilities, meters, regulators, quality measurement, equipment and related system upgrades at and from the Interconnection Point, for receipt into Utility's pipeline system in the State of California pursuant to the Utility's interconnection agreement.

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HHV / (√Relative Densityreal) as defined in Section 2.20 in the 2009 American Gas Association (AGA) Report No. 5 Natural Gas Energy Measurement.

#### C. APPLICABILITY / OPEN ACCESS

#### 1. Applicability

The Utility shall provide nondiscriminatory open access to its system to any party for the purpose of physically interconnecting with the Utility and effectuating the delivery of Renewable Gas, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Rule and the Utility's applicable interconnection, operating, and balancing agreements.

#### 2. **End Use Customer Priority**

The interconnection and physical flows shall not jeopardize the integrity of, or interfere with, the normal operation of the Utility's pipeline system and provision of service to its End Use Customers.

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Renewab	Renewable Gas Injection Constituents Testing for Gas Source						
	Trigger Level	Lower Action Level	Upper Action Level	Non- Hazardous Landfill	Dairies	Other⁴	
Integrity Protective C	Integrity Protective Constituents <sup>3</sup>						
Ammonia	0.0004% (3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.001% (7 mg/m³)	0.0025% (18 mg/m³)	•		•	
Hydrogen	0.10%	1.0%5	5.0%5				
Mercury	0.08 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TBD⁵	TBD⁵				
Siloxanes	0.05 mg Si/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1 mg Si/m³	0.3 mg Si/m³	•	•	•	

- 1. Base Utility Gas Specifications are identified in K1.
- 2. Health Protective Constituents (HPC) are shown in Table V-3 of the CARB/OEHHA Report.
- 3. Integrity Protective Constituents are shown in Section 4.4.3.3 of D.14-01-034 and identified as pipeline integrity protective constituents.
- 4. Other organic sources, includes all Biogas sources other than landfill and dairy manure, including but not limited to, a sewage treatment plant or wastewater plant ("Publicly Owned Treatment Works" or "POTW").
- 5. The Lower and Upper Action Levels are specific to Biomethane pursuant to Decision 22-12-057 and will continue to be reviewed.
- 6. Testing requirement will be the stricter of the stated Renewable Gas values or other tariff requirements.
- 7. The Interconnector that meets this Rule's Section K.4.b certification requirements shall have reduced siloxanes testing requirements. Utility, at its discretion and at its own cost, may still test pursuant to Utility's applicable tariff rules. If the Utility test results show the siloxanes levels exceed the Lower Action Level, the full siloxanes testing requirements will apply as described in this Rule.

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#### B. **DEFINITIONS**

#### 6. Btu Zone or Area

A physically identifiable area of the gas transmission and/or distribution system in which the heating value of the Gas is measured and is representative of the entire area.

#### 7. California Producer or Production

An entity which interconnects with the Utility's pipeline system to deliver Gas produced in California.

#### 8. **CARB**

California Air Resources Board of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

#### 9. CARB/OEHHA Report

The report entitled Recommendations to the California Public Utilities Commission Regarding Health Protective Standards for the Injection of Renewable Natural into the Common Carrier Pipeline, prepared by Staff of the California Air Resources Board and the Office of Health Hazard Assessment. The CARB/OEHHA Report was submitted in Rulemaking (R.)13-02-008 and adopted in Decision (D.) 14-01-034.

## 10. Clean Renewable Hydrogen

Hydrogen which is produced through a process that results in a lifecycle (i.e., well-to-gate) greenhouse gas emissions rate of not greater than 4 kilograms of CO2e per kilogram of hydrogen produced and does not use fossil fuel as either a feedstock or production energy source.

## 110. Commission (CPUC)

The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, sometimes referred to as the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), CPUC, or Commission.

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12. Conditioning or Upgrading

The removal of non-compliant components from Biogas or Raw Product Gas, or the addition of other gases, in order to meet Utility pipeline quality gas specifications. Blending is not considered to be a form of Conditioning or Upgrading.

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## **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

12.13. Conditioning or Upgrading Facilities

Interconnector's Facilities used for Conditioning and Upgrading.

13.14. Constituent of Concern (Constituent)

A chemical or compound that may negatively impact the Merchantability of Renewable Gas.

14.15. Day(s)

Refers to calendar day(s) unless otherwise stated.

45.16. Displacement Receipt Point Capacity

Utility pipeline system improvements which increase the takeaway capacity from a Receipt Point but do not increase the overall downstream capacity of the Utility's pipeline system. The addition of Displacement Receipt Point Capacity increases the ability of the Utility to receive gas from a Receipt Point or zone in competition with other gas supplies delivered into the Utility's pipeline system.

46.17. End Use Customer (Customer)

Ultimate consumer of gas using Utility intrastate transportation services on either a bundled, commodity and intrastate transportation basis or an intrastate transportation only basis.

47.18. Expansion Receipt Point Capacity

Utility pipeline system improvements which increase the takeaway capacity from a Receipt Point and the overall downstream capacity of the Utility's pipeline system.

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## **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

<del>18.</del>19. Gas

Any mixture of combustible and non-combustible gases used to produce heat by burning that can be accepted into a Utility pipeline without any compromise to operational safety or integrity. It shall include, but not be limited to, natural gas, renewable gas, biomethane, manufactured gas, or a mixture of any or all of the above. It shall meet the Utility's quality specifications, tariffs, rules, and other applicable regulations.

19.20. Group 1 Compound

Any Health Protective Constituent with a concentration below the Trigger Level.

20.21. Group 2 Compound

Any Health Protective Constituent with a concentration at or above the Trigger Level.

21.22. Hazardous Waste Landfill

For the purposes of this Rule, Hazardous Waste Landfill shall be given the same definition as provided in the California Health and Safety Code, including facilities permitted by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

## 22.23. Health Protective Constituents

- 1. Carcinogenic (cancer risk): Any Constituent determined by the State of California to cause cancer, as listed below in Table 1, Maximum Constituent Concentrations.
- 2. Non-carcinogenic (non-cancer risk or chronic risk): Any Constituent determined by the State of California to cause non-cancer health risk, as listed below in Table 1, Maximum Constituent Concentrations.

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## **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

## 23.24. Heating Value

Total heating value of the gas normally measured on a gross dry higher heating value (HHV) basis (unless otherwise specified), and is defined as the number of British Thermal Units (Btu) evolved by the complete combustion, at constant pressure, of one standard cubic foot of gas with air, the temperature of the gas, air and products of combustion being 60 degrees Fahrenheit and all of the water formed by the combustion reaction being condensed to the liquid state.

## 24.25. Integrity Protective Constituents

Constituents that may impact the integrity of the Utility's pipeline system as listed in Table 1 Maximum Constituent Concentrations.

#### 25.26. Interconnect Capacity

The metering, regulation and odorization daily capacity of the Utility Facilities, which is not necessarily the Takeaway Capacity and is not, nor is it intended to be, any commitment by Utility of Takeaway Capacity.

#### 26.27. Interconnection Point

The point where the Utility Facilities and Interconnector's Facilities physically interconnect for delivery of Gas by Interconnector to, and receipt thereof by, Utility.

## 27.28. Interconnector's Facilities

The Gas pipeline facilities constructed and operated by an Interconnector up to the Interconnection Point.

## 28.29. Issued for Construction (IFC)

Drawings and documents which are used for construction work and activities.

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## **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

29.30. Local Government Entity Renewable Gas Interconnector (Government Entity)

A city or county as defined by Article XI of the California Constitution.

#### 30.31. Lower Action Level

The concentration or measured value of a Constituent, used to screen Renewable Gas during the initial gas quality review and ongoing periodic testing, requiring a shut-off of Renewable Gas supply if exceeded three times in a 12-month period.

#### 31.32. Merchantability

The ability to purchase, sell, or market Gas. The Gas shall not contain dust, sand, dirt, gums, oils, microbes, bacteria, pathogens and/or other substances at levels that would be injurious to Utility facilities or which would present a health and/or safety hazard to Utility employees, customers, and/or the public or that would cause Gas to be unmarketable.

32.33. Million Standard cubic feet per day (MMScfd or MMScf/d)

Volumetric flow rate of Gas measured in millions of standard cubic feet per Day.

## 33.34. OEHHA

Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

### 34.35. Raw Product Gas or Feedstock Gas

Gas from biogenic or other renewable sources, such as Biogas, biomass, or power to Gas from renewable electricity, before conditioning or upgrading to comply with this Rule's Gas quality specifications.

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## **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

35.36. Receipt Point(s) or Points of Receipt

The place(s) where Interconnector delivers, or has delivered on its behalf, Gas into the Utility's pipeline system.

36.37. Renewable Gas

Gas from biogenic or other renewable sources, such as Biogas, biomass, or power to Gas from renewable electricity that has been conditioned or upgraded to comply with this Rule's Gas quality specifications, including Biomethane.

37.38. Renewable Gas Interconnector or Supplier (Interconnector)

Party physically interconnecting or interconnected with the Utility and effectuates the delivery of Renewable Gas through new or modified facilities, including any third-party delivering renewable gas into the utility pipeline either directly or through one or more intermediary pipelines, and effectuates the delivery of Renewable Gas through new or modified facilities.

38.39. Takeaway Capacity

Utility's physical takeaway capability downstream of the outlet of the Utility Facilities at the Interconnection Point. Takeaway Capacity for any particular day may be affected by physical flows from other Receipt Points, physical pipeline and/or storage conditions for that Day, and end-use demand on the Utility's pipeline system, and will be solely determined by the Utility.

39.40. Thousand Standard cubic feet per day (MScfd or MScf/d)

Volumetric flow of Gas measured in thousands of standard cubic feet per day.

40.41. Trigger Level

The concentration or measured value of a Constituent requiring additional periodic testing and analysis.

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## **DEFINITIONS** (Continued)

41.42. Upper Action Level

The concentration or measured value of a Constituent requiring an immediate shut-off of Renewable Gas supply.

## 42.43. Utility Facilities

Facilities owned and operated by Utility, including but not limited to, pipelines, appurtenant facilities, meters, regulators, quality measurement, other equipment and related system upgrades at and from the Interconnection Point, for receipt into Utility's pipeline system in the State of California pursuant to the Utility's interconnection agreement.

#### 43.44. Wobbe Index

HHV / (√Relative Densityreal) as defined in Section 2.20 in the 2009 American Gas Association (AGA) Report No. 5 Natural Gas Energy Measurement.

#### APPLICABILITY / OPEN ACCESS

#### 1. Applicability

The Utility shall provide nondiscriminatory open access to its system to any party for the purpose of physically interconnecting with the Utility and effectuating the delivery of Renewable Gas, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Rule and the Utility's applicable interconnection, operating, and balancing agreements.

## **End Use Customer Priority**

The interconnection and physical flows shall not jeopardize the integrity of, or interfere with, the normal operation of the Utility's pipeline system and provision of service to its End Use Customers.

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#### K. RENEWABLE GAS QUALITY AND SPECIFICATIONS (Continued)

Table 1 <i>(Continued)</i> Maximum Constituent Concentrations						
Renewable Gas Injection Constituents Testing for Gas Source						
Trigger Lower Upper Non- Level Action Action Hazardous Dairies Oth						Other <sup>4</sup>
Integrity Protective Constituents <sup>3</sup>						
Ammonia	0.0004% (3 mg/m³)	0.001% (7 mg/m³)	0.0025% (18 mg/m³)	•		
Hydrogen	0.10%	TBD1.0% <sup>5</sup>	TBD5.0% <sup>5</sup>			
Mercury	0.08 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TBD⁵	TBD⁵			
Siloxanes	0.05 mg Si/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1 mg Si/m³	0.3 mg Si/m³	•	•	

#### Notes:

- 1. Base Utility Gas Specifications are identified in K1.
- 2. Health Protective Constituents (HPC) are shown in Table V-3 of the CARB/OEHHA Report.
- 3. Integrity Protective Constituents are shown in Section 4.4.3.3 of D.14-01-034 and identified as pipeline integrity protective constituents.
- 4. Other organic sources, includes all Biogas sources other than landfill and dairy manure, including but not limited to, a sewage treatment plant or wastewater plant ("Publicly Owned Treatment Works" or "POTW").
- 5. The Lower and Upper Action Levels will be reviewed in the next update proceeding. The Lower and Upper Action Levels are specific to Biomethane pursuant to Decision 22-12-057 and will continue to be reviewed.
- 6. Testing requirement will be the stricter of the stated Renewable Gas values or other tariff requirements.
- 7. The Interconnector that meets this Rule's Section K.4.b certification requirements shall have reduced siloxanes testing requirements. Utility, at its discretion and at its own cost, may still test pursuant to Utility's applicable tariff rules. If the Utility test results show the siloxanes levels exceed the Lower Action Level, the full siloxanes testing requirements will apply as described in this Rule.

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