

**MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE MOJAVE DESERT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

AGENDA ITEM 7

DATE: November 23, 2009

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize Executive Director to send a letter in support of Southern California Gas Company's application for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

SUMMARY: This item will authorize the Executive Director to send a letter in support of the Southern California Gas Company's application to the CPUC to develop and install advanced gas meters in its service area.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

BACKGROUND: The Southern California Gas Company service area includes upwind areas which overwhelmingly impact the air quality within the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District. In addition, there are several natural gas line compressor stations located within the MDAQMD. The Southern California Gas Company is seeking CPUC approval to install advanced gas meters which will allow meter readings to be sent electronically from the meter to the utility.

The installation of such advanced meters will provide more precise data to both the utility and its customers which will allow the customer to more effectively and efficiently monitor their gas usage which saving both energy and money. Reductions in the amount of natural gas used will correspond to less use of engines at pipeline compressor stations within the MDAQMD and thus generate an indirect reduction in emissions within the District. Furthermore, Southern California Gas Company estimates that the implementation of the AMI project will remove more than 1,000 vehicles from the roads within its service area as well as eliminating 6.3 million vehicle miles driven by the gas company fleet causing a corresponding reduction in vehicle emissions estimated to be over 140,000 tons per year of CO alone as well as significant amounts of NOx and VOC. These reductions will benefit the air quality in the MDAQMD since the reductions in the upwind area containing the majority of Southern California Gas Company's service area will in turn result in less air pollution transport into the District.

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REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION: Governing Board approval is required for positions taken in support of potential legislative and regulatory actions of other agencies.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Karen Nowak, Deputy District Counsel as to legal form and by Eldon Heaston, Executive Director on or before November 6, 2009.

FINANCIAL DATA: No increase in appropriation is anticipated.

PRESENTER: Eldon Heaston, Executive Director.