

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING PROPOSED UTILITY INCREASE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

On Tuesday _____, 20____, on motion of Supervisor _____, duly seconded by Supervisor _____ and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, in the winter of 2022-23, San Bernardino County residents experienced unprecedented high natural gas bills; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2022, the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) filed its 2024 General Rate Case (GRC) request with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting to increase their revenues by \$4.740 billion from 2024-2027; and

WHEREAS, if SoCalGas' request is approved by the CPUC as proposed, the typical residential monthly bill for residential customers would increase by approximately 13.2% per month; and

WHEREAS, SoCalGas is proposing rate increases in order to increase their revenues, to residents of San Bernardino County who are facing record inflation; and

WHEREAS, according to SoCalGas' own data more than 90 percent of households in Southern California rely on natural gas for heating their homes and hot water and about 60 percent of the electricity in California is generated using natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is already ranked within the top ten states with the highest utility rates and cost of living making it difficult for residents to rent or buy homes in the state; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 percent of families in the County with children under the age of 18 are led by single parents and are surviving on one income, and higher utility bills could impact these families and their ability to provide for their children; and

WHEREAS, adults over the age of 65 who are on fixed incomes make up over 12 percent of the County's population and their ability to pay their historically high utility bills will only be further exacerbated by higher utility rates; and

WHEREAS, San Bernardino County is home to nearly 10 percent of the households in the State of California that rely on cash public assistance or CalFresh benefits and higher utility bills will impose another financial hurdle to the success and wellbeing of those in need; and

WHEREAS, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors strive to create a County in which those who reside and invest can prosper and achieve well-being and higher utility bills go against the values and principles of San Bernardino County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

Section 1, The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors strongly oppose any substantial increase to natural gas bills.

Section 2, SoCalGas is requested to report to San Bernardino County on the status of their 2024 GRC, why they are requesting \$4.740 billion from customers, and when rate increases could go into effect.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS:
NOES: SUPERVISORS:
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS:

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY)

I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of _____, 20 .

LYNNA MONELL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____
Deputy