This Summer

Natural gas provides fuel to many local area power plants

This year, the SoCalGas Aliso Canyon facility (a major storage facility of natural gas) has restricted operations and is unable to provide gas to power plants as it has in the past.

SCE is one of the largest users on the SoCalGas system. Because of Aliso Canyon’s restricted operations, the risk to electric reliability has increased. SCE is very focused on this issue. Without gas to power generation plants, there are predictions that there could be rotating outages this summer.

What SCE is Doing

SCE will do everything we can to minimize the impact of the natural gas storage issues on the reliable delivery of power for our customers.

SCE is expanding customer programs to reduce the use of electricity and exploring contracts for electricity resources outside of Southern California.

SCE Programs

SCE is enhancing the use of programs to reduce the use of electricity at the times of highest customer demand.

These include programs for residential and business customers to reduce the amount of electricity they use.

More on SCE programs can be found at:

Residential Customers: on.sce.com/tips
Business Customers: on.sce.com/drp
What You Can Do to Conserve

Around Your Home

- Set your thermostat to 78 degrees or higher.
- Cook with your grill or microwave to keep your home cooler.
- Close your blinds to keep out the afternoon heat.
- Give your dryer a break and hang-dry your clothes.
- Reduce the temperature of your home's natural gas water heater.

Around the Pool

- Check the accuracy of your spa's natural gas thermostat.
- Lower the temperature setting on pool or spa heaters, and turn down while on vacation.
- Use a solar pool cover and have the sun heat the water's surface.

At Work

Flip the Switch

- Turn off unnecessary lighting.
- Adjust lighting time clocks or computer-lighting programs to reduce occupancy cycles.

Power Down

- Shut down lighting and A/C in unused rooms.
- Charge batteries and battery-operated equipment before or after TOU On-Peak hours.
- Turn off decorative fountains.
- Shift use of non-essential electrical equipment.

Keep Your Cool

- Pre-cool building/work areas at night or in the morning.
- Lower or close your window treatments to block the solar heat
- Disable A/C start during TOU On-Peak hours.
- Turn off hot-water boilers early and allow temperatures to coast.
- Duty-cycle less critical A/C equipment not susceptible to cyclic damage.