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Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999

OR

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from _____ to _____

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CALIFORNIA	1-1402	95-1240705
(State of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

555 WEST FIFTH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	90013
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (213)244-1200

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Preferred Stock	Pacific
First Mortgage Bonds:	
Series Y, due 2021; Series Z, due 2002;	
Series BB, due 2023; Series DD, due 2023;	New York
Series EE, due 2025; Series FF, due 2003	

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: None

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Exhibit Index on page 56. Glossary on page 58.

Aggregate market value of the voting preferred stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of February 29, 2000 was \$13.8 million.

Registrant's common stock outstanding as of February 29, 2000 was wholly owned by Pacific Enterprises.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

Portions of the Information Statement prepared for the May 2000 annual meeting of shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III.

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This report contains statements that are not historical fact and constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "estimates," "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "plans" "intends," "may" and "should" or similar expressions, or discussions of strategy or of plans are intended to identify forward-looking statements that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Future results may differ materially from those expressed in these forward-looking statements.

These statements are necessarily based upon various assumptions involving judgments with respect to the future and other risks, including, among others, local, regional, national and international economic, competitive, political and regulatory conditions and developments; technological developments; capital market conditions; inflation rates; interest rates; exchange rates; energy markets, including the timing and extent of changes in commodity prices; weather conditions; business and regulatory or legal decisions; the pace of deregulation of retail natural gas and electricity delivery; and other uncertainties -- all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Readers are cautioned not to rely unduly on any forward-looking statements and are urged to review and consider carefully the risks, uncertainties and other factors which affect the Company's business described in this annual report and other reports filed by the Company from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

A description of Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas or the Company) is given in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" herein.

GOVERNMENT REGULATION

Local Regulation

SoCalGas has gas franchises with the 236 legal jurisdictions in its service territory. These franchises allow SoCalGas to locate facilities for the transmission and distribution of natural gas in the streets and other public places. Some franchises have fixed terms, such as that for the city of Los Angeles, which expires in 2012. Most of the franchises do not have fixed terms and continue indefinitely. The range of expiration dates for the franchises with definite terms is 2003 to 2041.

State Regulation

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regulates SoCalGas' rates and conditions of service, sales of securities, rate of return, rates of depreciation, uniform systems of accounts, examination of records, and long-term resource procurement. The CPUC also conducts various reviews of utility performance and conducts investigations into various matters, such as deregulation, competition and the environment, to determine its future policies.

Federal Regulation

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates the interstate sale and transportation of natural gas, the uniform systems of accounts and rates of depreciation.

Licenses and Permits

SoCalGas obtains a number of permits, authorizations and licenses in connection with the transmission and distribution of natural gas. They require periodic renewal, which results in continuing regulation by the granting agency.

Other regulatory matters are described throughout this report.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Industry segment information is contained in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 12 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

NATURAL GAS OPERATIONS

Utility Services

SoCalGas distributes natural gas throughout a 23,000-square-mile service territory with a population of approximately 18.1 million people. Its service territory includes most of southern California and part of central California.

The Company offers two basic utility services, sale of natural gas and transportation of natural gas, through its two business units. One business unit focuses on core distribution customers (primarily residential customers) and the other on large volume gas transportation customers. Natural gas service is also provided on a wholesale basis to the distribution systems of the City of Long Beach, affiliated company SDG&E and Southwest Gas Corporation.

Supplies of Natural Gas

The Company buys natural gas under several short-term and long-term contracts. Short-term purchases are based on monthly-spot-market prices. The Company has firm pipeline capacity contracts with pipeline companies that expire at various dates through 2006.

Most of the natural gas purchased and delivered by the Company is produced outside of California. These supplies are delivered to the Company's intrastate transmission system by interstate pipeline companies, primarily El Paso Natural Gas Company and Transwestern Natural Gas Company. These interstate companies provide transportation services for supplies purchased from other sources by the Company or its transportation customers. The rates that interstate pipeline companies may charge for natural gas and transportation services are regulated by the FERC. Existing pipeline capacity into California exceeds current demand by over 1 billion cubic feet (bcf) per day. The implications of this excess are described in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" herein.

The following table shows the sources of natural gas deliveries from 1995 through 1999.

	Year Ended December 31				
	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Gas Purchases (billions of cubic feet)					
Spot market	315	270	229	226	206
Long-term	74	101	95	96	99
California producers	2	3	5	12	29
Total Purchases	391	374	329	334	334
Customer-Owned and Exchange Receipts	637	637	614	518	620
Storage Withdrawal (Injection) - net	(6)	(28)	(3)	42	(13)
Company Use and Unaccounted For	(16)	(21)	(10)	(10)	(4)
Net Deliveries	1,006	962	930	884	937
Cost of Gas Purchased (millions of dollars)					
Commodity costs	\$ 916	\$ 774	\$ 849	\$ 627	\$ 478
Fixed charges*	147	174	250	276	264
Total Purchases	\$1,063	\$ 948	\$1,099	\$ 903	\$ 742

Average Cost of Purchases (dollars per thousand cubic feet)**	\$2.34	\$2.07	\$ 2.58	\$1.88	\$1.42
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* Fixed charges primarily include pipeline demand charges, take or pay settlement costs and other direct billed amounts allocated over the quantities delivered by the interstate pipelines serving SoCalGas.

** The average commodity cost of natural gas purchased excludes fixed charges.

Market sensitive natural gas supplies (supplies purchased on the spot market as well as under longer-term contracts, ranging from one month to ten years, based on spot prices) accounted for 81 percent of total natural gas volumes purchased by the Company during 1999, as compared with 72 percent and 70 percent during 1998 and 1997, respectively. These supplies were generally purchased at prices significantly below those of long-term fixed-price sources of supply.

During 1999, the Company delivered 1,006 bcf of natural gas through its system. Approximately 63 percent of these deliveries were customer-owned natural gas for which the Company provided transportation services. The balance of natural gas deliveries was gas purchased by the Company and resold to customers. The Company estimates that sufficient natural gas supplies will be available to meet the requirements of its customers for the next several years.

Customers

For regulatory purposes, customers are separated into core and noncore customers. Core customers are primarily residential and small commercial and industrial customers, without alternative fuel capability. There are approximately 5.0 million core customers (4.8 million residential and 0.2 million small commercial and industrial). Noncore customers consist primarily of utility electric generation (UEG), wholesale, large commercial, industrial and off-system (outside the Company's normal service territory) customers, and total approximately 1,500.

Most core customers purchase natural gas directly from the Company. Core aggregate transportation customers are permitted to aggregate their natural gas requirement and, up to a CPUC-imposed limit of 10 percent of the Company's core market, to purchase natural gas directly from brokers or producers. The Company continues to be obligated to purchase reliable supplies of natural gas to serve the requirements of its core customers.

Noncore customers have the option of purchasing natural gas either from the Company or from other sources, such as brokers or producers, for delivery through the Company's transmission and distribution system. The only natural gas supplies that the Company may offer for sale to noncore customers are the same supplies that it purchases for its core customers. Most noncore customers procure their own natural gas supply.

In 1999, approximately 87 percent of the CPUC-authorized natural gas margin was allocated to the core customers, with 13 percent allocated to the noncore customers.

Although revenue from transportation throughput is less than for natural gas sales, the Company generally earns the same margin whether the Company buys the gas and sells it to the customer or transports natural gas already owned by the customer.

The Company also provides natural gas storage services for noncore and off-system customers on a bid and negotiated contract basis. The storage service program provides opportunities for customers to store natural gas on an "as available" basis, usually during the summer to reduce winter purchases when natural gas costs are generally higher. As of December 31, 1999, the Company was storing approximately 22 bcf of customer-owned gas.

Demand for Natural Gas

Natural gas is a principal energy source for residential, commercial, industrial and UEG customers. Natural gas competes with electricity for residential and commercial cooking, water heating, space heating and clothes drying, and with other fuels for large industrial, commercial and UEG uses. Growth in the natural gas markets is largely dependent upon the health and expansion of the southern California economy. The Company added approximately 74,000 and 46,000 new customer meters in 1999 and 1998, respectively,

representing growth rates of approximately 1.5 percent and 0.9 percent, respectively. The Company expects its growth for 2000 will continue at about the 1999 level.

During 1999, 99 percent of residential energy customers in the Company's service area used natural gas for water heating, 96 percent for space heating, 76 percent for cooking and 55 percent for clothes drying.

Demand for natural gas by noncore customers is very sensitive to the price of competing fuels. Although the number of noncore customers in 1999 was only 1,500, it accounted for 13 percent of the authorized natural gas revenues and 57 percent of total natural gas volumes. External factors such as weather, electric deregulation, the use of hydro-electric power, competing pipeline bypass and general economic conditions can result in significant shifts in this market. The demand for natural gas by large UEG customers is also greatly affected by the price and availability of electric power generated in other areas and purchased by the Company's UEG customers. Natural gas demand in 1999 for UEG customer use increased primarily due to higher electric energy usage in the summer, as a result of warmer weather. UEG customer demand decreased in 1998 as a result of decreased demand for electricity.

Effective March 31, 1998, electric industry restructuring gave California consumers the option of selecting their electric energy provider from a variety of local and out-of-state producers. As a result, natural gas demand for electric generation within southern California competes with electric power generated throughout the western United States. Although the electric industry restructuring has no direct impact on the Company's natural gas operations, future volumes of natural gas transported for UEG customers may be adversely affected to the extent that regulatory changes divert electricity from the Company's service area.

Other

Additional information concerning customer demand and other aspects of natural gas operations is provided under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Notes 10 and 11 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

RATES AND REGULATION

SoCalGas is regulated by the CPUC, which consists of five commissioners appointed by the Governor of California for staggered six-year terms. It is the responsibility of the CPUC to determine that utilities operate within the best interests of their customers. The regulatory structure is complex and has a substantial impact on SoCalGas' profitability. The natural gas industry is currently undergoing a transition to increased competition.

Natural Gas Industry Restructuring

The natural gas industry experienced an initial phase of restructuring during the 1980s by deregulating natural gas sales to noncore customers. In January 1998, the CPUC released a staff report initiating a project to assess the current market and regulatory framework for California's natural gas industry. Additional information on natural gas industry restructuring is provided in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 11 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Balancing Accounts

In general, earnings fluctuations from changes in the costs of natural gas and consumption levels for the majority of natural gas are eliminated by balancing accounts authorized by the CPUC. Additional information on balancing accounts is provided in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 2 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Performance-Based Regulation (PBR)

To promote efficient operations and improved productivity and to move away from reasonableness reviews and disallowances, the CPUC has been directing utilities to use PBR. PBR has replaced the general rate case and certain other regulatory proceedings for SoCalGas. Additional information on PBR is provided in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 11 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (BCAP)

Rates to recover the changes in the cost of natural gas transportation services are determined in the BCAP. The BCAP adjusts rates to reflect variances in customer demand from estimates previously used in establishing customer natural gas transportation rates. The mechanism substantially eliminates the effect on income of variances in market demand and natural gas transportation costs subject to the limitations of the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM) discussed below. The BCAP will continue under PBR. Additional information on the BCAP is provided in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 11 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM)

The GCIM is a process SoCalGas uses to evaluate its natural gas purchases, substantially replacing the previous process of reasonableness reviews. Additional information on the GCIM is provided in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 11 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Affiliate Transactions

In December 1997, the CPUC adopted rules establishing uniform standards of conduct governing the manner in which California investor-owned utilities (IOUs) conduct business with their affiliates. Information on affiliate transactions is provided in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 11 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

Cost of Capital

Under PBR, annual Cost of Capital proceedings have been replaced by an automatic adjustment mechanism if changes in certain indices exceed established tolerances. Additional information on the utilities' cost of capital is provided in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and in Note 11 of the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements herein.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Discussions about environmental issues affecting SoCalGas, including hazardous substances, are included in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" herein. The following additional information should be read in conjunction with those discussions.

Hazardous Substances

SoCalGas lawfully disposed of wastes at permitted facilities owned and operated by other entities. Operations at these facilities may result in actual or threatened risks to the environment or public health. Under California law, businesses that arrange for legal disposal of wastes at a permitted facility from which wastes are later released, or threaten to be released, can be held financially responsible for corrective actions at the facility.

SoCalGas has been named as a potential responsible party (PRP) for two landfill sites and three industrial waste disposal sites, from which releases have occurred as described below.

In December 1999, SoCalGas was notified that it is a PRP at the Gibson Oil waste treatment facility in Bakersfield, California. SoCalGas is working with other PRPs in order to remove from the site certain liquid wastes that threaten to be released. It is too early to determine the existence or extent of any prior releases or SoCalGas' potential total liability.

In addition, the Company has identified and reported to California environmental authorities 42 former manufactured-gas plant sites for which it (together with other users as to 21 of these sites) may have cleanup obligations. As of December 31, 1999, 13 of these sites have been remediated, of which 10 have received certification from the California Environmental Protection Agency. Preliminary investigations, at a minimum, have been completed on 39 of the gas plant sites.

At December 31, 1999, SoCalGas' estimated remaining investigation and remediation liability related to hazardous waste sites, including the manufactured-gas plant sites detailed above, was \$64 million, of which 90 percent is authorized to be recovered through the Hazardous Cost Substance Recovery Account. SoCalGas believes that any costs not ultimately recovered through rates, insurance or

other means, will not have a material adverse effect on SoCalGas' results of operations or financial position.

Estimated liabilities for environmental remediation are recorded when amounts are probable and estimable. Amounts authorized to be recovered in rates under the Hazardous Waste Collaborative mechanism are recorded as a regulatory asset.

OTHER MATTERS

Year 2000

Sempra Energy established an overall company-wide Year 2000 readiness effort that included SoCalGas. There were only a few, very minor year 2000 interruptions to the Company's automated systems and applications with suppliers and customers. Sempra Energy incurred expenses of \$48 million (including \$7.6 million in 1999) for its Year 2000 readiness effort and expects to incur no additional costs.

Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D)

The SoCalGas RD&D portfolio is focused in five major areas: Operations, Utilization Systems, Power Generation, Public Interest and Transportation. Each of these activities provides benefits to customers and society by providing more cost-effective, efficient natural gas equipment with lower emissions, increased safety and reduced environmental mitigation and other utility operating costs. The CPUC has authorized SoCalGas to recover its operating cost associated with RD&D. An annual average of \$9 million has been spent for the last three years.

Employees of Registrant

As of December 31, 1999 SoCalGas had 6,079 employees, compared to 6,148 at December 31, 1998.

Wages

Field, technical and most clerical employees of SoCalGas are represented by the Utility Workers' Union of America or the International Chemical Workers' Council. The collective bargaining agreement on wages, hours and working conditions remains in effect through March 31, 2000. Negotiations for a new agreement are ongoing.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Natural Gas Properties

At December 31, 1999, SoCalGas owned 2,854 miles of transmission and storage pipeline, 44,595 miles of distribution pipeline and 44,211 miles of service piping. It also owned 10 transmission compressor stations and 6 underground storage reservoirs (with a combined working capacity of approximately 117.8 Bcf).

Other Properties

SoCalGas has a 15-percent limited partnership interest in a 52-story office building in downtown Los Angeles. SoCalGas leases approximately half of the building through the year 2011. The lease has six separate five-year renewal options.

The Company owns or leases other offices, operating and maintenance centers, shops, service facilities, and equipment necessary in the conduct of business.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Neither the Company nor its subsidiaries are party to, nor is their property the subject of, any material pending legal proceedings other than routine litigation incidental to their businesses.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

None.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

All of the issued and outstanding common stock of SoCalGas is owned by PE, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sempra Energy. The information required by Item 5 concerning dividends declared is included in the "Statements of Consolidated Changes in Shareholders' Equity" set forth in Item 8 of this Annual Report herein.

Dividend Restrictions

The CPUC regulates SoCalGas' capital structure, limiting the dividends it may pay. At December 31, 1999, \$267 million of SoCalGas' retained earnings was available for future dividends.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

(Dollars in millions)

	At December 31, or for the years then ended				
	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
Income Statement Data:					
Operating Revenues	\$2,569	\$2,427	\$2,641	\$2,422	\$2,279
Operating Income	\$ 268	\$ 238	\$ 318	\$ 286	\$ 300
Dividends on Preferred Stock	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 7	\$ 8	\$ 12
Earnings Applicable to Common Shares	\$ 200	\$ 158	\$ 231	\$ 193	\$ 203
Balance Sheet Data:					
Total Assets	\$3,532	\$3,834	\$4,205	\$4,354	\$4,462
Long-Term Debt	\$ 939	\$ 967	\$ 968	\$1,090	\$1,220
Short-Term Debt (a)	\$ 30	\$ 75	\$ 498	\$ 409	\$ 329
Shareholders' Equity	\$1,310	\$1,382	\$1,467	\$1,487	\$1,645

(a) Includes long-term debt due within one year.

Since SoCalGas is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pacific Enterprises, per share data has been omitted.

This data should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained herein.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
Schedule of Subsidiaries at December 31, 1999

Subsidiary - -----	State of Incorporation -----
Ecotrans OEM Corporation	California
Southern California Gas Tower	California

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statement Nos. 333-45537, 33-51322, 33-53258, 33-59404, and 33-52663 of Southern California Gas Company on Forms S-3 of our report dated February 4, 2000, appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Southern California Gas Company for the year ended December 31, 1999.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

San Diego, California
March 28, 2000

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THE SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED INCOME, BALANCE SHEET AND CASH FLOWS AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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1,288			
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1,253			
3,532			
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