STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY

PURA ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE	:	DOCKET NO. 26-10-01
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT	:	
CLAUSE CHARGES OR CREDITS FILED	:	
BY CONNECTICUT LOCAL	:	
DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES	:	OCTOBER 15, 2026

PROTECTIVE ORDER CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT NATURAL GAS CORPORATION AND THE SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT GAS COMPANY'S PROVISION OF CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation and The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (the "Companies") are providing information to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA") in the above-captioned docket which information would, in the opinion of the Companies, result in the disclosure of commercially sensitive, confidential and proprietary information.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered, that the following procedure is adopted for the protection of the information provided by the Companies ("Confidential Information"):

1. All Confidential Information provided by the Companies, whether in documentary form or otherwise, shall be identified essentially as follows: "Docket No. 26-10-01 Confidential Information," and will be governed by the terms of this Protective Order ("Order"). The Order is applicable to all such Confidential Information, whether in the form of documents, data, testimony, studies, or otherwise.

2. All Confidential Information made available pursuant to this Order shall be given to Commissioners and staff of PURA and the Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") and its staff upon execution of the Acknowledgement referenced below. Consultants retained by PURA and OCC shall also be provided with the Confidential Information upon their becoming signatories to the Order and executing the Nondisclosure Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 1

("Signatories"). Upon a showing of good cause, PURA may place additional restrictions upon the access to Confidential Information given to certain parties and intervenors.

3. Commissioners and staff of PURA are bound by the terms of the Order. The OCC (including staff members) shall be bound by the terms of the Order provided that a representative thereof has executed the Acknowledgement found at the close of the Order. Signatories to this Protective Order agree to be bound by its terms and shall not use the Confidential Information except for purposes of this proceeding. All parties and intervenors, including consultants, in receipt of the Confidential Information under the Order, shall maintain a written log of all individuals granted access to said Confidential Information. All persons granted access to the Confidential Information shall neither use nor disclose the Confidential Information for purposes of business or competition, or for any other purpose, other than for purposes of preparation for and conduct of this proceeding solely as contemplated herein and shall in good faith take all reasonable precautions to keep the Confidential Information secure in accordance with the purposes and intent of the Order.

4. Confidential Information will be marked as such and delivered electronically to Mr. Jeffrey R. Gaudiosi, Executive Secretary of PURA, in an email with a subject line labeled in all capital letters "CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL – NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

5. Any Confidential Information made available pursuant to the Order shall be part of the record in the docket cited above, subject to the same relevancy and other evidentiary considerations as non-confidential information, subject to the conditions stated in Paragraphs Six and Seven of the Order.

6. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any interrogatory, letter, petition, brief or other writing ("Document"), all reference to the Confidential Information in the Document shall be either:

(a) in a separate document, prominently labeled "Proprietary Information," which document shall be safeguarded in accordance with the Order and distributed only to Commissioners and staff of PURA, to the OCC, and to Signatories; or

(b) solely by title or exhibit reference, in a manner reasonably calculated not to disclose the Confidential Information.

7. If the Confidential Information is used in any manner in any proceeding or during the course of a public hearing before PURA or its Commissioners ("Hearing"), the Hearing shall not be held before, nor any record of it made available to, any party, intervenor, or other person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate PURA, and OCC staff. Presence at the Hearing shall be limited to one or more Commissioners and appropriate staff of PURA, representatives of the Company, staff of the OCC, and Signatories to this Protective Order. No record shall be disclosed, nor any communication made, of use of the Confidential Information in the Hearing to any person or entity not a Signatory, other than the appropriate PURA and OCC staff. Any transcript or other recording of the Hearing which relates to the Confidential Information shall be placed in sealed envelopes or containers and a statement essentially in the following form placed prominently on such envelope or container:

"CONFIDENTIAL-PROPRIETARY

This envelope is not to be opened nor the contents to be displayed or revealed except pursuant to the pertinent Protective Order issued in Docket No. 26-10-01."

8. Nothing herein shall be construed as a final determination that any of the Confidential Information will be admissible as substantive evidence in this proceeding or at any hearing or trial. Moreover, nothing herein shall be considered a waiver of any party's right to assert at a later date that the material is or is not proprietary or privileged. A party seeking to change the terms of the Order shall by motion give every other party five (5) PURA business days prior written notice. No information protected by the Order shall be made public until PURA rules on any such motion to change the terms of the Order. Confidential Information otherwise properly discovered, even though also subject to the terms of the Order, shall not be considered protected by the Order.

9. All copies of such Confidential Information shall be returned to the Company no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of all appeal periods applicable to the final decision rendered in this proceeding.

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Dated: _____, 2026 By _____
Commissioner

OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL

Dated: _____, 2026 By _____

REVIEWED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that he or she has reviewed this Protective Order, and hereby agrees to abide by the terms thereof, in exchange for receipt of Confidential Information from the Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation and The Southern Connecticut Gas Company.

Exhibit 1

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE PROTECTIVE ORDER

The Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation and The Southern Connecticut Gas Company (the "Companies") agree to make available to the undersigned recipient (the "Recipient") confidential and proprietary information (the "Confidential Information") filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority ("PURA" or the "Authority") in Docket No. 26-10-01, subject to the terms of the Protective Order in the docket and the following restrictions:

1. Any information provided to the Recipient labeled "Confidential Information" by the Company shall be Confidential Information subject to the Protective Order and this Nondisclosure Agreement.

2. The Confidential Information is received by the Recipient in confidence.

3. The Confidential Information shall not be used or disclosed by Recipient, except in accordance with the terms contained herein and in the Companies' Motion for Protective Order in Docket No. 26-10-01.

4. Only individuals, and not entities, may be Recipients of Confidential Information. The Recipient must be an attorney or independent consultant for the party in this proceeding. The Recipient acknowledges that he/show now represents or in the future may represent competitors of the Companies and that the disclosure of Confidential Information for the benefit of those competitors could adversely affect the Companies and its customers. By executing this Nondisclosure Agreement, each recipient certifies that he/she meets the requirements hereof.

5. The following conditions apply to each Recipient:

    a. Each Recipient shall receive one (1) numbered, controlled copy of the Confidential Information. The Recipient shall not make any copies thereof or provide the Confidential Information to any individual or entity except one who has executed and delivered this Nondisclosure Agreement to the Companies.

    b. The Recipient shall maintain a log of all persons granted access to the Confidential Information.

    c. The Recipient, by signing this Nondisclosure Agreement, acknowledges that he/she may not, in any manner, disclose the Confidential Information to any person and that he/she may not use the Confidential Information for the benefit of any person, except in Docket No. 26-10-01 and in accordance with the terms of the Protective Order.

d. The Recipient acknowledges that any violation of this Nondisclosure Agreement may subject the Recipient to civil actions for violations hereof. Additionally, any Recipient who is an attorney acknowledges that his/her ethical obligations under the Rules of Professional Conduct to abide by the Nondisclosure Agreement and to handle properly all Confidential Information that is subject to the Protective Order.

e. Within thirty (30) days of the final decision in Docket No. 26-10-01, Recipient shall return all Confidential Information to the Company.

Recipient:_____

Date:_____