



February 13, 2002

Advice No. 3120
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Discontinuance of Earthquake Valve Installation per D.01-11-068

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

Purpose

This filing is made in compliance with D.01-11-068 which authorizes SoCalGas to discontinue installations of automatic earthquake gas shut-off valves (EQVs) on its side of the meter and to raise or establish certain rates and charges related to existing EQVs.

Background

SoCalGas initiated installation of EQVs on its side of the meter because it believed that such installations might prove to be less expensive than installation on the customer's side of the meter. However, now SoCalGas believes that it is not less expensive to do so for the following reasons:

- D.00-06-038 placed responsibility on SoCalGas for compliance with all applicable state and federal codes and regulations when contractors install EQVs on SoCalGas' facilities.
- New safety regulations effective in 2002.
- Costs to remove and install EQVs have increased since they were first authorized in 1996.
- D.00-06-038 placed responsibility on SoCalGas for ongoing inspection and maintenance of EQVs installed on its side of the meter.
- The United States Department of Transportation adopted a new Operator Qualification Rule effective October 28, 2002. The effect of the rule is that SoCalGas' costs will increase because personnel working with EQVs on its facilities will have to have additional training.

On July 24, 2000, SoCalGas filed A.00-07-040 for authority to discontinue new installations of EQVs on its facilities. D.01-11-068 authorized SoCalGas to discontinue installations (whether by itself or by others) of EQVs and to raise or establish certain rates and charges related to existing EQVs.

Requested Tariff Revisions

The following revisions are made to Rule No. 10, Service Charges:

- Section H, Seismic Services Charges, is deleted and the existing I. Earthquake Valve Installation Service is modified to read H. Earthquake Valve Service.
- Under the new Section H, Earthquake Valve Service, Subsection 2, Charges for Installation, and Subsection 7, Permission for Installation of Valve(s) on Utility's Facilities, are deleted and the existing subsections renumbered accordingly.
- Under the new Section H, the renumbered Subsection 3, Charge for Removal of Valves, and Subsection 4, Charge for Restoring Gas Service after a Valve Activates, are modified to reflect the new authorized charges.

The following related Sample Forms are deleted: Seismic Services Subscription Contract (Form 6625 – 6/95); Seismic Services Sales Contract (Form 6627 – 6/95); and Seismic Services Bill (Form 1096-U – 6/94) and are replaced by the attached Agreement for Collectible Work (Form 1603-P, Rev. 4/98).

Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be made in writing and received within 20 days of the date of this Advice Letter. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

Energy Division - IMC Branch
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Jerry Royer (jrr@cpuc.ca.gov) and Honesto Gatchalian (jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest shall also be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

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Effective Date

Ordering paragraph 4 of D.01-11-068 authorizes SoCalGas' proposed charges. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective February 13, 2002, the date of filing.

Notice

In accordance with Section III.G of General Order No. 96-A, a copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A, including parties in the service list in A.00-07-040.

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 34690-G	Rule No. 10, SERVICE CHARGES, Sheet 1	Revised 30599-G
Revised 34691-G	Rule No. 10, SERVICE CHARGES, Sheet 2	Revised 30600-G
Revised 34692-G	Rule No. 10, SERVICE CHARGES, Sheet 3	Revised 30601-G
Revised 34693-G	Rule No. 10, SERVICE CHARGES, Sheet 4	Revised 33294-G
Revised 34694-G	Rule No. 10, SERVICE CHARGES, Sheet 5	Revised 30602--30605-G
		Revised 30607-G, 30608-G
		Revised 30609-G, 30610-G
Original 34695-G	SAMPLE FORMS, Contracts, Agreement for Collectible Work, Form 1603-P, Rev. 4/98, Sheet 1	
Revised 34696-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 34573-G
Revised 34697-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 33354-G*
Revised 34698-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 34193-G
Revised 34699-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 34689-G

Rule No. 10
SERVICE CHARGES

Sheet 1

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A. SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT CHARGE

1. General. The Utility may collect from all classes of customers, except Utility Electric Generation and wholesale customers, a charge to establish or re-establish service each time an account is opened. This charge shall be in addition to any charge calculated in accordance with any other rate or rule.

Service Establishment Charge \$25.00

2. CARE Charges. A customer certified as eligible for service under the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program shall pay the CARE Service Establishment Charge to establish or re-establish service each time an account is opened.

CARE Service Establishment Charge \$10.00

Customers not on the CARE program who claim eligibility shall have 90 days from the date service begins to complete the application. In the event a customer is found to be ineligible for the CARE program, the customer shall be re-billed at the Service Establishment Charge.

B. RECONNECTION SERVICE CHARGE

1. General. The Utility may demand and collect a reconnection charge or charges, as shown below, and require re-establishment of credit as prescribed in Rule No. 6 C. before restoring gas service which has been disconnected for non-payment of bills, or for failure to comply with the tariff schedules of the Utility. In these circumstances, reconnection charges may be demanded and collected by the Utility when gas service is provided through a single meter to a:

a. Single family dwelling unit or to a single non-residential unit \$16.00

b. Housing project, apartment house, or other multi-family dwelling units, or to more than one non-resident unit:

(1) In the first family dwelling unit or non-residential unit \$16.00

(2) For each additional unit \$7.00

2. Other. In addition to the above charges, the Utility may demand and collect unusual costs incident to the discontinuance or restoration of service which have resulted from the customer's action or negligence.

Service terminated in error shall be restored without charge and a notification thereof shall be mailed to the customer at the billing address.

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C. SET-TIME APPOINTMENT CHARGE

Where the customer requests a non-emergency service call (i.e. new service turned on or appliance service) for a specifically designated time, the Utility shall provide, for a charge, a specifically scheduled appointment.

Such set-time appointment shall be provided on a first-come, first served basis Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Set-time appointments shall be scheduled on the hour and half-hour and shall be scheduled for the next day or later. Set-timed appointments are not provided on week-ends and Company Holidays.

The Utility shall make every effort to arrive at the customer's premises at the agreed upon time, but no earlier than 30 minutes before the agreed upon time and no later than 30 minutes after the agreed upon time.

Where the Utility has met the agreed upon appointment time as specified above, the charge shall be as follows:

Set-time appointment charge, per visit \$25.00

D. MISSED APPOINTMENTS

The customer shall not be required to pay the \$25.00 charge if the agreed upon time is missed for any reason, such as customer being absent or late arrival of the Utility representative.

Where the Utility is responsible for the missed appointment, no charge shall be made for a subsequent appointment, if it is for the same type of service.

E. WATER HEATER WRAPPING AND/OR STRAPPING CHARGES

The Utility, for a charge, shall offer to install water heater blankets (Wrap) and anchor (Strap) residential water heaters with a capacity of 20 to 50 gallons. Charges shall be as follows:

1. Wrapping of Water Heaters Only

Where a water heater is not insulated to at least an R-6 value, the Utility may recommend that a water heater blanket be installed.

Charge for water heater wrapping, per heater \$42.00*

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E. WATER HEATER WRAPPING AND/OR STRAPPING CHARGES (Continued)

2. Strapping of Water Heaters Only

The Utility will anchor (Strap) water heaters in accordance with methods approved by the California State Architect.

The Utility will not anchor (Strap) a water heater that is in an outside metal shed, more than six inches from a wall or in any location where approved methods cannot be used.

Charge for water heater strapping, per heater \$79.00

3. Combination Wrapping and Strapping

Charge to install a water heater blanket and anchor the water heater, per heater \$93.00

* When the water heater blanket can be obtained through the Demand Side Management Program, there will be no charge for the water heater blanket.

F. APPLIANCE CONNECTION CHARGE

1. General. The Utility, for a charge, shall connect residential free-standing gas ranges, dryers and barbecues for customers with existing accounts, provided all of the following conditions can be met:

- a. Service can be performed safely and without damaging the customers' facilities.
- b. Service can be performed without loosening fittings in the wall.
- c. The houseline need not be extended more than seventy-two (72) inches or six (6) feet, or installed through walls or cabinets.
- d. The appliance will not present a hazardous or unsatisfactory condition after connection.
- e. Taps (added outlets to existing appliance stubs) are not made from stubs currently supplying gas to other appliances.

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F. APPLIANCE CONNECTION CHARGE (Continued)

2. Charges. If the conditions referenced above are met, the charge(s) shall be as follows:

Connection of a gas range or dryer	\$38.00
(parts not needed)	
Connection of a gas range or dryer	\$43.00
(includes valve)	
Connection of a gas range or dryer	\$49.00
(includes connector)	
Connection of a gas range or dryer	\$53.00
(includes connector and valve)	
Connection of a gas barbecue	\$106.00
(includes hose, valve, and miscellaneous fittings)	

Charges for connection of additional appliances will be limited to parts and materials.

Where a customer is turning on new residential service, the Utility will connect the gas range, dryer and barbecue at no charge when parts are not needed. The Utility will not connect gas ranges, dryers and barbecues that would normally be installed by the builder or contractor.

G. PAYMENT FOR SERVICE CHARGES

Customers may elect to pay for the Set-timed Appointment, Water Heating Wrapping and Strapping and Appliance Connection Charge(s) at the time service is rendered or by separate billing. If billed, payment is due within 30 days.

The Utility shall advise the customer that appliance connection and water heater wrapping and strapping services are also provided by plumbers and contractors.

H. EARTHQUAKE VALVE SERVICE

1. Applicability

The Utility offers a valve removal service if the valve is installed on the Utility's facilities, and a gas restoration service. The Utility will provide this service to customers in all classes, including residential, commercial and industrial customers.

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H. EARTHQUAKE VALVE SERVICE (Continued)

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2. Responsibility for Valve after Installation

After installation, the valve is the property of the Utility's customer. The customer can have the valve removed at any time, except where the valve is required by law to be installed. At the time of installation, the Utility may require the customer to agree to transfer the valve to a subsequent purchaser of the premises or to remove the valve before the time of sale (where removal is allowed by law).

3. Charge for Removal of Valves

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The Utility offers a valve removal service. The removal service charge for customers is \$83.28 plus materials for the first hour and \$13.87 for every quarter hour thereafter (per person). A trip charge for estimating the cost of removal of EQV is \$34.89. This cost will be applied if the removal is not authorized at the time of the estimate. A trip charge of \$34.89 will be applied to any trip made to the customer's location for any reason due to the customer's and not SoCalGas' circumstances where removal of an EQV on SoCalGas' pipeline is performed.

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4. Charge for Restoring Gas Service after a Valve Activates

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If a valve is activated and shuts off gas service, it is the responsibility of the customer to arrange and pay for restoration of service. The Utility offers to restore service after activation of an earthquake shut-off valve for a charge of \$63.39 for residential and small commercial customers. For larger customers with larger meters, the Utility's charge for restoration of service will be quoted in advance based on an estimate. The Utility has the option to waive charges for restoration of service after a major earthquake.

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5. Payment

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All charges will be due on completion of the service provided, unless other options, such as installment payments, are agreed to by The Utility and the customer. The Utility may bill for services rendered pursuant to this Section in its bill for gas service, but will not terminate gas service for failure to pay for any services rendered pursuant to this section.

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The Commission will be the arbiter of any disputes over the application or implementation of these criteria.

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SAMPLE FORMS

Sheet 1

Contracts

Agreement for Collectible Work, Form 1603-P, Rev. 4/98

(See Attached Form)

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AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTIBLE WORK

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Date Prepared _____
 Estimate Prepared By _____
Purchaser Name And Job Address
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # _____
 Purchaser's SS# _____ Or Federal Tax ID# _____

Work Request # _____
 ML _____ Phone # _____
Billing Name And Address, If Different
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # (____) _____

Purchaser requests and authorizes The Gas Company to perform the Work specified on Form 3117 - Specifications for Cutting and Reconnecting Services (attached and incorporated by reference) or the following Work:

LABOR TOTAL	TOTAL MATERIALS	TOTAL THIRD PARTY CHARGES	TOTAL PAVING/ PERMIT	SUBTOTAL	ITCCA TAX	TOTAL ESTIMATE
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

NOTE: IF WORK UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT STARTED WITHIN NINETY DAYS (90) FROM THE DATE OF ACCEPTANCE, THE AGREEMENT MAY BE TERMINATED BY EITHER PARTY.

Purchaser agrees to pay The Gas Company: (check one)

- A fixed amount of \$ _____, due and payable in advance. Supervisory Approval Required _____
- The actual cost - the estimated amount shown above (or on Form 3117) is due and payable in advance and any additional balance within 30 days of invoice.

The estimated cost of the Work is furnished only for the convenience of the Purchaser. It is intended to reflect The Gas Company's general past experience of the cost of similar work under favorable conditions. Because of unforeseen contingencies and other factors, the actual cost may be considerably higher or lower than this estimate. Therefore, the estimate is not a warranty by The Gas Company of the actual cost. The actual cost shall include overhead costs contained in The Gas Company's appropriate billing formula. Purchaser agrees to pay within 30 days of invoice any additional amounts whenever The Gas Company determines the cost of Work completed exceeds any amounts previously paid. When labor costs exceed the estimate, The Gas Company may, but is not obligated to notify Purchaser, and cease all work until approval for the increased cost is obtained from Purchaser. If the total actual cost is less than the deposit(s), The Gas Company will refund the difference (without interest). Purchaser agrees that if The Gas Company brings any action to enforce the provisions of this Agreement, it shall be entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and costs, in addition to any other relief to which it is entitled.

Purchaser agrees that any excavation made by Purchaser that is to be entered by Gas Company employees, agents or subcontractors shall conform to all requirements of the State of California construction safety orders, particularly the provisions of Article 6, Sections 1539 through 1547, which relate to the safe construction of trenches and excavations. Purchaser further agrees to take all reasonable care in protecting The Gas Company's property from damage, including the use of procedures which will not place undue strain on pipes during excavation and backfill or cause damage to pipe protective coatings.

Purchaser shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless The Gas Company from and against any and all liability of every kind and nature for - (i) injury to or death of persons, including without limitation, employees or agents of The Gas Company or of Purchaser; (ii) damage, destruction or loss, consequential or otherwise, to or of any and all property, real or personal, including without limitation, property of The Gas Company, Purchaser or any other person; (iii) violation of local, state or federal laws or regulations (excluding environmental laws or regulations); and (iv) including attorneys' fees incurred in defending against such liability or enforcing this provision - resulting from or in any manner arising out of or in connection with the performance of the Work including the indemnity obligations imposed on The Gas Company by the owner of the Job Address if other than Purchaser, by the local jurisdiction in which the Work is performed or which issues a permit for any part of the Work, excepting only those liabilities arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of The Gas Company or its agents compared to any other person.

Purchaser shall indemnify, defend and hold The Gas Company harmless from and against any and all liability (including attorneys' fees incurred in defending against such liability or in enforcing this provision) arising out of or in any way connected with the violation of or compliance with any local, state or federal environmental law or regulation as a result of pre-existing conditions at the Job Address, release or spill of any pre-existing hazardous materials or waste, or out of the management and disposal of any pre-existing contaminated soils or groundwater, hazardous or nonhazardous, removed from the ground as a result of the Work ("Pre-Existing Environmental Liability"), including but not limited to liability for the costs, expenses and legal liability for environmental investigations, monitoring, containment, abatement, removal, repair, cleanup, restoration, remedial work, penalties, and fines arising from the violation of any local, state or federal law or regulation, attorneys' fees, disbursements, and other response costs. As between Purchaser and The Gas Company, Purchaser agrees to accept full responsibility for and bear all costs associated with Pre-Existing Environmental Liability. Purchaser agrees that The Gas Company may stop work, terminate the Work, redesign it to a different location or take other action reasonably necessary to complete the Work without incurring any Pre-Existing Environmental Liability.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED _____
 (DATE)

PURCHASER _____
 (NAME OF COMPANY)

THE GAS COMPANY BY _____
 NAME (PRINT)

PURCHASER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (PRINT) _____ TITLE

(SIGNATURE)

(SIGNATURE OF PURCHASER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE)

PAYMENT INFORMATION					PAYMENT TURNED IN AT CO. COLLECTION OFFICE	
AMOUNT RECEIVED \$	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK		CHECK #	LOCATION OF COMPANY OFFICE:		
ACCOUNT NO.	COST CENTER	BASE	REGION	DATE COMPLETED	DATE PAYMENT TURNED IN	
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