



**J. Steve Rahon**  
Director  
Tariffs & Regulatory Accounts

8315 Century Park Ct.  
San Diego, CA 92123-1550  
Tel: 858.654.1773  
Fax 858.654.1788  
srahon@SempraUtilities.com

July 18, 2002

Advice No. 3171  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revision of Rule No. 4 - Contracts**

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

**Purpose**

This filing simply revises language in Rule 4, Contracts, to bring SoCalGas' Rule 4 into conformance with San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) gas Rule 4, Contracts. SDG&E is concurrently filing an advice letter to reflect revisions to its Rule 4. This filing responds to the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) expressed desire for statewide consistency in utility tariffs to the extent possible. These revisions promote tariff simplicity, respond to customer needs, and provide ease in administering the tariff.

**Information**

During a recent review of SoCalGas' Rule 4 and SDG&E's gas Rule 4, SoCalGas found that while many of the terms and conditions were very similar in intent and wording, relatively minor changes in wording could make Rule 4 of both utilities identical for gas operations without any change in practices. Section A, Requirement, has been revised slightly and Section B, Contracts for Special Services, which SDG&E currently has in its gas Rule 4, has been added. The letter designations of subsequent Sections have been updated accordingly. Sections C and D have been revised to change the reference from "Public Utilities Commission of the State of California" to "Commission".

This filing will not result in an increase or decrease in any rate or charge, conflict with any rate schedules or other rules, nor cause the withdrawal of service.

**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 must be received within 20 days of the date this Advice Letter was filed with

the Commission. 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, Room 4002  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Jerry Royer ([jjr@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jjr@cpuc.ca.gov)) and to Honesto Gatchalian ([ijn@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ijn@cpuc.ca.gov)) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should 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.

Attn: Sid Newsom  
Tariff Manager - GT14D6  
555 West Fifth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957  
E-mail: [snewsom@SempraUtilities.com](mailto:snewsom@SempraUtilities.com)

**Effective Date**

SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing become effective August 27, 2002, which is not less than forty (40) days regular statutory notice. No resolution is needed to approve this filing.

**Notice**

In accordance with Section III.G of General Order 96-A, a copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A.

---

J. STEVE RAHON  
Director  
Tariffs and Regulatory Accounts

Attachments

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 3171**

**(See Attached Service List)**

ACN Energy  
Hans Herzog  
hans.herzog@acnenergy.com

ACN Energy  
Mark Warno  
mark.warno@acnenergy.com

ACN Energy  
Tony Cusati  
tony.cusati@acnenergy.com

AFBCA/DB March  
3430 Bundy Ave., Bldg. 3408  
March AFC, CA 92518-1504

Aglet Consumer Alliance  
James Weil  
jweil@aglet.org

Alcantar & Kahl  
Elizabeth Westby  
egw@a-klaw.com

Alcantar & Kahl  
Kari Harteloo  
klc@a-klaw.com

Alcantar & Kahl LLP  
Phil Vizcarra  
120 Montgomery Street, Ste 2200  
San Francisco, CA 94104

BP Amoco, Reg. Affairs  
Marianne Jones  
501 West Lake Park Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77079

Barkovich & Yap  
Catherine E. Yap  
ceyap@earthlink.net

Berliner, Camdon & Jimison  
John Jimison  
johnj@bcjlaw.com

Beta Consulting  
John Burkholder  
burkee@cts.com

CPUC  
Consumer Affairs Branch  
505 Van Ness Ave., #2003  
San Francisco, CA 94102

CPUC  
Energy Rate Design & Econ.  
505 Van Ness Ave., Rm. 4002  
San Francisco, CA 94102

CSC Energy  
Ron McKillip  
rmckilli@csc.com

California Energy Market  
Lulu Weinzimer  
luluw@newsdata.com

Calpine Corp  
Avis Clark  
aclark@calpine.com

City of Anaheim  
Ben Nakayama  
Public Utilities Dept.  
P. O. Box 3222  
Anaheim, CA 92803

City of Azusa  
Light & Power Dept.  
215 E. Foothill Blvd.  
Azusa, CA 91702

City of Banning  
Paul Toor  
P. O. Box 998  
Banning, CA 92220

City of Burbank  
Fred Fletcher/Ronald Davis  
164 West Magnolia Blvd., Box 631  
Burbank, CA 91503-0631

City of Colton  
Thomas K. Clarke  
650 N. La Cadena Drive  
Colton, CA 92324

City of Glendale  
Larry Silva  
lsilva@ci.glendale.ca.us

City of Lompoc  
H. Paul Jones  
100 Civic Center Plaza  
Lompoc, CA 93438

City of Long Beach, Gas Dept.  
Chris Garner  
2400 East Spring Street  
Long Beach, CA 90806-2385

City of Los Angeles  
City Attorney  
1700 City Hall East  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

City of Pasadena  
Manuel A. Robledo  
150 S. Los Robles Ave., #200  
Pasadena, CA 91101

City of Riverside  
Stephen Aronson  
saronson@ci.riverside.ca.us

City of Vernon  
Kenneth J. DeDario  
kdedario@ci.vernon.ca.us

Coral Energy  
Walter Cinibulk  
wcinibulk@coral-energy.com

County of Los Angeles  
Otto Radtke  
1100 Northeastern Ave., Rm. 101  
Los Angeles, CA 90063

Davis, Wright, Tremaine  
Judy Pau  
judypau@dwt.com

Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer  
Ann Trowbridge  
atrowbridge@dbsr.com

Dynegy  
Joseph M. Paul  
jmpa@dynegy.com

Energy Law Group, LLP  
Andrew Skaff  
askaff@energy-law-group.com

Gas Purchasing  
BC Gas Utility Ltd.  
16705 Fraser Highway  
Surrey, British Columbia, Canada V3S  
2X7

Goodin, MacBride, Squeri  
J. H. Patrick  
hpatrick@gmssr.com

Imperial Irrigation District  
K. S. Noller  
P. O. Box 937  
Imperial, CA 92251

Jones, Day, Reavis, & Pogue  
Norman A. Pedersen, Esq.  
555 West 5th Street, #4600  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1025

Law Offices of William H. Booth  
William Booth  
wbooth@booth-law.com

Crossborder Energy  
Tom Beach  
tomb@crossborderenergy.com

Dept. of General Services  
Celia Torres  
celia.torres@dgs.ca.gov

Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer  
Phil Stohr  
pstohr@dbsr.com

Edson & Modisette  
925 L Street, Ste 1490  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Energy Law Group, LLP  
Diane Fellman  
difellman@energy-law-group.com

General Services Administration  
Dir., Public Utility Services Div.  
Public Bldgs. Serv., Rm. 7325  
18th and F Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Goodin, MacBride, Squeri  
James D. Squeri  
jsqueri@gmssr.com

JBS Energy  
Jeff Nahigian  
jeff@jbsenergy.com

LADWP  
Nevenka Ubavich  
nubavi@ladwp.com

LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene  
Christopher Hilén  
chilen@llgm.com

Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP  
Edward W. O'Neill  
One Embarcadero Center, #600  
San Francisco, CA 94111-3834

Dan Douglass  
douglass@energyattorney.com

Downey, Brand, Seymour & Rohwer  
Dan Carroll  
dcarroll@dbsr.com

El Paso Natural Gas Company  
Richard O. Baish  
P. O. Box 1492  
El Paso, TX 79978

Enserch Gas Marketing, Inc.  
Cathy Hawes  
353 Sacramento, St., Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94111

General Services Administration  
Facilities Management (9PM-FT)  
450 Golden Gate Ave.  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3611

David Huard  
dhuard@manatt.com

Jeffer, Mangels, Butler & Marmaro  
One Sansome Street, 12th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94104-4430

LADWP  
Randy Howard  
P. O. Box 51111, Rm. 956  
Los Angeles, CA 90051-0100

Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps  
John Leslie  
jleslie@luce.com

MRW & Associates  
Robert Weisenmiller  
mrw@mrwassoc.com

Matthew Brady & Associates  
Matthew Brady  
matt@bradylawus.com

National Utility Service, Inc.  
Jim Boyle  
One Maynard Drive, P. O. Box 712  
Park Ridge, NJ 07656-0712

Navigant Consulting, Inc.  
Katie Elder  
katie\_elder@rmiinc.com

Office of Energy Assessments  
Bill Knox  
bill.knox@dgs.ca.gov

PG&E National Energy Group  
Eric Eisenman  
eric.eisenman@neg.pge.com

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.  
John Clarke  
Regulatory R77 Beale, B30A B10C  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Praxair Inc  
Rick Noger  
rick\_noger@praxair.com

Questar Southern Trails  
Lenard Wright  
lenardw@questar.com

Regulatory & Cogen Services, Inc.  
Donald W. Schoenbeck  
900 Washington Street, #1000  
Vancouver, WA 98660

Richard Hairston & Co.  
Richard Hairston  
hairstonco@aol.com

Southern California Edison Co  
Fileroom Supervisor  
2244 Walnut Grove Ave., Room 290,  
GO1  
Rosemead, CA 91770

Southern California Edison Co  
Karyn Gansecki  
601 Van Ness Ave., #2040  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Southern California Edison Co.  
Colin E. Cushnice  
cushnice@sce.com

Southern California Edison Co.  
John Quinlan  
john.quinlan@sce.com

Southern California Edison Co.  
Kevin Cini  
cinikr@sce.com

Southern California Edison Company  
Martin Collette  
martin.collette@sce.com

Southwest Gas Corp.  
Edward Zub  
P. O. Box 98510  
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

Suburban Water System  
Bob Kelly  
1211 E. Center Court Drive  
Covina, CA 91724

Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan  
Keith McCrea  
kmccrea@sablaw.com

TURN  
Marcel Hawiger  
marcel@turn.org

TURN  
Mike Florio  
mflorio@turn.org

Transwestern Pipeline Co.  
Kelly Allen  
kelly.allen@enron.com

Vandenberg AFB  
Ken Padilla  
ken.padilla@vandenberg.af.mil

Western Division, Naval Facilities  
Engineering Code 1642  
900 Commodore Dr.  
San Bruno, CA 94066-2402

White & Case  
Regulatory Affairs  
regaffairs@sf.whitecase.com

ATTACHMENT B  
Advice No. 3171

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 35529-G Original 35530-G	Rule No. 04, CONTRACTS, Sheet 1 Rule No. 04, CONTRACTS, Sheet 2	Revised 24599-G Revised 24599-G
Revised 35531-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 34696-G
Revised 35532-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 35523-G

Rule No. 04  
CONTRACTS

Sheet 1

All contracts for gas service by the Utility shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

A. REQUIREMENT

Contracts for gas service will be required as a condition precedent to service as follows:

1. As required by conditions set forth in the regular schedule of rates approved or accepted by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, or otherwise specified in the Utility's rules or Orders of the Commission.
2. In the case of gas main extension or temporary service, for a period not to exceed three years, except by special permission from the Commission.

B. CONTRACTS FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

Eligible customers may be required, as a condition of a special service, to complete an agreement provided by the Utility, which outlines the conditions of the service provided.

C. INTERPRETATION

The interpretation and performance of any contracts for gas service shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and the orders, rules and regulations of the Commission, in effect from time to time.

D. AMENDMENT OR MODIFICATION

Except as required to conform with California law and the orders, rules and regulations of the Commission, no amendment or modification shall be made to written contracts for gas service except by an instrument in writing executed by all parties thereto, and no amendment or modification shall be made by course of performance, course of dealing or usage of trade.

E. WAIVER

No waiver by any party of one or more defaults under contracts for gas service shall operate or be construed as a waiver of any other default or defaults, whether of a like or different character.

F. DAMAGES

No party under contracts for gas service shall be assessed any special, punitive, consequential, incidental, or indirect damages, whether in contract or tort, for any actions or inactions arising from or related to such contract.

(Continued)

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)  
 ADVICE LETTER NO. 3171  
 DECISION NO.

ISSUED BY  
**Lee Schavrien**  
 Vice President  
 Regulatory Affairs

(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC)  
 DATE FILED Jul 18, 2002  
 EFFECTIVE Aug 27, 2002  
 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
N  
  
T  
T  
  
N  
|  
|  
N  
  
T  
  
T  
  
T  
  
T  
  
T  
  
T



Rule No. 04  
CONTRACTS

Sheet 2

(Continued)

G. ASSIGNMENT

No contracts for gas service (or any rights or obligations related thereto) shall be assigned without the prior written consent of the Utility, which consent shall not be withheld unreasonably (but the Utility may require that any assignee confirm in writing its assumption of the rights and obligations of its predecessor).

H. HINSHAW EXEMPTION

In the event that any governmental entity (including a court) issues an order or rule that would result in the loss of the Utility's Hinshaw Exemption from federal regulations if a contract entered into by the Utility remains in effect, the Utility may terminate such contract.

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)

ADVICE LETTER NO. 3171  
DECISION NO.

2H9

ISSUED BY

**Lee Schavrien**  
Vice President  
Regulatory Affairs

(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC)

DATE FILED Jul 18, 2002  
EFFECTIVE Aug 27, 2002  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TABLE OF CONTENTS

RULES

<u>Rule Number</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>
1	Definitions .....	33478-G, 33479-G, 33480-G, 33481-G, 33482-G, 33483-G 33484-G, 33485-G, 33486-G, 33487-G, 33488-G, 33489-G 33490-G, 33491-G, 33492-G, 33493-G
2	Description of Service .....	28356-G,28357-G,28358-G 28359-G,28360-G,28361-G,28362-G
3	Application for Service .....	35524-G,35525-G,35526-G
4	Contracts .....	35529-G,35530-G
5	Special Information Required on Forms .....	33292-G,24601-G
6	Establishment and Re-Establishment of Credit .....	28448-G,28449-G
7	Deposits .....	24604-G
8	Return of Deposit--Interest on Deposit .....	26214-G
9	Discontinuance of Service .....	33499-G,26950-G,33500-G,33501-G 26424-G,33502-G
10	Service Charges .....	34690-G,34691-G,34692-G,34693-G,34694-G
11	Disputed Bills .....	33295-G
12	Payment of Bills .....	28817-G
13	Meters and Appliances .....	24618-G,24619-G
14	Meter Reading .....	24620-G
15	Meter Tests .....	24621-G,24622-G
16	Adjustment of Bills .....	24623-G,24624-G,24625-G
17	Reading of Separate Meters Not Combined .....	24626-G
18	Notices .....	24627-G
19	Rates and Optional Rates .....	24628-G
20	Gas Main Extensions .....	31800-G,31801-G,31802-G,31803-G,32375-G,32376-G 31806-G,31807-G,32377-G,32378-G,31810-G,31811-G,31812-G
21	Gas Service Extensions .....	31813-G,31814-G,31815-G,31816-G,31817-G,31818-G 31819-G,31820-G,31821-G,31822-G,31823-G,31824-G,31825-G
22	Temporary Service .....	24640-G,30294-G
23	Continuity of Service and Interruption of Delivery.....	34569-G,34570-G,33041-G,33042-G,34021-G,33044-G 33045-G,33046-G,33047-G,33048-G,33049-G,33050-G
24	Supply to Individual Premises and Resale of Gas .....	24654-G
25	Company's Right of Ingress to and Egress from the Consumer's Premises .....	24655-G

(Continued)

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)  
 ADVICE LETTER NO. 3171  
 DECISION NO.

ISSUED BY  
**Lee Schavrien**  
 Vice President  
 Regulatory Affairs

(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC)  
 DATE FILED Jul 18, 2002  
 EFFECTIVE Aug 27, 2002  
 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

TABLE OF CONTENTS

The following listed sheets contain all effective Schedules of Rates and Rules affecting service and information relating thereto in effect on the date indicated thereon.

<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>
Title Page .....	21888-G
Table of Contents--General and Preliminary Statement .....	35532-G,34423-G
Table of Contents--Service Area Maps and Descriptions .....	28516-G
Table of Contents--Rate Schedules .....	35521-G,35522-G,35495-G
Table of Contents--List of Cities and Communities Served .....	33771-G
Table of Contents--List of Contracts and Deviations .....	33771-G
Table of Contents--Rules .....	35531-G,33305-G
Table of Contents--Sample Forms .....	35416-G,34920-G,34697-G,34698-G,32785-G

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Part I General Service Information .....	24331-G,24332-G,24333-G,24334-G,24749-G
Part II Summary of Rates and Charges .....	35497-G,35498-G,34363-G,34364-G,35499-G,35483-G 32491-G,32492-G,34203-G,35500-G,35501-G,34368-G,34369-G
Part III Cost Allocation and Revenue Requirement ...	27024-G,27025-G,27026-G,27027-G,34370-G
Part IV Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances .....	35396-G,24354-G
Part V Description of Regulatory Accounts-Balancing .....	34819-G,34820-G,34371-G 34821-G,34822-G,34823-G,34824-G,34825-G,34826-G,34827-G,34682-G
Part VI Description of Regulatory Accounts-Memorandum .....	35357-G,34279-G,34280-G 34281-G,34282-G,34283-G,34284-G,34285-G,34286-G,34683-G 34684-G,34289-G,34290-G,34291-G,34829-G,34830-G,34831-G,35358-G,35359-G
Part VII Description of Regulatory Accounts-Tracking .....	34372-G,34373-G,34374-G 34375-G,34376-G,34377-G,34378-G,34379-G
Part VIII Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM) .....	31776-G,31777-G,31778-G,30523-G,30524-G
Part IX Hazardous Substances Mechanism (HSM) .....	26199-G,26200-G,26201-G
Part X Global Settlement .....	32530-G,32531-G,32532-G,32533-G

(Continued)

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)  
 ADVICE LETTER NO. 3171  
 DECISION NO.

ISSUED BY  
**Lee Schavrien**  
 Vice President  
 Regulatory Affairs

(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC)  
 DATE FILED Jul 18, 2002  
 EFFECTIVE Aug 27, 2002  
 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_