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Advice No. 3181 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

### Subject: July 2002 Standby Procurement Charges

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 routine monthly filing updates the Standby Procurement Charges in Schedule No. G-IMB for July 2002.

#### Background

Resolution G-3316, dated May 24, 2001, revised the Schedule No. G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge for negative monthly transportation imbalances that exceed the 10% tolerance band. The Standby Procurement Charges are:

- 1. Calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border for the period plus a Brokerage Fee of 0.266¢ per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and 0.201¢ per therm for core retail service. The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from "NGI's Daily Gas Price Index Southern California Border Average" and "Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey SoCal gas, large pkgs Midpoint."
- 2. Calculated for a period that begins from the first day of the "flow month" (the month that the imbalance is incurred) and ends five days prior to the start of the imbalance trading period.
- 3. Posted at least one day in advance of the imbalance trading period.

#### Information

For the "flow month" of July 2002 (covering the period July 1 to August 20), the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border is \$0.3230 per therm. The resultant Standby Procurement Charges, calculated in the manner set forth above, are

\$0.48716 per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and \$0.48651 per therm for core retail service. The workpaper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

#### **Protest**

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Jerry Royer (<a href="mailto:ijr@cpuc.ca.gov">ijr@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) and Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mailto:inj@cpuc.ca.gov">inj@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) 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**

It is respectfully requested that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective August 21, 2002, the date filed, in order to comply with the Resolution G-3316 requirement that the rates be posted at least one day in advance of the start of the imbalance trading period, which is August 25, 2002.

#### **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.

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Attachments

# **ATTACHMENT A**

# Advice No. 3181

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3181

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Revised 35718-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 6	Revised 35669-G
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Sheet 6

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CANCELING

CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT	
<u>PART II</u>	
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGE	S

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# **IMBALANCE SERVICE**

# Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR) May, 2002 June, 2002 July, 2002	\$0.51801 \$0.50451 \$0.48651*
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR) May, 2002	\$0.51866
June, 2002	\$0.50516 \$0.48716*
Wholesale Standby (SP-W) May, 2002 June, 2002 July, 2002	\$0.51866 \$0.50516 \$0.48716*

### **Buy-Back Rate**

Core and Noncore Ret	tail (BR-R)
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May, 2002	10.149¢
June, 2002	7.650¢
July, 2002	9.415¢

# Wholesale (BR-W)

May, 2002	10.100¢
June, 2002	7.613¢
July, 2002	9.370¢

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the July 2002 Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to August 25, 2002.

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# Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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# RATES (continued)

#### Standby Procurement Charge

This charge is applied to customer's cumulative negative transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 10 percent tolerance band. The Standby Procurement Charge is posted at least one day in advance of each corresponding imbalance trading period for noncore/wholesale and core transport agents (CTAs). It is calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border beginning on the first day of the month that the imbalance is created to five days prior to the start of each corresponding imbalance trading period plus a Brokerage Fee of  $0.266\phi$  per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and  $0.201\phi$  per therm for core retail service. The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from "NGI's Daily Gas Price Index – Southern California Border Average" and "Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey – SoCal gas, large pkgs Midpoint."

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SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm	
May, 2002	\$0.51801
June, 2002	\$0.50451
July, 2002	\$0.48651*
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
May, 2002	\$0.51866
June, 2002	\$0.50516
July, 2002	\$0.48716*
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
May, 2002	\$0.51866
June, 2002	\$0.50516
July, 2002	\$0.48716*

Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the July 2002 Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to August 25, 2002.

#### **Buy-Back Rate**

This rate is applied to customer's cumulative positive transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 10 percent tolerance band. The Buy-Back Rate is established effective the last day of each month and will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by Utility during the month the excess imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable core subscription procurement charge during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

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#### **ATTACHMENT C**

# **ADVICE NO. 3181**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER SCHEDULE NO. G-IMB STANDBY PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE JULY 2002

# **G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge Calculation**

The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from "NGI's Daily Gas Price Index - Southern California Border Average" and "Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey - SoCal gas, large pkgs Midpoint."

The highest daily border price index for the period was on July 2, 2002.

7/2/02 NGI's Daily Gas Price Index (NDGPI) = \$0.3230 per therm

7/2/02 Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey (GDDPS) = \$0.3230 per therm

Highest Daily Border Price Index (HDBPI) = (NDGPI + GDDPS) / 2

HDBPI = \$0.3230 per therm

SP-CR (Core Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Core Brokerage Fee

**SP-CR** = 150% x \$0.32300 + \$0.00201 = **\$0.48651** 

SP-NR (Noncore Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee

**SP-NR** = 150% x \$0.32300 + \$0.00266 =**\$0.48716** 

SP-W (Wholesale) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee

 $SP-W = 150\% \times \$0.32300 + \$0.00266 = \$0.48716$