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Subject: Revision of Rule No. 2 – Description of Service

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its Rule No. 2, Description of Service, as shown on Attachment B.

Purpose

This filing simply revises language in Rule No. 2, Description of Service, to bring SoCalGas' Rule No. 2 into conformance with San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) gas Rule No. 2, Description of Service. SDG&E is concurrently filing an advice letter to reflect revisions to its Rule No. 2. This filing responds to the Commission's 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.

Background

During a recent review of SoCalGas' Rule No. 2 and SDG&E's gas Rule No. 2, 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 No. 2 of both utilities nearly identical for gas operations without any change in practices.

In addition to adding headings to each of the lettered paragraphs, the following are the major changes proposed in this filing:

- Section G, Orifice Meter Standards, is entirely new and replaced the previous paragraph which referred to certain gas trade bulletins; and
- Under Section K, Conversion of Metered Volumes to Therms for Billing Other Than Utility Electric Generation and Wholesale Customers, a new paragraph has been added that states that the Utility may apply appropriate district daily heating values rather than the monthly average heating value in determining the customer's bill.

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 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
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Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Jerry Royer (jjr@cpuc.ca.gov) and Honesto Gatchalian (inj@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

SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing become effective October 7, 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 No. 96-A, a copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A.

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ATTACHMENT B
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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

A. Natural Gas Served

The gas supplied by this Utility is natural gas that is obtained from various sources, primarily oil and gas fields, but also includes landfills and other biomass processes. The gas may consist of any combustible gas or gases so produced. The gas is processed to remove condensible constituents, to minimize the concentration of certain impurities as specified by orders of the California Public Utilities Commission and to add a warning odorant. Customers using gas supplied by this Utility for processes which are affected by impurities in excess of specified minimum levels are responsible for testing gas supplied and for rendering the gas suitable for their intended uses.

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS RULE, THE UTILITY MAKES NO WARRANTIES AS TO THE NATURE, COMPOSITION OR PROPERTIES OF THE NATURAL GAS SUPPLIED AND THE OBLIGATIONS SET FORTH IN THIS RULE ARE EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, GUARANTIES OR LIABILITIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, ARISING BY LAW OR OTHERWISE (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY OBLIGATIONS OF THE UTILITY WITH RESPECT TO FITNESS, MERCHANTABILITY AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES).

B. Heating Value of Gas Served

The heating value of the natural gas served will vary from time to time and from place to place depending upon the supplies being drawn and the relative quantities being taken therefrom. The monthly average heating values (in Btu per cubic foot, dry basis, at normal atmospheric pressure of 30" mercury and a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit) of the gas served in the major portion of the Utility's service area are within the range of 1000-1060 Btu, and the maximum variation will rarely exceed 100 Btu above or below this range. The following table shows the typical range of monthly average heating values in each area:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Range of Monthly Average Btu</u>
Los Angeles Basin	1000-1060
Antelope Valley	1000-1040
Eastern and Inland Area	1000-1040
San Joaquin Valley Area	1000-1180
Ventura County	1010-1130
San Luis Obispo County and Western Santa Barbara County	1030-1130
Santa Barbara County (excluding western portion)	1070-1200
Orange County	1000-1020

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H. Statement to Customers

The Utility shall periodically render a statement to all customers of the calculated amount of gas delivered and measured as hereinbefore provided. It is agreed that such statement shall be accepted (subject to correction for any error in reading meters, charts, gauges or other accessories, or in computation) by both parties as a correct measurement and statement of the amount of gas delivered and to be paid for unless objected to by one party or the other within 15 days from the time of the rendering of such statement.

See Rule No. 16 for information on billing corrections due to meter error.

I. Adjustment for Altitude for Standard Delivery Pressure

In cases where gas is metered at standard delivery pressure, the metered volume shall be adjusted by the appropriate altitude factor from the following table which corrects for standard delivery pressure and altitude:

<u>Altitude Zone</u>	<u>Altitude Range (Ft.)</u>	<u>Altitude Factor</u>
A	Below 1,000	1.000
B	1,000-1,999	.968
C	2,000-2,999	.935
D	3,000-3,999	.903
E	4,000-4,999	.871
F	5,000-5,999	.841
G	6,000-6,999	.812
H	7,000-7,999	.782
I	8,000-8,999	.755

J. Adjustment for Altitude for Pressure Higher Than Standard Delivery Pressure

In cases where gas is metered to customers through positive displacement meters at a pressure higher than the standard delivery pressure (8 inch), the metered volume shall be corrected, at the temperature existing in the meter, to a standard pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute. The Utility shall, as appropriate, correct for deviation from Boyle's Law. In correcting the metered gas volume to the standard pressure, the barometric pressure assumed to exist at the meter for various elevation zones shall be taken from the following table:

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J. Adjustment for Altitude for Pressure Higher Than Standard Delivery Pressure (Continued)

Standard Average Barometric Pressures of Various Altitude Zones
 for Use with High Pressure Gas Displacement Meters

<u>Zone Number</u>	<u>Elevation Limits Between Which Standard Barometric Pressure Is to be Used (Feet)</u>	<u>Standard Barometric Pressure (Lbs. per Sq. Inch Absol.)</u>
1	-200-199	14.73
2	200-599	14.53
3	600-999	14.32
4	1,000-1,399	14.12
5	1,400-1,799	13.92
6	1,800-2,199	13.72
7	2,200-2,599	13.53
8	2,600-2,999	13.33
9	3,000-3,399	13.14
10	3,400-3,799	12.96
11	3,800-4,199	12.77
12	4,200-4,599	12.59
13	4,600-4,999	12.41
14	5,000-5,399	12.23
15	5,400-5,799	12.06
16	5,800-6,199	11.89
17	6,200-6,599	11.72
18	6,600-6,999	11.55
19	7,000-7,399	11.39
20	7,400-7,799	11.22
21	7,800-8,199	11.06

K. Conversion of Metered Volumes to Therms for Billing Other Than Utility Electric Generation and Wholesale Customers

The number of therms to be billed shall be the product of the metered volume in Ccf times the billing factor. The billing factor is equal to the applicable Btu factor for the Btu district times the factors for altitude and metering pressure, as appropriate.

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K. Conversion of Metered Volumes to Therms for Billing Other Than Utility Electric Generation and Wholesale Customers (Continued)

The Btu factor for each Btu district will be determined monthly by dividing the average heating value of deliveries to that Btu district by 1,000. The average heating value in the Btu district is based upon the 4-week period ending on the second Tuesday of a 4-Tuesday month, or the 5-week period ending on the third Tuesday of a 5-Tuesday month. This Btu factor shall be used for all billing cycles of the next revenue month.

Where the Utility has a meter device that automatically gathers and records daily consumption information, the Utility may apply appropriate district daily heating values in determining the customer's bill, rather than a monthly average heating value.

L. Conversion of Metered Volumes for Billing of Utility Electric Generation and Wholesale Customers

The number of therms to be billed shall be the product of the metered volume in Mcf delivered during each billing period for each service location times the conversion factor. The conversion factor will be determined monthly by dividing the average heating value in Btu per cubic foot (dry basis) for each service location by 100. The metered Mcf of gas delivered during each billing period is determined in accordance with other provisions of Rule 2.

M. The Utility reserves the right to refuse gas service to:

1. Any customer whose fuel requirements impose demands only at times which are coincidental with the period of extreme seasonal peak demands on the Utility's system.
2. Any premises for standby purposes. Utility will notify the Commission whenever a denial of service is contemplated.

N. Special Facilities

1. Request for Special Facilities. Utility will normally install only those permanent facilities needed to provide standard service pursuant to Rule No. 20, Gas Main Extensions and/or Rule No. 21, Gas Service Extensions. An Applicant for new permanent service or a customer receiving permanent service may request Utility to install special facilities that result in additional cost to Utility over normally installed permanent facilities. If Utility agrees to such installation, Applicant will pay to Utility all additional costs, including income tax component of contributions and advances (ITCCA) and applicable ownership charges, above Utility's estimated site-specific cost to install, own, maintain, operate and replace permanent, standard facilities, in addition to any other applicable charges pursuant to Utility's tariffs.

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N. Special Facilities (Continued)

- 2. Special Facilities. Special facilities may be provided to an Applicant for permanent natural gas service or existing customer for permanent natural gas service, and include:
 - a. augmented or new facilities which are in addition to, or substitution for, permanent facilities Utility normally installs to provide standard service under its tariffs; or,
 - b. existing facilities dedicated in whole or part for the sole use of Applicant. Utility will install, own and maintain special facilities, or dedicate existing facilities as an accommodation to the Applicant, only when acceptable to Utility such that Utility retains operational control and can assure reliability of service to Utility's other customers.

- 3. Costs Charged to Applicant for Special Facilities.
 - a. New Facilities. New facilities that the Utility agrees to install for Applicant's use as special facilities will be installed at Applicant's expense. Applicant will advance to Utility the additional estimated installed cost of the special facilities above Utility's standard facilities, any applicable ITCCA, plus ownership charges as stated below. Utility, at its option, may provide Applicant with alternate payment arrangement for installation of new facilities.
 - b. Existing Facilities. Utility's agreement to dedicate existing facilities for Applicant's use as special facilities will be at Applicant's expense. Applicant will pay Utility the applicable ownership charge as specified below, including any applicable ITCCA, on that portion of the estimated installed cost of the existing facilities dedicated to Applicant.
 - c. Ownership Charge. In addition to providing for the payment of charges under any other applicable tariff, the Applicant will pay a cost-of-ownership charge or charges, plus any applicable ITCCA. At Utility's discretion, dependent on such factors as the Applicant's credit worthiness, longevity of the project, practicality of collecting periodic payments, administration of the contract and other factors, Utility may require Applicant to pay a monthly Utility or Customer-financed ownership charge, a lump-sum payment, or Utility may agree to other payment arrangements.

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N. Special Facilities (Continued)

3. Costs Charged to Applicant for Special Facilities. (Continued)

c. Ownership Charge. (Continued)

- (1) Monthly Ownership Charge. At the Utility's option, the Applicant will be required to pay monthly Utility-financed or Customer-financed ownership charges, plus any applicable ITCCA, as follows:

<u>Type of Facility</u>	<u>Financing</u>	<u>Monthly Charge</u>
Distribution	Customer	0.946% of the amount advanced
	Utility	1.921% of the additional cost

These monthly ownership charges will commence when the special facilities are first ready to serve, as determined by Utility. Utility will notify Customer of this date, through its first invoice. The monthly ownership charges to Customer will automatically change in the event the rates set forth in this Rule 2 change.

- (2) Lump-Sum Payment. At Utility's option, the Applicant will be required to make an equivalent one-time payment in lieu of the monthly ownership charge. The one-time payment will equal the estimated cost of the special facilities and the ownership charge, plus any applicable ITCCA and the estimated cost of removal or abandonment less the estimated net salvage value of removed or abandoned materials. This payment will be automatically required in the event that the Applicant terminates the use of the special facilities at any time within five (5) years immediately following the date the special facilities are first ready to serve.
- (3) Periodic Review. Utility will periodically review the factors it uses to determine the monthly ownership charges stated in this section of this rule. If such review results in a change of more than five percent (5%), the Utility will submit a tariff revision proposal to the Commission for review and approval. Such proposed changes will be submitted no sooner than six (6) months after the last revision.
4. Contracts for Special Facilities. Applicant requesting special facilities will be required to execute a written contract prior to Utility performing its work to install or dedicate special facilities. The general form of such contract shall be on file with the Commission.

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