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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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 corrects several administrative oversights in SoCalGas' Rule No. 2. Rule No. 2 has been modified to reflect the following: 1) language has been added to Section G, Orifice Meter Standards, in order to avoid duplicative measurement equipment at interstate pipeline and utility receipt points; 2) the altitude zone under Section I, Adjustment for Altitude for Standard Delivery Pressure has been changed from alphabetic to numeric; and 3) the word "Altitude" has been changed to "Elevation" in the title of Section J, Adjustment for Altitude for Pressure Higher Than Standard Delivery Pressure, and in the title of the table under Section J. Also, the word "Elevation" has been added and the word "Number" has been deleted in the first column of the table so that the heading reads "Elevation Zone".

Information

Section G of Rule 2, as recently rewritten, could lead to the conclusion that SoCalGas would install its own metering equipment even though a supplier has already installed acceptable metering equipment. This is clearly not the intent and is inconsistent with longstanding utility practice acknowledged by the Commission in General Order 58A, Section 6.b. The additional language would allow SoCalGas to accept the measurement of a supplying interstate pipeline or utility as long as the supplier's or other utility's metering equipment meets the specified measurement standards.

The two other changes are simply clerical in nature. The altitude zones described in Section I have been numerical rather than alphabetical since 1996, but have simply not been changed in the tariff. The other changes are minor textual changes, which are consistent with SoCalGas' use of the terms altitude and elevation.

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:

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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 December 18, 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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Rule No. 02

Sheet 2

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

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C. Pressure

The standard delivery pressure at the point of delivery is eight inches of water column.

For connected loads of one million Btu/hour or greater, the following delivery pressures can be provided upon request and acceptance by the Utility:

1. Two Pounds.
2. Five Pounds.
3. Service at as-available fluctuating pressures from the point of service.
4. Such other pressure as the Utility and the Customer agree to.

D. Continuity of Service

Service is continuous, subject to the limitations specifically set forth in the various tariff schedules.

E. Determination of Cubic Foot with Displacement Meters

In cases where gas is metered to customers at the standard delivery pressure described in Section C hereof, a cubic foot of gas shall be construed to be that quantity of gas which, at the temperature and pressure existing in the meter, occupies one cubic foot. Where gas is metered to customers through displacement meters at a pressure higher than that in Section C hereof, a cubic foot of gas shall be construed to be that quantity of gas which, at the temperature existing in the meter and an absolute pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch, occupies one cubic foot.

F. Determination of Cubic Foot with Other Than Displacement Meters

In cases where gas is metered to customers through other than displacement meters, a cubic foot of gas shall be construed to be that quantity of gas which, at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and an absolute pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch, occupies one cubic foot.

G. Orifice Meter Standards

Utility shall own, operate and maintain devices and related instrumentation to measure gas-flow at each point of receipt and each point of delivery. Utility may elect not to install redundant measurement facilities at interstate pipeline and utility receipt points as long as the supplying pipeline or utility complies with the following measurement standards. Orifice meters shall be installed in compliance with the American National Standards Institute Report ANSI/API 2350. Other types of measuring devices shall be installed in compliance with the manufacturers' recommended specifications and all applicable American Gas Association and American National Standards Institute standards.

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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>
0	Below 1,000	1.000
1	1,000-1,999	.968
2	2,000-2,999	.935
3	3,000-3,999	.903
4	4,000-4,999	.871
5	5,000-5,999	.841
6	6,000-6,999	.812
7	7,000-7,999	.782
8	8,000-8,999	.755

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

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

<u>Elevation Zone</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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