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Subject: Revision of Rule No. 19 – Rates and Optional Rates

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its Rule No. 19, Rates and Optional Rates, as shown on Attachment B.

Purpose

This filing proposes several minor changes to the language in Rule No. 19, Rates and Optional Rates, in order to respond to customer needs and to provide consistency and ease in administering the tariff. SDG&E is concurrently filing an advice letter to reflect similar revisions to its electric and gas Rule 12, Rates and Optional Rates, to bring those Rules into conformance, to the extent possible, with the changes proposed herein for SoCalGas' Rule No. 19.

Background

During a recent review of SoCalGas' Rule 19 and SDG&E's electric and gas Rule 12, SoCalGas found that while the majority of the terms and conditions were very similar in intent and wording, several minor changes in the wording could make the Rule of both utilities more consistent.

Following is a brief description of changes that SoCalGas is proposing to its Rule No. 19 in this filing:

- 1) Section A has been changed to indicate that copies of SoCalGas' tariffs will be available for public inspection in its local offices and that such tariffs may be maintained on a website and printed copies of such tariffs shall be made available to customers upon request.

- 2) Section B has been added to indicate that when establishing rate schedules for new customers, SoCalGas shall, based on information provided by the applicant, ensure that the applicant is placed on an applicable rate schedule approved by the Commission.
- 3) In Section D, Change of Rate Schedule, SoCalGas has indicated that it is the customer's responsibility to request another rate schedule or service option if the customer's connected load, hours of operation, type of business or type of service have changed. Where the customer changes equipment or operations without notifying SoCalGas, SoCalGas assumes no responsibility for advising the customer of other rate options available to the customer as a result of the changes in the customer's equipment or operations.

This filing will not result in an increase or decrease in any rate or charge, conflict with any rate schedules or any 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 (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

SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing become effective December 24, 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. 19
RATES AND OPTIONAL RATES

Sheet 1

A. Effective Rates

The rates to be charged by the Utility for gas service shall be the rates legally in effect and on file with the California Public Utilities Commission. Complete copies of all rate schedules legally in effect for any district shall be available for public inspection at all times in the Utility's local offices for that district. Such tariffs may be maintained on a website, and printed copies of such tariffs shall be made available to customers upon request.

Where negotiable rate options are available to the customer, the Utility shall not be obligated to provide the customer with any recommendation or comparison of options.

B. Establishing Rate Schedules for New Customers

At the time of application for service, the Utility shall, based on information provided by the applicant, ensure that the applicant is placed on an applicable rate schedule approved by the Commission.

C. New or Optional Rates

In the event of the adoption by the Utility of new or optional rates, the Utility shall take such measures as may be practicable to advise the customers who may be affected that such new or optional rates are effective.

D. Change of Rate Schedule

Except as provided otherwise in the schedule or contract required thereby, a customer may not transfer from one schedule to another or change the contract in effect for the purpose of obtaining preferential rates, priority of service, or avoiding minimum charges except after 12 months' service under the schedule; however, if the customer's fuel requirements are permanently increased or decreased due to changed conditions of operation, the customer may, by application, request service under another schedule for which the customer can properly qualify. A customer changing rate schedules shall not avoid any Use-or-Pay charges that would otherwise apply from prior rate schedule under which the customer was served. In the event that a customer desires to take service under a different schedule than that under which the customer is being served and qualifies for service thereunder, the change shall become effective for service rendered after the next regular meter reading following the date of notice to the Utility, based on the availability of metering and billing requirements.

It is the customer's responsibility to request another rate schedule or service option if the customer's connected load, hours of operation, type of business or type of service have changed. Where the customer changes equipment or operation without notifying the Utility, the Utility assumes no responsibility for advising the customer of other rate options available to the customer as a result of the customer's equipment/operation changes. See Rule No. 29, Change of Consumer's Apparatus or Equipment.

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