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Advice No. 3229 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Cleanup Filing to Revise Preliminary Statement, Part I, General Service Information, and Rule No. 1, Definitions

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

Information

This filing proposes to make the following cleanup changes to SoCalGas' tariffs:

Preliminary Statement, Part I, General Service Information

Sheet 5 – Replace the word "without" with "charge" under Paragraph 1, and change the first line of the address to read "Regulatory Affairs, GT 14D6" to reflect the new mail location.

Sheet 6 - Section O, Public Purpose Program Surcharge should be deleted because it is unnecessarily duplicated. It is properly reflected in Preliminary Statement Part II, Summary of Rates and Charges and Schedule No. G-PPPS.

Rule No. 1, Definitions

Sheet 2 – In the third line of the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program definition, the percentage should be 175, not 150. Decision (D).01-06-010 changed the income eligibility levels for CARE and LIEE programs from 150% to 175% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Sheet 5 – The definition for "Electronic Billing" has been removed. This definition was inadvertently included when SoCalGas filed AL 3016 dated April 23, 2001 to make its Rule 1 consistent with SDG&E's. However, SoCalGas does not offer electronic billing service. Therefore, SoCalGas requests removal of the Electronic Billing definition, consistent with SoCalGas' withdrawal of its Advice No. 2884 asking for approval to implement electronic billing option.

This filing will not increase any rates or charges, conflict with any other rate schedules or rules, or 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. 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, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Jerry Royer (<u>jir@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) and to Honesto Gatchalian (<u>jnj@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <u>and</u> 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

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Effective Date

It is respectfully requested that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective for service on and after March 2, 2003, which is not less than forty (40) days regular statutory notice. SoCalGas believes that 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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Advice No. 3229

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ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3229

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CANCELING LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

PART I **GENERAL SERVICE INFORMATION**

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N. AVAILABILITY OF TARIFF SHEETS AND ADVICE FILINGS

In accordance with Resolution G-3025:

- 1. Copies of advice letter filings and related tariff sheets shall be provided, free of charge, to parties listed in Section III.G. of General Order 96-A, which include the following:
 - a. Competing and adjacent utilities, either publicly or privately owned.
 - b. Other utilities, either publicly or privately owned, and interested parties having requested such notification.
- 2. A customer's request for any rate schedule or rules applicable to their service shall be granted free of charge.

For parties not meeting the above criteria, copies of each tariff filing, CPUC approved schedule or rule or other tariff material may be obtained at a charge, as indicated below, by writing:

> Regulatory Affairs, GT 14D6 Southern California Gas Company 555 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

<u>List of Charges - Tariffs and Advice Letters</u>

Single Tariff Sheet, Each	\$0.20
Complete Tariff Book, Each	\$55.00
Complete Tariff Book, Initial Subscription	\$235.00
Complete Tariff Book, Annual Subscription Renewal	\$180.00
Single Rate, Annual Subscription	\$30.00
Advice Letters, Each	\$6.00
Advice Letters, Annual Subscription	\$325.00

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Rule No. 01 DEFINITIONS

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Billing Cycle: The regular periodic interval for reading a Customer's meter for billing purposes. Usually meters are scheduled to be read monthly.

Branch Service: Service that is not connected to a natural gas main and has another service as its source of supply.

British Thermal Unit (Btu): The standard unit for measuring a quantity of thermal energy. One Btu equals the amount of thermal energy required to raise the temperature of one pound of water one degree Fahrenheit and is exactly defined as equal to 1,055.05585262 joule, rounded to 1,055.056 joule. (A joule is equal to one watt-second.)

Brokerage Fee: Fee charged to customers who procure supply directly from the Utility to cover gas purchasing expenses.

Burn: Natural gas usage as measured by electronic metering or an estimated quantity such as Minimum Daily Quantity (MinDQ) for purposes of compliance with winter delivery requirements as specified in Rule No. 30.

Buyback Rate: Rate applicable to excess imbalance volumes of gas as specified in the Utility's rate schedules. Rate shall generally be the lower of either 1) the Utility's lowest incremental cost of gas; or 2) 50% of the weighted average cost of gas of the applicable gas supply portfolio.

California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program: CPUC program that offers reduced rates to qualified low-income customers. Household income of customers qualifying for CARE assistance shall not exceed 175% of the Federal poverty level as established by the CPUC and set forth in the applicable Utility rate schedules. CARE Program was previously known as the Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance (LIRA) Program.

<u>Cogeneration</u>: Sequential use of energy for the production of electrical and useful thermal energy. Sequence can be thermal use followed by power production or the reverse, subject to the following standards: (a) At least 5 percent of the facility's total annual energy output shall be in the form of useful thermal energy. (b) Where useful thermal energy follows power production, the useful annual power output plus one-half the useful annual thermal energy output equals not less than 42.5 percent of any natural gas and oil energy input.

Commission: Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, sometimes referred to as the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) or the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Company: See Utility.

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Electronic Data Interchange (EDI): The sending and receiving of data and/or funds in a structured electronic format, commonly involving information technology and telecommunications technology.

Energy Service Provider (ESP): Individuals, companies or consortiums that arrange for natural gas procurement related activities (procurement, interstate transportation and balancing) on behalf of core customers. See Rule No. 32.

Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR): Operation which includes the use of natural gas to pressure, cycle, or inject a substance into a well for the purpose of increasing oil production from that well, specifically including natural gas used for cogeneration to promote these operations.

Enterprise: Business corporation, partnership, or sole ownership established for the purpose of engaging in a single business or commerce.

Equivalent Margin: Margin embedded in the Commission's rate design. Margin is the amount of revenue the Commission allows a utility to recover over a one-year period without consideration of fuel costs, Gas Exploration and Development Adjustments and Conservation Cost Adjustments.

Exchange Gas: Natural gas which is produced by a customer and redelivered under a natural gas exchange agreement by Utility to that same customer at a different location.

Facility: Individual meter with the exception of meters combined for the Utility's operating convenience in accordance with Rule No. 17. Customers who have had more than one meter installed for their own convenience at their own request shall be treated as a separate facility with respect to each meter.

Feedstock Usage: Natural gas used as raw material for its chemical properties in creating an end product.

Force Majeure: Unanticipated events or conditions beyond the reasonable control of the party claiming Force Majeure which could not have been prevented by the exercise of due diligence. Force Majeure as it applies to the Tariff Rate Schedules specifically does not include required maintenance of customer's facilities, plant closures, economic conditions or variations in agricultural crop production.

Franchise Fees: Financial obligation collected from the customers by the Utility and remitted in whole to a city or a county government for the Utility's nonexclusive right to install and maintain equipment on that government's highway and street property, or public rights of way.

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