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Advice No. 3231

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: December 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 December 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 December 2002 (covering the period December 1 to January 20), the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border is \$0.5045 per therm. The resultant Standby Procurement Charges, calculated in the manner set forth above, are \$0.75941 per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and

\$0.75876 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 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 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, 4th Floor
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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 (ijnj@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

It is respectfully requested that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective January 23, 2003, 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 January 25, 2003.

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 A

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ATTACHMENT B
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 36265-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 6	Revised 36177-G
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
 PART II
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES

Sheet 6

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IMBALANCE SERVICE

Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

October, 2002	\$0.65751
November, 2002	\$0.72164
December, 2002	\$0.75876*

Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)

October, 2002	\$0.65816
November, 2002	\$0.72229
December, 2002	\$0.75941*

Wholesale Standby (SP-W)

October, 2002	\$0.65816
November, 2002	\$0.72229
December, 2002	\$0.75941*

Buy-Back Rate

Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)

October, 2002	10.302¢
November, 2002	11.271¢
December, 2002	18.462¢

Wholesale (BR-W)

October, 2002	10.252¢
November, 2002	11.217¢
December, 2002	18.373¢

* Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the December 2002 Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to January 25, 2003.

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Schedule No. G-IMB
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 2

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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¢ 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."

Core Retail Service:

SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm

October, 2002	\$0.65751	
November, 2002	\$0.72164	
December, 2002	\$0.75876*	I

Noncore Retail Service:

SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm

October, 2002	\$0.65816	
November, 2002	\$0.72229	
December, 2002	\$0.75941*	I

Wholesale Service:

SP-W Standby Rate per therm

October, 2002	\$0.65816	
November, 2002	\$0.72229	
December, 2002	\$0.75941*	I

* Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the December 2002 Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to January 25, 2003. T

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

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**RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER
SCHEDULE NO. G-IMB STANDBY PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING
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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 January 20, 2003.

1/20/03 NGI’s Daily Gas Price Index (NDGPI) = \$0.505 per therm

1/20/03 Gas Daily’s Daily Price Survey (GDDPS) = \$0.504 per therm

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

HDBPI = \$0.5045 per therm

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

SP-CR = 150% x \$ 0.50450 + \$ 0.00201 = \$ 0.75876

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

SP-NR = 150% x \$ 0.50450 + \$ 0.00266 = \$ 0.75941

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

SP-W = 150% x \$ 0.50450 + \$ 0.00266 = \$ 0.75941