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February 28, 2003

Advice No. 3242 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: February 2003 Buy-Back Rates

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 Buy-Back Rates in Schedule No. G-IMB for February 2003.

Background

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB - Transportation Imbalance Service, the Buy-Back Rates are established effective the last day of each month.

The Buy-Back Rates will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by Utility during the month the imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable core subscription procurement charge during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

Information

During the month of Febuary 2003, 50% of the core subscription procurement charge is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for February 2003 are being set accordingly. The workpaper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

The new rates are reflected in the attached Schedule No. G-IMB tariff sheets.

Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the February 2003 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to March 25, 2003.

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

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Effective Date

It is requested that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective February 28, 2003 to coincide with SoCalGas' Core Subscription Procurement Rate filing in Advice No. 3233, dated January 31, 2003.

<u>Notice</u>

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 Advice No. 3242

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY Revised

> LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CANCELING

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT Sheet 6 PART II SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES (Continued) IMBALANCE SERVICE Standby Procurement Charge Core Retail Standby (SP-CR) D December, 2002 \$0.75876 January, 2003 \$0.81914 Т February, 2003 TBD* Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR) D December, 2002 \$0.75941 January, 2003 \$0.81979 Т February, 2003 TBD* Wholesale Standby (SP-W) D December, 2002 \$0.75941 January, 2003 \$0.81979 February, 2003 TBD* Т **Buy-Back Rate** Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R) D January, 2003 23.716¢ I Wholesale (BR-W) D I Т To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the February 2003 Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to March 25, Т 2003. (Continued) (TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY) ISSUED BY (TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC) DATE FILED Feb 28, 2003 3242 Lee Schavrien

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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 $0.201 \not\in$ 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	
December, 2002	\$0.75876
January, 2003	\$0.81914
February, 2003	TBD*
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
December, 2002	\$0.75941
January, 2003	\$0.81979
February, 2003	TBD*
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
December, 2002	\$0.75941
January, 2003	\$0.81979
February, 2003	TBD*

To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the February 2003 Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to March 25, 2003.

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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 TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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 RATES (continued)

 Buy-Back Rate (continued)

 Retail Service:

 BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm

 December, 2002

 January, 2003

 23.716¢

 February, 2003

 Service:

 BR-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm

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December, 2002	18.373¢
January, 2003	23.600¢
February, 2003	
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If the incremental cost of gas is the basis for the Standby or Buy-Back Rates, Utility will provide CPUC the necessary work papers for such cost. Such documentation will be provided under confidentiality pursuant to General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code.

Daily Balancing Standby Rates

During November through March customers are required to deliver (flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at a minimum of 50% of burn during a five-day period. Volumes not in compliance with the 50% five-day minimum delivery requirement are purchased at the daily standby rate. The daily balancing standby rate is calculated as 150% of the highest Southern California Border price during the five-day period as published in "NGI's *Daily* Gas Price Index" including authorized franchise fees and, for retail customers, uncollectible expenses (F&U), and an authorized brokerage fee.

When the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger", the minimum daily delivery requirement increases to 70%. The five-day period no longer applies. The daily balancing standby rate is 150% of the highest Southern California Border price per NGI's *Daily* Gas Price Index for the day (including F&U and brokerage fee) and is applied to each day's deliveries which are less than the 70% delivery requirement.

When the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the "peak day minimum + 5 Bcf trigger", the minimum delivery requirement increases to 90% daily. Similar to the 70% regime, the five-day period no longer applies. The daily balancing standby rate is 150% of the highest Southern California Border price per NGI's *Daily* Gas Price Index for the day (including F&U and brokerage fee) and is applied to each day's deliveries which are less than the 90% delivery requirement.

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ATTACHMENT C

ADVICE NO. 3242

RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3233 CORE SUBSCRIPTION RATE FILING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2003

Core Subscription Procurement Charge:

 Retail CS:
 51.715ϕ per therm

 (WACOG: 50.700¢ or [49.100¢ + 1.6¢ charge] + Franchise and Uncollectibles:
 1.015¢ or [2.0012% * 50.700¢]

 Wholesale CS:
 51.463¢ per therm

 (WACOG: 50.700¢ or [49.100¢ + 1.6¢ charge]+ Franchise:
 0.763¢ or [1.5051% * 50.700¢])

G-IMB Buy-Back Rates:

BR-R = 50% of Retail Core Subscription Procurement Charge: 50% * 51.715 cents/therm = **25.858** cents/therm

BR-W = 50% of Wholesale Core Subscription Procurement Charge: 50% * 51.463 cents/therm = **25.732** cents/therm