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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Changes to Rule No. 9, Discontinuance of Service,
Section K, Termination of Service for Fumigations**

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 purpose of this filing is to make minor changes to Section K.2, Termination of Service for Fumigations, in Rule No. 9, Discontinuance of Service.

Information

SoCalGas has gained a great deal of experience since the October 28, 2002 implementation of revisions to Part 192 of the Department of Transportation Pipeline Safety Regulations, which resulted in the utility performing gas meter shut-off and restoration of service for premises undergoing tent fumigation. During this eight-month period, SoCalGas has been requiring the presence of the customer/authorized agent to show proof of Certificate for Re-Entry when reinstating gas service in compliance with its Rule No. 9, K.2. Experience shows that this requirement is burdensome to the customer and provides no additional measure of safety to the customer or SoCalGas employee. SoCalGas' current service policy allows customers to make access arrangements on all other orders that require entry to the premises. SoCalGas, therefore, proposes to delete the requirement for the customer/authorized agent to be present. Instead, SoCalGas would need only to see the Certificate for Re-Entry from the customer/authorized agent, which may be posted in an obvious location for the SoCalGas service person to verify. In the event the Certificate for Re-Entry cannot be found by the SoCalGas service person, the gas service would not be reinstated.

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
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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 to Honesto Gatchalian (jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should 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 advice letter be approved on August 10, 2003, which is not less than forty (40) days regular statutory notice.

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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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT B
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Rule No. 09

Sheet 7

DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

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K. TERMINATION OF SERVICE FOR FUMIGATIONS (Continued)

2. When the fumigation is complete and the structure is posted as suitable for occupancy (Certificate for Re-Entry), the Utility shall restore the gas service. The customer or their authorized agent is required to provide proof of Certificate for Re-Entry as a condition for reinstating gas service. The Utility shall offer a four-hour service appointment for restoring the gas service.
3. Where the fumigator tents the structure without contacting the Utility to request a termination of the gas service, or where the fumigator performs the tenting prior to the Utility terminating the service, and the Utility discovers this condition, the Utility may immediately and without notice, terminate the gas service as an unsafe condition pursuant to Rule 9.D.1. Thereafter, the Utility may restore service; however, Utility may, at its sole discretion, charge and collect from the fumigator any costs incidental to the termination or restoration of service, where the fumigator has tented the structure without notifying the Utility to terminate gas service or tented before service had been terminated.
4. If the fumigator violates any of the provisions of Rule 9.K, the Utility shall submit written notice of the alleged violation directly to the violating Branch 1 registered company (pest control operator), with a copy to the Executive Officer of the Structural Pest Control Board and the Director of the Consumer Protection and Safety Division of the California Public Utilities Commission.

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