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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Establishment of the Cost Of Service Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account in compliance with D.03-12-057

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

#### **Purpose**

This filing revises Preliminary Statement, Part VI, Description of Regulatory Accounts – Memorandum, and establishes the Cost of Service (COS) Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account (COSRRMA). SoCalGas hereby requests that the Commission approve the COSRRMA as described herein. The purpose of COSRRMA is to track the shortfall or overcollection of authorized base margin revenues between January 1, 2004 and the effective date of rates established in phase 1 of SoCalGas' Cost of Service (COS) Application (A.) 02-12-027.

#### **Discussion**

SoCalGas filed its COS application on December 20, 2002. The scope of the proceeding is broad, and includes the traditional review of current utility spending and related issues including investment planning, safety and reliability, customer service, and all aspects of utility operations. Recognizing that the schedule of the proceeding precludes its completion in time for rates to be effective on January 1, 2004, Decision (D.) 03-12-057, issued on December 18, 2003, authorizes SoCalGas to establish a memorandum account to track the shortfall or overcollection between current revenues and the revenue requirement eventually adopted in phase 1 of SoCalGas' COS A.02-12-027. The creation of a memorandum account is consistent with the Commission's objectives to leave both SoCalGas' customers and shareholders essentially indifferent to the precise date that a final decision is issued and cost of service rates implemented.

As noted above, SoCalGas is directed to establish a memorandum account to track actual transportation revenues in order to compute an accurate revenue shortfall or overcollection compared to the test year revenue requirement during the interim period. However, the decision does not specifically address the fact that SoCalGas currently maintains fixed cost accounts<sup>1</sup> to balance the difference between actual base margin transportation revenues and authorized transportation revenues currently in rates. By establishing the memorandum account to track the shortfall or overcollection in compliance with the decision's directive, SoCalGas may incur a double counting of actual transportation revenues from sales, which SoCalGas does not believe is consistent with the intent of the decision. Therefore, in order to ensure consistency with the Commission's objectives and avoid double counting of actual transportation revenues from sales in establishing the memorandum account, SoCalGas proposes that the COSRRMA track the difference between authorized revenues in effect for the period January 1, 2004 through to the effective date for rates adopted in A.02-012-027 and the authorized revenues adopted in COS phase 1 decision prorated for the same period.

# **Protests**

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 this advice letter was filed with the Commission. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

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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**

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph 2 of D.03-12-057 this advice letter shall be effective on January 1, 2004 subject to the Energy Division determining that it is in compliance.

<sup>1</sup> Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA) and Noncore Fixed Cost Account (NFCA).

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# **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 to this advice letter, which includes the parties on the service list in SoCalGas' COS A.02-12-027.

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#### A. GENERAL

Memorandum accounts are special accounts authorized by the Commission for the purpose of tracking certain costs and revenues. Please refer to each individual memorandum account description for the specific accounting treatment applicable to each account.

#### B. LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS

Conservation Expense Account (CEA)

PCB Expense Account (PCBEA)

Research Development and Demonstration Expense Account (RDDEA)

Curtailment Violation Penalty Account (CVPA)

Economic Practicality Shortfall Memorandum Account (EPSMA)

Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA)

Interconnect Charge Memorandum Account (ICMA)

Vernon Avoided Distribution Cost Memorandum Account (VADCMA)

Noncore Cost/Revenue Memorandum Account (NCRMA)

Interstate Capacity Step Down Account (ICSDA)

Vernon Rate Savings Memorandum Account (VRSMA)

Vernon Negotiated Core Contract Memorandum Account (VNCCMA)

Earthquake Valve Installation Service Memorandum Account (EVISMA)

Research Royalty Memorandum Account (RRMA)

NGV Research Development & Demonstration Memorandum Account (RDDNGV)

Intervenor Award Memorandum Account (IAMA)

Z Factor Account (ZFA)

Tax Interest Account (TIA)

Energy Efficiency/DSM Memorandum Account (EEDSMMA)

Applicant Installation Trench Inspection Memorandum Account (AITIMA)

Wheeler Ridge Firm Access Charge Memorandum Account (WRFACMA)

Earthquake Valve Installation Memorandum Account (EVIMA)

Gas Industry Restructuring Memorandum Account (GIRMA)

Self-Generation Program Memorandum Account (SGPMA)

Baseline Memorandum Account (BMA)

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Annual Earnings Assessment Proceeding Memorandum Account (AEAPMA)

Cost of Service Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account (COSRRMA)

#### C. DESCRIPTION OF ACCOUNTS

#### CONSERVATION EXPENSE ACCOUNT (CEA)

The CEA is an interest bearing memorandum account recorded on SoCalGas' financial statements. The purpose of this account is to track the difference between authorized costs in rates, and actual demand-side management program costs. This account covers regular and low income demand-side management programs.

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C. <u>DESCRIPTION OF ACCOUNTS</u> (Continued)

### COST OF SERVICE REVENUE REQUIREMENT MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (COSRRMA)

The COSRRMA is an interest bearing memorandum account that is recorded on the Utility's financial statements. Pursuant to Decision 03-12-057, the purpose of this account is to record the shortfall or overcollection resulting from the difference between authorized base margin revenues recovered under currently authorized rates and the final revenue requirement adopted by the Commission in Application (A.) 02-12-027. The entries recorded to the account shall reflect the shortfall or overcollection of revenues effective from January 1, 2004 until the effective date of rates established in A.02-12-027.

Utility shall maintain the COSRRMA by making the following entries:

- a) A debit entry equal to the pro rata allocation of SoCalGas' annual base margin revenue requirement adopted in A.02-12-027 for the period January 1, 2004 until the effective date of rates adopted in A.02-12-027. This entry will be recorded once the decision is approved.
- b) A credit entry equal to the pro rata allocation of SoCalGas' currently authorized annual base margin revenue requirement for each month beginning January 1, 2004 until the effective date of rates adopted in A.02-12-027. This entry will be recorded once the decision is approved.
- c) On a monthly basis, an entry equal to the interest on the average balance in the account during the month, calculated in the manner described in the Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

The disposition of the COSRRMA balance shall be addressed in a subsequent phase of SoCalGas' COS proceeding (A.02-12-027) or in a proceeding determined by the Commission.

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