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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# Subject: Commercial/Industrial Service Bill Form 77-2

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

# Purpose

This filing replaces SoCalGas' Commercial/Industrial Service (Noncore) Bill Form 77-2b with SoCalGas' Commercial/Industrial Service (Noncore) Bill Form 77-2. The enhancements update the logo and certain information on the front and back of the bill form.

# **Background**

The noncore bill form is used for bills issued to SoCalGas' noncore customers. The logo and certain other information used on this form need to be updated. The changes slightly enhance the look of the bill, and provide additional customer service information, and additional information on billing terms.

# **Revisions to Bill Form**

# **Account Identifiers:**

The processing of bills to noncore customers and core customers with complex billing requirements requires the use of two software systems. One system performs the calculation of bills for all noncore and complex core accounts, and the second system manages general customer-account information, payment processing, and collection activities. A common account identifier is the key data element associating an account between the two systems.

The noncore customer bill form will continue to present the unique account number established in the principal bill-calculating system. The addition of the common account

identifier on the noncore bill form will enable SoCalGas to more efficiently address customer inquiries.

The label "Account Number" shall represent the common account identifier, and the label "Old Account Number" shall represent the account number from the legacy bill-calculating system. During a period of transition, the use of both labels should minimize any inconvenience.

A legacy system identifier with the "Prem Id" label is being removed.

# Front of bill:

Except for the addition of the common account identifier and deletion of the Prem Id on the front of the bill, the information provided to customers remains the same. The format of information on the bill has not changed.

Attachment C includes an example of a fictitious bill with the common account identifier added.

# Logo Information:

The company logo is part of the pre-printed form. Currently, the logo is pre-printed on the top, middle and bottom sections of the bill. The logo shall be removed from the upper and middle portion of the form. The logo shall continue to be shown on the bottom portion of the form. The logo has been updated to its current version. SoCalGas' mail payment addresses and website address have been added to the bottom of the form.

# Back of the bill:

The information provided to customers on the back of the bill-form remains essentially the same. Minor edits have been made to the explanation of bill terms and other related information.

# Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the 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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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>inj@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 E-mail: <u>snewsom@SempraUtilities.com</u>

# Effective Date

SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing be made effective as of April 1, 2004, 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

ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 3353

(See Attached Service List)

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3353

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CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 37485-G 33602-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

# SAMPLE FORMS Bill Forms Commercial/Industrial Service (Form 77-2, Rev. 4-04)

Sheet 1

[See Attached Form]

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY) 3353 ADVICE LETTER NO. DECISION NO. 1H14

ISSUED BY Lee Schavrien Vice President **Regulatory Affairs** 

(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC) Feb 19, 2004 DATE FILED Apr 1, 2004 EFFECTIVE **RESOLUTION NO.** 

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY FORM 77-2 (04/04) **H** 



## IMPORTANT CUSTOMER INFORMATION

#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION NOTICE

'Should you question the amount of this bill, please request an explanation from the Company by calling the telephone number on the front of this bill. If you thereafter believe you have been billed incorrectly, the amount of the bill should be deposited with the California Public Utilities Commission, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2003, San Francisco, California, 94102, email: consumer-affairs@cpuc.ca.gov to avoid discontinuance of service. Make remittance payable to California Public Utilities Commission and attach the bill and a statement supporting your belief that the bill is not correct. The Commission will review the basis of the billed amount and make disbursement in accordance with its finding. However, the Commission will not accept deposits when it appears that the dispute is over matters such as quality of service, level of rates, pending applications for rate increases, etc., which do not relate directly to the question of the accuracy of the bill.'

If you do not deposit the disputed bill amount with the Commission within 15 days after we notify you of your right to do so, we may discontinue your service for non-payment.

#### INFORMATION RELATED TO DEPOSITS

#### Amount of Deposit

The amount of the deposit required to establish or re-establish credit is twice the estimated average periodic bill.

#### Return of Deposit/Interest on Deposit

This deposit, together with any interest due, less the amount of any unpaid bills, will normally be refunded either on discontinuance of service or after the deposit has been held for twelve (12) consecutive months, during which time continuous gas service has been received and all bills for such service have been paid in accordance with the rules in effect and filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. No interest will be paid if service is temporarily or permanently discontinued for non-payment of bills.

#### Public Purpose Programs Surcharge

#### EXPLANATION OF BILLING TERMS

A charge to fund Public Purpose Programs such as California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Direct Assistance Program (DAP), energy efficiency and research and development. CARE customers are excluded from paying the CARE portion of the surcharge.

#### State Regulatory Fee

A fee used to fund the California Public Utilities Commission. Each customer's fee is determined by the number of gas therms used.

#### Service Establishment Charge

Applicable to all classes of customers except Utility Electric Generation and Wholesale customers, a charge to establish or re-establish gas service each time an account is opened.

#### **Municipal Surcharge**

A mandated state fee which compensates local governments for the private use of public lands during the transportation of gas. Charges are based on the value of the gas and current franchise agreements. Excluded from this fee is transported gas subject to existing franchise agreements. WACOG

# The monthly WACOG is the Weighted Average Cost of Gas purchased by SoCalGas on behalf of its gas procurement customers in the current month.

Due Date

The past due date indicated on this bill is for new charges; it does not stop collection activity on an unpaid previous balance.

#### Utility Users' Tax

A user tax charged by some cities and counties, based on the amount of the current monthly bill. SoCalGas is required to collect this tax for the cities and counties.

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE OPTIONS

#### Call your Account Executive for more information.

#### Summary Billing

For customers with more than one service account, we offer a summary billing program that consolidates account billing into a single statement. Bill Formats

We offer two bill formats to better meet your needs. If your service permits, we offer a one page, simplified bill format. If you need more details or would like to see historical data, we also offer a more detailed version.

#### **Electronic Measurement**

If an electronic measurement device has been installed at your facility, you will notice that only the final consumption information on the bill. You may get a more detailed accounting of your consumption through our Electronic Bulletin Board service, which will give you access to all your daily consumption records.

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ATTACHMENT C

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# COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SERVICE BILL FORM 77-2 WITH FICTITIOUS BILLING INFORMATION

Page 1

John Q Public Sample Bill 383 16Th St Chicago Hts II 60411-3701

SO. CAL. GAS CO. P.O. BOX C MONT. PK., CA 91756

#### PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT

\$20,595.92

# 80 9999999999 02059592 79 9999999999 0102979675

Customer Name	John Q Public			Last	Payment
Service Address	555 W 5Th St Los Angeles CA 90013			<b>Date</b> 02/05/2004	<b>Amount</b> \$7,678.07
Account Number Old Account Number	999-999-999 18-8888-888		X999		
Billing Period:	<b>From</b> 01/01/2004	<b>To</b> 02/01/2004		Therms Used	87,427

## SUMMARY OF BILLING CHARGES:

Description Of Charges		Amount
Customer Charge		350.00
Transmission Charge		7,291.63
State Mandated Charges		2,377.14
Taxes and Fees		279.19
TOTAL CURRENT CHARGE	Past Due If Not Paid By 02/28/04	\$10,297.96
PREVIOUS BALANCE		\$10,297.96
		\$20 FOF 02
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$20,595.92

\*\* FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BILL, PLEASE CALL SALLY SMITH AT (213) 244-4327

\*\* YOUR ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICE AND INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR ENERGY NEEDS. PLEASE CALL JOHN SMITH AT (213) 244-4331

## BILLING SCHEDULE:

Contract Allocations				
Tariff	%	Therms/month	Therms	
GTF3D	Net Billed	145,793	87,427	

## CUSTOMER CHARGE:

Tariff	Amount
GCS3D/GTF3D/GTI3D	350.00
Total Customer Charge	\$350.00

# TRANSMISSION CHARGE:

Tariff	Eff. Date	Therms	Х	Rate =	Amount
GTF3D	01/01/2004	20,833		0.12278	2,557.88
GTF3D	01/01/2004	62,500		0.07587	4,741.88
GTF3D	01/01/2004	4,094		0.04585	187.71
	Total Volumetric Charge				\$7,487.47
GTF3D	01/01/2004	87,427		(0.00224)	(195.84)
	Total Interstate Transition	Cost Surcharg	е		(\$195.84)
	Total Transmission Charge	)			\$7,291.63

## **CURRENT TRANSPORTATION DELIVERIES:**

OCC ID	Mktr ID	P/L ID	Receipt Pt	Description	Therms
X999					0
	Total Tra	nsportation l	Deliveries		0

# STATE MANDATED CHARGES:

Tariff	Eff. Date	Therms	Х	Rate =	Amount
GMSUR	01/01/2004	87,427		0.00815	712.53
GPPPS	01/01/2004	87,427		0.01828	1,598.17
GSRF	01/01/2004	87,427		0.00076	66.44
Tota	I State Mandated Surcl	harges			\$2,377.14

### TAXES AND FEES:

Description	Eff. Date	Usage	Х	Rate =	Amount
Utility Users' Tax				3.00%	279.19
Total Ta	axes and Fees				\$279.19

# 02/09/2004

# ACCOUNT NUMBER 999-999-9999

# METER INFORMATION:

Meter Number	Effective Date	Total CCF	Billing Factor	Total Therms
9999999999	01/01/2004	86047	1.016	87,427
	Total	86047		87,427

# **HISTORY:**

Period	Season	Therms Used	Amou	
Current	Winter	87,427	\$10,297.96	
Dec 2003	Winter	73,322	\$7,678.07	
Nov 2003	Summer	53,530	\$5,919.05	
Oct 2003	Summer	103,014	\$9,695.45	
Sep 2003	Summer	81,449	\$8,427.94	
Aug 2003	Summer	80,653	\$8,310.22	
Jul 2003	Summer	96,539	\$9,427.53	
Jun 2003	Summer	110,716	\$10,396.74	
May 2003	Summer	111,050	\$10,076.54	
Apr 2003	Summer	108,783	\$10,156.10	
Mar 2003	Winter	108,113	\$10,575.83	
Feb 2003	Winter	115,653	\$10,604.70	

# **MESSAGES**:

Providing safe and reliable energy for more than 130 years