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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Request for Service Deviation From Schedule No. GM, Section 5, Multi-Family Service, for Twenty-Nine Palms Military Base

Purpose

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits a request to deviate from Special Condition 5.b of Schedule No. GM, Multi-Family Service, for residential housing at Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force Training Command, Twenty-Nine Palms (MAGTFTC) by allowing this and similarly situated facilities to be served under Schedule No. GM. Additionally, this filing revises SoCalGas' tariff, List of Contracts and Deviations, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B, to include this requested deviation.

This advice filing is made in compliance with General Order 96-A, Section X.B that allows governmental facilities to be served under conditions deviating from current tariff provisions provided that the CPUC is advised of such action through an Advice Letter. This filing will not increase any tariff rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of any service, or conflict with any tariff rate schedule or rule except with respect to the specific deviation specified herein.

Information

MAGTFTC recently built new housing on the military base adjacent to existing housing currently served by SoCalGas residential tariff Schedule No. GM. These new homes are not individually metered and will be served by a single subtraction meter on SoCalGas transmission lines down stream from the noncore main meter serving the military base.

Multiple military families will occupy these homes. The families will not pay any natural gas costs; all natural gas costs will be paid by the military. There are four additional residential meters on this base and they are all served on rate schedule GM. SoCalGas believes that the most appropriate rate schedule to serve this facility is Schedule No. GM, Multi-Family Service. In order to serve this customer under the GM rate schedule, SoCalGas requests to deviate from Special Condition 5.b of Schedule No. GM. This section is listed below.

Special Condition 5 of Schedule No. GM:

This schedule is closed as of July 13, 1978 for gas service to:

- a. New residential mobile home parks where such mobile home tenants use gas directly in gas appliances in each occupancy.
- b. New multi-unit residential structures where such multi-unit tenants use gas directly in gas appliances in each occupancy and which requires venting.

The GM rate schedule was closed in 1978 to encourage natural gas conservation by asking residents to pay for their natural gas use. As the families will not pay for the cost of natural gas in this situation, the rate class may not be encouraged to conserve. There are currently no individual meters on the homes. Requiring individual meters at this time would be costly and time consuming for the military as well as disruptive for the soldiers and their families. It would require months of construction and remodeling in order to re-plumb gas lines to and throughout each individual residence.

In addition, the high security requirements of the Marine Base makes accessibility for monthly meter reading and periodic maintenance very difficult. This tariff deviation would make it possible to serve this customer under the GM rate, thereby sparing the government substantial expense and the families considerable disruption.

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
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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 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 filing become effective August 1, 2004, which is more than 40 days regular statutory notice. SoCalGas believes that no resolution is needed to approve this filing.

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 shown on 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.
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LIST OF CONTRACTS AND DEVIATIONS

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<u>Name and Location of Customer</u>	<u>Type or Class of Service</u>	<u>Date of</u>		<u>Commission Authorization No. and Date</u>	<u>Most Comparable Regular Tariff Schedule</u>	
		<u>Execution</u>	<u>Expiration</u>		<u>No.</u>	<u>Contract Differences</u>
Pacific Gas and Electric Co.	Displacement Agreement	Amdt.	continue	AL 2380	-	Dec.-Feb. displacement delivery volumes are increased; rate for displacement service is lowered; Crater Road is eliminated as possible delivery point; and displacement volumes are clarified as scheduled volumes
		10-25-94	for remain- ing term of 7-23-93 agreement	1-15-95		
		Amdt.	Indefinite	AL 2408	-	Change in Effective Date/Term
		2/13/95		6-15-95		
Tri-City Linen Supply	Noncore	10-26-94	N/A	AL 2354 Res. G-3146 10-26-94	-	Change from Core to Noncore
San Mateo Housing Marine Corp. Base Camp Pendleton, California	Residential	6-10-99	Indefinite	AL 2828 G.O. 96-A Sec. X.B.	Service Area Maps	One time deviation to serve military housing in SDG&E's service territory immediately adjacent to SoCalGas.
US Government (GSA)	General	3-1-04	10 years	AL 3340 G.O. 96-A Sec. X.B.	-	Areawide Public Utility Contract
Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force Training Command Twenty-Nine Palms	Multi-Family	-	Indefinite	AL 3383 G.O. 96-A Sec. X.B.	GM	Section 5.b deviation to serve Military Base under Schedule GM

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