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Advice No. 3417  
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Compliance with SB 1891: Metering of Multi-Unit Residences**

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 revises SoCalGas schedules that relate to multi-family service. Specifically these are Schedule Nos. GS, GT-S, GM, GT-M, GMB, and GT-MB. Rule No. 13, Meters and Appliances, is also being revised.

**Background**

On September 22, 2004, the Governor approved Senate Bill (SB) 1891, which, among others, amended Public Utilities Code Section 780.5. Now, in addition to residential units not equipped with gas appliances requiring venting, residential units equipped with only vented decorative appliances are also not required to be individually metered. This provision will take effect on January 1, 2005.

**Proposed Revisions**

The following has been added at the end of Special Condition 5(b) in Multi-Family Schedule Nos. GM, GT-M, GMB and GT-MB, as well as in the last paragraph of Rule No. 13, Meter and Appliances:

Exception: Effective January 1, 2005, pursuant to Senate Bill 1891, if the only vented appliances serving the dwelling unit are decorative appliances the unit is not required to be separately metered and may receive its gas supply through a master meter.

To Special Condition 7 in Multi-Family Submetered Schedules Nos. GS and GT-S, the phrase "except where equipped with only vented decorative appliances" has been added. These submetered tariffs are not directly affected by the SB 1891 revision. However, they contain language from PU Code Section 780.5 which needs to be updated.

### **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 ([jjr@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jjr@cpuc.ca.gov)) and to Honesto Gatchalian ([jni@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jni@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 be made effective as of November 29, 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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ATTACHMENT B  
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 38332-G	Schedule No. GS, MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE SUBMETERED, Sheet 5	Revised 36642-G
Revised 38333-G	Schedule No. GT-S, CORE AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION, FOR MULTI-FAMILY SUBMETERED SERVICE, Sheet 4	Revised 36799-G
Revised 38334-G	Schedule No. GM, MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE, Sheet 6	Revised 36647-G
Revised 38335-G	Schedule No. GT-M, CORE AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION, FOR MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE, Sheet 4	Revised 35657-G
Revised 38336-G	Schedule No. GMB, LARGE MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE, Sheet 6	Revised 36654-G
Revised 38337-G	Schedule No. GT-MB, CORE AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION, FOR LARGE MULTI- FAMILY SERVICE, Sheet 5	Revised 36801-G
Revised 38338-G	Rule No. 13, METERS AND APPLIANCES, Sheet 2	Revised 24619-G
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Revised 38340-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 38240-G
Revised 38341-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 38331-G

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MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE SUBMETERED

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

- 6. Seasonal Changes: Bills reflecting Baseline allowances will be prepared in the May and November billing periods using the applicable daily allowance from each respective seasonal period.
- 7. This schedule is closed as of December 15, 1981 for gas service to new multi-unit residential structures where such multi-unit tenants use gas directly in gas appliances that individually serve each occupancy and which requires venting, except where equipped with only vented decorative appliances. If a written commitment has been made by the Utility to provide master-metered service to new multi-unit residential structures where such multi-unit tenants use gas directly in gas appliances that individually serve each occupancy and which require venting, except where equipped with only vented decorative appliances, such commitment shall constitute authority for service under this schedule; however, such commitment shall become null and void if construction does not commence within twelve months from December 15, 1981.
- 8. Customers receiving service hereunder with usage at each facility in excess of 250,000 therms per year may qualify for transportation service under a special contract. Additionally, customers may aggregate their gas volumes to qualify for transportation service under Schedule No. GT-S.
- 9. The daily submetering credit provided herein prohibits further recovery by mobile home park owners for the costs of owning, operating, and maintaining their gas submetered system. This prohibition also includes the cost of the replacement of the submetered gas system.

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No other charges shall be applied to the customer's tenants for submetered service unless specifically provided herein.

- 10. The minimum term for service hereunder is one month, except Core Aggregation Transportation customers with annual consumption over 50,000 therms. Said customers have a minimum term of one year and are subject to the applicable Cross-Over Rate. Upon expiration of their one year term, the customer shall be on a month-to-month term thereafter.
- 11. The Utility will file core procurement rate changes on the last business day of each month to become effective on the first calendar day of the following month, except the Cross-Over Rate, which will be filed on or before the 9<sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month to be effective on the 10<sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month.

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Schedule No. GM  
MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

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A Customer Charge will be applied to each meter in the multi-family complex that is combined for billing purposes.

It is the responsibility of the owner or the owner's agent to demonstrate to the Utility's satisfaction the yardline configuration and the number of residential units served by the central facility. Eligibility for service under this provision is available subsequent to notification by the customer and verification by the utility.

Upon completion of an application and verification by a state-licensed physician (Form No. 4859-E), an additional Baseline allowance of .822 therms per day will be provided for paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic persons, those afflicted with multiple sclerosis or scleroderma, or persons being treated for a life threatening illness or who have a compromised immune system.

Upon completion of an application and verification by a state-licensed physician or osteopath (Form No. 4859-E), an additional uniform daily Baseline allowance will be provided to customers requiring regular use of a medical life-support device (including heating and cooling needs), as defined in Rule No. 1, which utilizes mechanical or artificial means to sustain, restore, or supplant a vital function and requires the use of Utility-supplied gas. The amount of the additional allowances will be determined by the Utility from load and operating time data of the medical life-support device.

4. It is the responsibility of the customer to advise the Utility within 15 days following any change in the submetering arrangements or the number of dwelling units or mobile home spaces provided gas service.

5. 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 that individually serve each occupancy and which requires venting. Exception: Effective January 1, 2005, pursuant to Senate Bill 1891, if the only vented appliances serving the dwelling unit are decorative appliances the unit is not required to be separately metered and may receive its gas supply through a master meter.

6. Seasonal Changes: Bills reflecting Baseline allowances will be prepared in the May and November billing periods using the applicable daily allowance from each respective seasonal period.

7. Customers receiving service hereunder with usage at each facility in excess of 250,000 therms per year may qualify for transportation service under a special contract. Additionally, customers may aggregate their gas volumes to qualify for transportation service under Schedule No. GT-M.

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Schedule No. GT-S

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CORE AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION  
 FOR MULTI-FAMILY SUBMETERED SERVICE

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

4. As a condition of service under this schedule, the customer must provide (1) a certification that all tenants have been notified in writing that the customer is applying for gas service under Schedule No. GT-S which provides a submetering credit, and (2) a copy of such written notice.
  5. It is the responsibility of the customer to advise SoCalGas within 15 days following any change in the number of dwelling units or mobile home spaces provided gas service.
  6. Seasonal Changes: Bills reflecting Baseline allowances will be prepared in the May and November billing periods using the applicable daily allowance from each respective seasonal period.
  7. This schedule is closed as of December 15, 1981 for gas service to new multi-unit residential structures where such multi-unit tenants use gas directly in gas appliances that individually serve each occupancy and which requires venting, except where equipped with only vented decorative appliances. If a written commitment has been made by SoCalGas to provide master-metered service to new multi-unit residential structures where such multi-unit tenants use gas directly in gas appliances that individually serve each occupancy and which require venting, except where equipped with only vented decorative appliances, such commitment shall constitute authority for service under this schedule; however, such commitment shall become null and void if construction did not commence within twelve months from December 15, 1981.
  8. The daily submetering credit provided herein prohibits further recovery by mobile home park owners for the costs of owning, operating, and maintaining their gas submetered system. This prohibition also includes the cost of the replacement of the submetered gas system.
- No other charges shall be applied to the customer's tenants for submetered service unless specifically provided herein.
9. Customers may make service arrangements through an ESP, as defined in Rule No. 1, and as provided for in Rule No. 32.
  10. As a condition precedent to service under this schedule, a Direct Access Service Request (DASR) submitted by an ESP pursuant to D.98-02-108 is required.
  11. If the customer and the ESP have met all of the requirements set forth in Rule No. 32, service will be effective in accordance with the schedule established in Rule No 32.
  12. All provisions of Rule No. 32, Core Transportation Service, shall apply to customers receiving service under this schedule.
  13. All terms and conditions of Rule No. 30 shall apply to the transportation of customer-owned gas under this schedule.

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Schedule No. GT-M

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CORE AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION  
FOR MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

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The meter readings for multi-family complexes may be combined for billing purposes when all of the following conditions exists:

- a. There is more than one master meter serving the complex.
- b. A baseline eligible central facility serves master metered baseline eligible dwelling units.
- c. The master metered baseline eligible dwelling units are not provided gas by the same master meter which provides gas to the central facility.

A Customer Charge will be applied to each meter in the multi-family complex that is combined for billing purposes.

It is the responsibility of the owner or the owner's agent to demonstrate to SoCalGas' satisfaction the yardline configuration and the number of residential units served by the central facility. Eligibility for service under this provision is available subsequent to notification by the customer and verification by SoCalGas.

Upon completion of an application and verification by a state-licensed physician (Form No. 4859-E), an additional Baseline allowance of .822 therms per day will be provided for paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic persons, those afflicted with multiple sclerosis or scleroderma, or persons being treated for a life threatening illness or who have a compromised immune system.

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LARGE MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE

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6. Seasonal Changes: Bills reflecting Baseline allowances will be prepared in the May and November billing periods using the applicable daily allowance from each respective seasonal period.

7. Customers receiving service hereunder with usage at each facility in excess of 100,000 therms per year may qualify for transportation service under a special contract. Additionally, customers may aggregate their gas volumes to qualify for transportation service under Schedule No. GT-MB.

8. The "GMB" rate schedules, which include the GM-BE, GM-BC, GM-BEC, GM-BCC, GT-MBE and GT-MBC rates, will become effective for eligible customers on the first day of the customers' next billing cycle following the effective annual date of the rate, June 1, and will remain in effect for 12 monthly billing cycles, regardless of usage. Customers will be evaluated once a year to qualify for the rate. Customers will qualify for the rate if the applicability criteria of this tariff are satisfied. Customers who are on the rate will be dropped off the rate if they do not meet the criteria during the annual evaluation period.

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Schedule No. GT-MB

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CORE AGGREGATION TRANSPORTATION  
FOR LARGE MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

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10. All provisions of Rule No. 32, Core Transportation Service, shall apply to customers receiving service under this schedule.
11. All terms and conditions of Rule No. 30 shall apply to the transportation of customer-owned gas under this schedule.
12. Transportation Imbalance Service shall be provided to the customer's ESP under the Schedule No. G-IMB.
13. Customers with multiple facilities (under the same customer name) who comply with provisions for becoming an ESP may participate in the Program, but must designate a single account under which charges for imbalance services are to be billed.
14. In the event the ESP defaults on any payments to SoCalGas, the ESP's customers shall be responsible for SoCalGas' billings, excluding any ESP Procurement Management Charges, as defined in Rule No. 1, regardless of any billing arrangements the customer has with the ESP or any third parties.

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B. METER INSTALLATION (Continued)

Upon application by the owner, lessee or tenant, and as may otherwise be permitted by this Rule, a single meter and/or regulator will be furnished and installed in some convenient place approved by the Utility in accordance with Utility practice, upon the customer's premises, when it is the desire of the owner, lessee or tenant to install sub-meters and/or sub-regulators to meter and/or regulate the gas supply to various units, buildings, or equipment; provided, however, that the Utility shall not be required to supply sub-meters or sub-regulators. In such cases, the subsidiary meters and regulators installed for the segregation of gas deliveries beyond the outlet connection of the Utility's meter shall be furnished, installed, maintained, and tested by the owner, lessee or tenant at his own expense.

When the owner of a premises served through a single meter desires to convert his service so that tenants will be individually metered and thereby become applicants for gas service of the Utility, it will be the owner's responsibility to post and give written notice of such proposed change to each tenant affected thereby, at least 30 days in advance.

Individual metering is required for new multi-unit residential structures where such multi-unit tenants use gas directly in gas appliances that individually serve each occupancy and which require venting. Exception: Effective January 1, 2005, pursuant to Senate Bill 1891, if the only vented appliances serving the dwelling unit are decorative appliances the unit is not required to be separately metered and may receive its gas supply through a master meter. Such individual metering will be provided by the Utility.

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