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Advice No. 3483 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Daily Balancing Standby Rates for March 23-31, 2005

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 routine filing updates the Daily Balancing Standby Rates for the period of March 23, 2005 through March 31, 2005 in Schedule No. G-IMB, Transportation Imbalance Service, as authorized by the Commission's approval of SoCalGas' Advice Nos. 2651, 2651-A and 2651-B on December 26, 1997, which were filed in compliance with Decision (D.) 97-11-070, dated November 19, 1997, which modified Capacity Brokering Decision D.90-09-089 by adopting modifications to SoCalGas' balancing rules.

# **Background**

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB, customers will be subject to balancing rules during the winter operating period. From November through March, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 50% of burn over a five day period. As the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the peak day minimum + 20 Bcf, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 70% of burn daily. As the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the peak day minimum + 5 Bcf, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 90% of burn daily. Volumes not in compliance with the minimum delivery requirements will be purchased at the daily balancing standby rates described below. Imbalance trading and as-available withdrawal may not be used to offset the minimum delivery requirements. A complete description of the winter minimum delivery requirements is specified in Rule No. 30, Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas.

The Daily Balancing Standby Rates are calculated as follows:

- 1. During November through March customers are required to deliver (flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at a minimum of 50% of burn during a five-day period. Volumes not in compliance with the 50% five-day minimum delivery requirement are purchased at the daily balancing standby rate. The daily balancing standby rate is calculated as 150% of the highest Southern California Border price during the five-day period as published in "NGI's Daily Gas Price Index" including authorized franchise fees and, for retail customers, uncollectible expenses (F&U), and an authorized brokerage fee.
- 2. When the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger", the minimum daily delivery requirement increases to 70%. The five-day period no longer applies. The daily balancing standby rate is 150% of the highest Southern California Border price per NGI's *Daily* Gas Price Index for the day (including F&U and brokerage fee) and is applied to each day's deliveries which are less than the 70% delivery requirement.
- 3. When the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the "peak day minimum + 5 Bcf trigger", the minimum delivery requirement increases to 90% daily. Similar to the 70% regime, the five-day period no longer applies. The daily balancing standby rate is 150% of the highest Southern California Border price per NGI's *Daily* Gas Price Index for the day (including F&U and brokerage fee) and is applied to each day's deliveries which are less than the 90% delivery requirement.

As further authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB, by the Commission's approval of SoCalGas' Advice No. 3018 on June 6, 2001, the Daily Balancing Standby Rates may be filed weekly to become effective immediately. In any event, the Daily Balancing Standby Rates shall be filed on or before the fifth business day of each month.

# Requested Rate Revision

The new rates are reflected in the attached Schedule No. G-IMB tariff sheets. The note at the end of the Daily Balancing Standby Rates section is revised to state that for the days of March 1-31, 2005 the Utility's total inventory in storage was above the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger" and therefore the five-day period applies. The workpaper showing the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

### **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 of 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 (<a href="mailto:ijr@cpuc.ca.gov">ijr@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) and to Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mailto:inj@cpuc.ca.gov">inj@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <a href="mailto:and">and</a> facsimile to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

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## **Effective Date**

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB, the tariff sheets filed herein are to be effective for service on and after April 1, 2005, which is the date filed, and are to be applicable to the period of March 23, 2005 through March 31, 2005.

# **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 Advice No. 3483

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# Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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RATES (Continued)

<u>Daily Balancing Standby Rates</u> (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rate, per therm (Continued)

March 2005	Core Retail	Noncore Retail	Wholesale	
<u>Day</u>	<u>DB-CR</u>	<u>DB-NR</u>	<u>DB-W</u>	
21	\$1.04158	\$1.04223	\$1.03875	
22	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637	
23	\$1.06451	\$1.06516	\$1.06161	C
24	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637	
25	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637	C
Period 5 High	\$1.06451	\$1.06516	\$1.06161	C
26	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637	C
27	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637	
28	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637	
29	\$1.02324	\$1.02389	\$1.02047	
30	\$1.01406	\$1.01471	\$1.01133	
31	\$1.05075	\$1.05140	\$1.04790	C
Period 6 High	\$1.05075	\$1.05140	\$1.04790	C

Note: For the days of March 1-31, 2005 the Utility's total inventory in storage was above the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger" and therefore the five-day period applies.

# Revision of Rates

The Standby Procurement Charge and the Buy-Back Rate shall be established effective the last day of each month. The Daily Balancing Standby Rate shall be established on NGI's Daily Gas Price Index. Utility may file the Daily Balancing Standby Rate weekly to become effective immediately. In any event, the Daily Balancing Standby Rate shall be filed on or before the fifth business day of each month.

# **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. Definitions of the principal terms used in this rate schedule are contained in Rule No. 1.

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# ATTACHMENT C ADVICE NO. 3483 RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER DAILY BALANCING STANDBY RATE FILING EFFECTIVE MARCH 1-31, 2005

Daily Balancing Standby Rate = 150% x (NGI's Price Index + F&U Charge) + Brokerage Fee
F&U Charge is 1.9187% of NGI's Price Index for Retail and 1.5779% for Wholesale
Brokerage Fee is 0.201 cents for Core Retail; 0.266 cents for Noncore Retail/Wholesale

(All rates are per therm)

March	NGI's	Daily Balancing Standby Rates		
Day	Price Index	Core Retail	Noncore Retail	<b>Wholesale</b>
				<b>*</b>
1	\$0.62900	\$0.96361	\$0.96426	\$0.96105
2	\$0.62500	\$0.95750	\$0.95815	\$0.95495
3	\$0.61900	\$0.94833	\$0.94898	\$0.94581
4	\$0.63500	\$0.97279	\$0.97344	\$0.97019
5	\$0.62000	\$0.94985	\$0.95050	\$0.94733
6	\$0.62000	\$0.94985	\$0.95050	\$0.94733
7	\$0.62000	\$0.94985	\$0.95050	\$0.94733
8	\$0.62100	\$0.95138	\$0.95203	\$0.94886
9	\$0.63500	\$0.97279	\$0.97344	\$0.97019
10	\$0.65000	\$0.99572	\$0.99637	\$0.99304
11	\$0.63900	\$0.97890	\$0.97955	\$0.97628
12	\$0.61700	\$0.94527	\$0.94592	\$0.94276
13	\$0.61700	\$0.94527	\$0.94592	\$0.94276
14	\$0.61700	\$0.94527	\$0.94592	\$0.94276
15	\$0.64500	\$0.98807	\$0.98872	\$0.98543
16	\$0.67600	\$1.03547	\$1.03612	\$1.03266
17	\$0.66900	\$1.02476	\$1.02541	\$1.02199
18	\$0.69000	\$1.05687	\$1.05752	\$1.05399
19	\$0.68000	\$1.04158	\$1.04223	\$1.03875
20	\$0.68000	\$1.04158	\$1.04223	\$1.03875
21	\$0.68000	\$1.04158	\$1.04223	\$1.03875
22	\$0.68500	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637
23	\$0.69500	\$1.06451	\$1.06516	\$1.06161
24	\$0.68500	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637
25	\$0.68500	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637
26	\$0.68500	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637
27	\$0.68500	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637
28	\$0.68500	\$1.04922	\$1.04987	\$1.04637
29	\$0.66800	\$1.02324	\$1.02389	\$1.02047
30	\$0.66200	\$1.01406	\$1.01471	\$1.01133
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