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Advice No. 3494
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: April 2005 Buy-Back Rates

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 monthly filing updates the Buy-Back Rates in Schedule No. G-IMB for April 2005.

Background

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB - Transportation Imbalance Service, the Buy-Back Rates are established effective the last day of each month.

The Buy-Back Rates will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by Utility during the month the imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in Schedule No. G-CP, during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

Information

During the month of April 2005, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for April 2005 are being set accordingly. The workpaper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

The new rates are reflected in the attached Schedule No. G-IMB tariff sheets.

Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the April 2005 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to May 25, 2005.

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 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:

CPUC Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
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) and to Honesto Gatchalian (jnj@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 believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and therefore respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective April 30, 2005 to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 3482, dated March 30, 2005.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A.

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Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY/ U 904 G**

Utility type:

ELC

GAS

PLC

HEAT

WATER

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 3494

Subject of AL: Revised Retail and Wholesale Buy-Back Rates for April 2005

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Preliminary Statement, Core

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D89-11-060 & D90-09-089, et al.

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹:

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 4/30/05

No. of tariff sheets: 5

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: Table of Contents, Preliminary Statement Part II, Schedule G-IMB

Service affected and changes proposed¹:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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ATTACHMENT B
Advice No. 3494

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 39163-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 6	Revised 39159-G
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
 PART II
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES

Sheet 6

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IMBALANCE SERVICE

Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

February, 2005	102.651¢
March, 2005	107.414¢
April, 2005	TBD*

Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)

February, 2005	102.716¢
March, 2005	107.479¢
April, 2005	TBD*

Wholesale Standby (SP-W)

February, 2005	102.716¢
March, 2005	107.479¢
April, 2005	TBD*

Buy-Back Rate

Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)

February, 2005	28.931¢
March, 2005	27.749¢
April, 2005	33.411¢

Wholesale (BR-W)

February, 2005	28.834¢
March, 2005	27.656¢
April, 2005	33.299¢

* To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the April 2005 Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to May 25, 2005.

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Schedule No. G-IMB
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 2

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RATES (Continued)

Standby Procurement Charge

This charge is applied to customer's cumulative negative transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 10 percent tolerance band. The Standby Procurement Charge is posted at least one day in advance of each corresponding imbalance trading period for noncore/wholesale and core transport agents (CTAs). It is calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border beginning on the first day of the month that the imbalance is created to five days prior to the start of each corresponding imbalance trading period plus a Brokerage Fee of 0.266¢ per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and 0.201¢ per therm for core retail service. The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from "NGI's Daily Gas Price Index – Southern California Border Average" and "Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey – SoCal gas, large pkgs Midpoint."

Core Retail Service:

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

February, 2005	102.651¢	D
March, 2005	107.414¢	
April, 2005	TBD*	T

Noncore Retail Service:

SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm

February, 2005	102.716¢	D
March, 2005	107.479¢	
April, 2005	TBD*	T

Wholesale Service:

SP-W Standby Rate per therm

February, 2005	102.716¢	D
March, 2005	107.479¢	
April, 2005	TBD*	T

* To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the April 2005 Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to May 25, 2005.

Buy-Back Rate

This rate is applied to customer's cumulative positive transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 10 percent tolerance band. The Buy-Back Rate is established effective the last day of each month and will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by Utility during the month the excess imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in Schedule No. G-CP, during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

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Schedule No. G-IMB
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 3

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RATES (Continued)

Buy-Back Rate (Continued)

Retail Service:

BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm

February, 2005	28.931¢
March, 2005	27.749¢
April, 2005	33.411¢

Wholesale Service:

BR-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm

February, 2005	28.834¢
March, 2005	27.656¢
April, 2005	33.299¢

If the incremental cost of gas is the basis for the Standby or Buy-Back Rates, Utility will provide CPUC the necessary work papers for such cost. Such documentation will be provided under confidentiality pursuant to General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code.

Daily Balancing Standby Rates

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 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.

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.

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.

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ATTACHMENT C

ADVICE NO. 3494

**RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER
BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3482
ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2005**

Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:

Retail G-CPA: 66.821¢ per therm
(WACOG: 65.563¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles:
1.258¢ or [1.9187% * 65.563¢])

Wholesale G-CPA: 66.598¢ per therm
(WACOG: 65.563¢ + Franchise:
1.035¢ or [1.5779% * 65.563¢])

G-IMB Buy-Back Rates:

BR-R = 50% of Retail G-CPA:
50% * 66.821 cents/therm = **33.411** cents/therm

BR-W = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA:
50% * 66.598 cents/therm = **33.299** cents/therm