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Advice No. 3506  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revised 2005 CARE Budget**

**Purpose**

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 13 of Decision (D.) 05-04-052, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) submits this filing to remove expenditures for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Management and Financial Audit from its 2005 CARE budget.

**Background**

Pursuant to D. 02-09-021, OP 8 and 9, issued September 5, 2002, the Energy Division was directed to conduct an audit of the large energy utilities'<sup>1</sup> 2002 CARE administrative costs. Three subsequent Assigned Commissioner's Rulings (ACR)<sup>2</sup> revised the due date of the Energy Division's final CARE audit report to the Commission until September 30, 2005.

In compliance with OP 2 of D. 03-11-020, SoCalGas filed its CARE and Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) program application on July 1, 2004, setting forth program plans and funding for 2005, including, among other things, the costs for the CARE audit since it was unclear as to when billings for the CARE audit would occur. On November 10, 2004, the Energy Division notified SoCalGas that the CARE audit was cancelled.

Consistent with OP 13, SoCalGas has removed the CARE audit costs from the 2005 CARE budget as shown in the revised 2005 CARE budget contained herein as Attachment B. SoCalGas has also removed all other Commission disallowances from this revised budget as identified in Decision 05-04-052.

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<sup>1</sup> The large energy utilities are Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric.

<sup>2</sup> April 8, 2003, ACR revising Energy Division's due date of CARE audit report to March 29, 2004; July 16, 2003 ACR extended the CARE audit report due date to December 1, 2004; and the June 22, 2004 ACR extended the CARE audit report due date to September 30, 2005.

This filing will not create any deviations from SoCalGas' tariffs, cause withdrawal of service from any present customers, or impose any more restrictive conditions.

**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 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:

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](mailto:jjr@cpuc.ca.gov)) and Honesto Gatchalian ([inj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:inj@cpuc.ca.gov)) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest shall 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 this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and therefore respectfully requests that this filing become effective on July 20, 2005, which is 30 calendar days after the date filed.

**Notice**

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A, which includes interested parties in R.04-01-006.

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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) #: 3506

Subject of AL: Revised 2005 CARE Budget

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): CARE

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

D05-04-052

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 AL<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: 7/20/05

No. of tariff sheets: None

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: None

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

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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<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 3506**

**(See Attached Service Lists)**

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Attachment B

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CARE PY 2005 PROGRAM BUDGET**

CARE BUDGET CATEGORIES	2005 Planned
Outreach <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,949,750
Automatic Enrollment	\$ 30,000
Proc., Certification and Verification	\$ 925,334
Bill System/Programming	\$ 265,045
Pilots	\$ -
Measurement and Evaluation <sup>2</sup>	\$ 393,560
Regulatory Compliance	\$ 163,306
General Administration	\$ 297,315
Indirect Costs	\$ -
LIOB <sup>3</sup>	\$ -
CPUC Energy Division Staff	\$ 83,000
Total Expenses	\$ 4,107,310
Subsidies and Benefits	\$ 75,315,876
Merger Credit	\$ -
Total Program Costs and Discounts	\$ 79,423,186

**Footnotes:**

1. Outreached reduced by \$453,000 in Call Center cost per D. 05-05-019.
2. M&E cost reduced by \$141,000 for CARE Audit per D. 05-05-019.
3. LIOB cost of \$1,000 removed per D. 05-05-019.