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Advice No. 3518  
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: July 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 July 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 July 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 July 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 July 2005 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to August 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  
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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 ([jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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 July 31, 2005 to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 3511, dated June 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) #: 3518

Subject of AL: Revised Retail and Wholesale Buy-Back Rates for July 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 AL<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required?     Yes     No

Requested effective date: 7/31/05    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 proposed<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: AL3510, AL3516

**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**

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 39436-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 6	Revised 39432-G
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
 PART II  
 SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES

Sheet 6

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WHOLESALE SERVICE (Continued)

Schedule GW-VRN (City of Vernon, GT-F10 & GT-I10)

Transmission Charge .....	2.438¢
ITCS-VRN.....	0.305¢

PROCUREMENT CHARGE

Schedule G-CP

Non-Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	66.263¢
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm .....	66.263¢
Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	66.263¢
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm .....	66.263¢
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	66.062¢

IMBALANCE SERVICE

Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

May, 2005 .....	94.701¢	D
June, 2005 .....	109.589¢	
July, 2005 .....	TBD*	T

Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)

May, 2005 .....	94.766¢	D
June, 2005 .....	109.654¢	
July, 2005 .....	TBD*	T

Wholesale Standby (SP-W)

May, 2005 .....	94.766¢	D
June, 2005 .....	109.654¢	
July, 2005 .....	TBD*	T

Buy-Back Rate

Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)

May, 2005 .....	34.388¢	D
June, 2005 .....	29.443¢	
July, 2005 .....	33.031¢	I

Wholesale (BR-W)

May, 2005 .....	34.273¢	D
June, 2005 .....	29.344¢	
July, 2005 .....	32.921¢	I

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

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Schedule No. G-IMB  
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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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)

May, 2005 .....	94.701¢	D
June, 2005 .....	109.589¢	T
July, 2005 .....	TBD*	T

Noncore Retail Service:

SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm

May, 2005 .....	94.766¢	D
June, 2005 .....	109.654¢	T
July, 2005 .....	TBD*	T

Wholesale Service:

SP-W Standby Rate per therm

May, 2005 .....	94.766¢	D
June, 2005 .....	109.654¢	T
July, 2005 .....	TBD*	T

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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

May, 2005 .....	34.388¢	D
June, 2005 .....	29.443¢	I
July, 2005 .....	33.031¢	

Wholesale Service:

BR-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm

May, 2005 .....	34.273¢	D
June, 2005 .....	29.344¢	I
July, 2005 .....	32.921¢	

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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 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT C**

**ADVICE NO. 3518**

**RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER  
BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3511  
ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005**

**Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

**Retail G-CPA: 66.062¢ per therm**  
(WACOG: 64.818¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles:  
1.244¢ or [1.9187% \* 64.818¢])

**Wholesale G-CPA: 65.841¢ per therm**  
(WACOG: 64.818¢ + Franchise:  
1.023¢ or [1.5779% \* 64.818¢])

**G-IMB Buy-Back Rates:**

**BR-R = 50% of Retail G-CPA:**  
50% \* 66.062 cents/therm = **33.031** cents/therm

**BR-W = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA:**  
50% \* 65.841 cents/therm = **32.921** cents/therm