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August 31, 2005

Advice No. 3525 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

#### **Subject: August 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 August 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 August, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for August 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 August 2005 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to September 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 (<u>jir@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) and to Honesto Gatchalian (<u>jnj@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <u>and</u> facsimile to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

Attn: Sid Newsom Tariff Manager - GT14D6 555 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011 Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957

E-mail: <a href="mailto:snewsom@SempraUtilities.com">snewsom@SempraUtilities.com</a>

#### **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 August 31, 2005 to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 3519, dated July 29, 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 COMPLE	ETED BY UTILITY (At	tach additional pages as needed)	
Company name/CPUC Utility No. So	OUTHERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY/ U 904 G	
Utility type:	Contact Person: <u>I</u>	Donna Shepherd	
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY T	YPE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)	
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat	WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 3525			
Subject of AL: Revised Retail and	Wholesale Buy-Bac	k Rates for August 2005	
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing	g): <u>Preliminary Stat</u>	ement, Core	
AL filing type: ⊠ Monthly □ Quarte	erly 🗌 Annual 🗌 C	ne-Time 🗌 Other	
If AL filed in compliance with a Com	mission order, indi	cate relevant Decision/Resolution #:	
D89-11-060 & D90-09-089, et al.			
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reje	cted AL? If so, iden	ntify the prior AL	
Summarize differences between the	AL and the prior wi	ithdrawn or rejected AL¹:	
Resolution Required? $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No			
Requested effective date: 8/31/05 No. of tariff sheets: 5			
Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): N/A			
Estimated system average rate effect	t (%): 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> :			
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Pending advice letters that revise the	e same tariff sheets	: AL3516, AL3518	
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:			
CPUC, Energy Division		outhern California Gas Company	
Attention: Tariff Unit		ttention: Sid Newsom	
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

Advice No. 3525

(See Attached Service List)

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#### ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3525

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 39521-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 6	Revised 39498-G
Revised 39522-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 2	Revised 39499-G
Revised 39523-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 3	Revised 39438-G
Revised 39524-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 39500-G
Revised 39525-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 39501-G

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## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT <u>PART II</u> <u>SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES</u>

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WHOLESALE SERVICE	(Continued)
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Schedule GW-VRN (City of Vernon, G1-F10 & G1-110)	
Transmission Charge	2.438¢
ITCS-VRN	0.305¢

#### PROCUREMENT CHARGE

Schedule	G-	CP
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Non-Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm	63.276¢
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm	63.276¢
Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm	63.276¢
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm	63.276¢
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per therm	63.075¢

#### **IMBALANCE SERVICE**

#### Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)	
June, 2005	109.589¢
July, 2005	125.564¢
August, 2005	

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Noncore	Retail	Standby	(SP-NR)

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June, 2005	109.654¢
July, 2005	
August, 2005	
holesale Standby (SP-W)	

Wholesale Standby (SP-W)	
June, 2005	109.654¢
July, 2005	125.629¢
August, 2005	TBD*

#### Buy-Back Rate

Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)
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June, 2005	. 29.443¢
July, 2005	•
August, 2005	
Wholesale (BR-W)	,
June, 2005	. 29.344¢
July, 2005	32.921¢

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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  $0.266\phi$  per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and  $0.201\phi$  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:

109.589¢
125.564¢
TBD*
109.654¢
125.629¢
TBD*
109.654¢
125.629¢
TBD*

<sup>\*</sup> To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the August Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to September 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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RATES (Continued)

Buy-Back Rate (Continued)

Retail Service:

BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm	
June, 2005	29.443¢
July, 2005	33.031¢
August, 2005	31.538¢

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Wholesale Service:

BR-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm

June, 2005	29.344¢
July, 2005	32.921¢
August, 2005	31.433¢

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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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	37951-G		
GW-SWG	Wholesale Natural Gas Service		
GW-VRN	Wholesale Natural Gas Service		
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G-BSS	Basic Storage Service		
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G-AUC	Auction Storage Service		
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G-PPPS	Tax Surcharge to Fund Public Purpose Programs		
G-SRF	Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission		
C MIIDG	Utilities Reimbursement Account		
G-MHPS	Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission		
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G-MSUR	Transported Gas Municipal Surcharge		
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GLT	Long-Term Transportation of Customer-Owned		
	Natural Gas		

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Transportation of Customer-Owned Natural Gas .......... 24572-G,24573-G,24574-G

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The following listed sheets contain all effective Schedules of Rates and Rules affecting service and information relating thereto in effect on the date indicated thereon.

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#### **ATTACHMENT C**

#### **ADVICE NO. 3525**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3519 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2005

#### **Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

**Retail G-CPA**: **63.075¢** per therm (WACOG: 61.888¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles: 1.187¢ or [1.9187% \* 61.888¢])

Wholesale G-CPA: 62.865¢ per therm (WACOG: 61.888¢ + Franchise: 0.977¢ or [1.5779% \* 61.888¢])

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

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% \* 63.075 cents/therm = **31.538** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% \* 62.865 cents/therm = **31.433** cents/therm