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November 30, 2005

Advice No. 3555 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# **Subject: November 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 November 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 November, the lowest incremental cost of gas, which is 40.000 cents per therm, is lower than 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for November 2005 are being set at the lowest incremental cost of gas. 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 November 2005 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to December 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 (<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.

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

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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 November 30, 2005 to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 3542, dated October 31, 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. SOUTH	ERN CALIFORNIA (	GAS COMPANY/ U 904 G
Utility type:	Contact Person: Nena	Maralit
☐ ELC	Phone #: (213) 244-2822	
☐ PLC ☐ HEAT ☐ WATER	E-mail: nmaralit@sem	
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)		
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas		
PLC = Electric GAS = Gas  PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 3555		
Subject of AL: Revised Retail and Whol	esale Buy-Back Rates f	or November 2005
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Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Pre	eliminary Statement, Co	ore
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AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly	Annual One-Time	Other
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission		
D89-11-060 & D90-09-089, et al.	,	
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected A	L? If so, identify the pr	ior AL
Summarize differences between the AL and		
	prior william or	
Resolution Required?  Yes No		
Requested effective date: 12/30/05		No. of tariff sheets: 5
Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%	): N/A	
Estimated system average rate effect (%): N	·	
•		average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small
commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting		average rate effects on eastorner classes (residential, small
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:  AL3541, AL 3542		
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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# **ATTACHMENT A**

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3555

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Revised 39887-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 3	Revised 39756-G
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Sheet 6

# PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART II **SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES**

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Schedule GW-VRN (City of Vernon, GT-F10 & GT-I10)	
Transmission Charge	
ITCS-VRN	
PROCUREMENT CHARGE	
Schedule G-CP	
Non-Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm	
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm	
Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm	
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm	
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per therm	
IMBALANCE SERVICE	
Standby Procurement Charge	
Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)	
September, 2005	D
October, 2005	
November 2005TBD*	$ _{\mathrm{T}}$
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)	
September, 2005	D
October, 2005	
November 2005TBD*	$ _{\mathrm{T}}$
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)	
September, 2005	D
October, 2005	
November 2005TBD*	$ _{\mathrm{T}}$
Buy-Back Rate	
Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)	
September, 2005	D
October, 2005	-
November 2005	$ _{\mathbf{R}}$
Wholesale (BR-W)	
September, 2005	D
October, 2005	
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* To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the November Standby Procurement	

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Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to December 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  $0.266\phi$  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:

SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm

51 -CK Standby Rate, per therm	
September, 2005	177.051¢
October, 2005	175.214¢
November 2005	TBD*
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
September, 2005	177.116¢
October, 2005	
November 2005	TBD*
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
September, 2005	177.116¢
October, 2005	
November 2005	TBD*

<sup>\*</sup> To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the November Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to December 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	
September, 2005	41.894¢
October, 2005	51.197¢
November 2005	40 000¢

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Wholesale Service:

R-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm	
September, 2005	41.754¢
October, 2005	51.026¢
November 2005	40.000¢

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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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GW-SWG	Wholesale Natural Gas Service
GW-VRN	Wholesale Natural Gas Service
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G-ITC	Interconnect Access Service
G-BSS	Basic Storage Service
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G-AUC	Auction Storage Service
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G-LTS	Long-Term Storage Service
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G-TBS	Transaction Based Storage Service
	31929-G,36315-G,27378-G
G-CBS	UDC Consolidated Billing Service
G-PPPS	Public Purpose Programs Surcharge
G-SRF	Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission
	Utilities Reimbursement Account
G-MHPS	Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission
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# ATTACHMENT C

# **ADVICE NO. 3555**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3542 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2005

# **Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

**Retail G-CPA**: 114.301¢ per therm (WACOG: 112.149¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles: 2.152¢ or [1.9187% \* 112.149¢])

Wholesale G-CPA: 113.919¢ per therm (WACOG: 112.149¢ + Franchise: 01.770¢ or [1.5779% \* 112.149¢])

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

Lowest incremental cost of gas purchased during November 2005 is **40.000** cents/therm, which is lower than the following:

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% \* 114.301 cents/therm = **57.151** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% \* 113.919 cents/therm = **56.960** cents/therm

Therefore: BR-R and BR-W = 40.000 cents/therm