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Advice No. 3557 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Revisions to Multi-Family and Submetered Rate Schedules In Compliance with D. 05-05-026

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown in Attachment B to this advice letter.

Purpose

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs 2, 3, and 7 of D.05-05-026, this filing revises SoCalGas Schedule Nos. GS (Multi-Family Service Submetered) and GM (Multi-Family Service) and Rule No. 24 (Supply to Separate Premises and Resale of Gas).

Background

In August 2004, the National Submetering and Utility Allocation Association (NSUAA) filed a Petition for Rulemaking (Petition) requesting the Commission to open a rulemaking to consider rule changes to permit owners of existing master-metered multi-unit residential buildings to submeter electricity and natural gas service to individual tenants. The Petition sought modification of tariffs established by Commission Decisions 88651 and 93586.

In D.88651, issued April 1978, the Commission required utilities to provide for separate metering by the utility for gas service to each unit in new multi-unit residential buildings. Pursuant to that decision, SoCalGas closed its Schedule No. GM to new installations. In compliance with D.93586, issued October 1981, which affirmed D.88651 with respect to multi-unit residential buildings, SoCalGas closed its Schedule No. GS to new installations. In both cases, the term "new installations" was not defined in the tariffs.

Although D.05-05-026 denied NSUAA's Petition for a Rulemaking, it substantially provided all the relief requested in the Petition. Page 8 of D.05-05-026 defines the term "new installations" as follows:

"...new installation should be interpreted to mean a customer whose multiunit residential building for which service is sought was constructed after the date the tariff was closed. A customer whose building was constructed prior to the date the Master Meter/Submeter tariff was closed and was served as a master meter customer would be eligible to convert from its Master Meter Tariff to the Master Meter/Submeter tariff."

Therefore, pursuant to OP 2 of D.05-05-026, SoCalGas is revising its Schedule No. GM to provide that a customer currently served under this Schedule whose Multi-family Accommodation unit was constructed prior to July 13, 1978, and now includes submeters, may be eligible for service under Schedule No. GS.

In compliance with OP 7, SoCalGas is revising its Schedule No. GM and Rule No. 24 to indicate that to the extent an existing customer served under Schedule GM converts to Schedule No. GS and begins billing submetered tenants for gas, the master meter customer should concurrently revise the tenant's rent downward to reflect the removal of the energy-related charges for the duration of the lease consistent with Public Utilities Code Section 739.5.

Moreover, in accordance with OP 3, SoCalGas is revising language in Schedule No. GS and Rule No. 24 to reflect that buildings originally constructed for a non-residential purpose that have since converted to residential use before December 1981 or without the need for a building permit on or after July 1, 1982 should be eligible to convert from their prior tariff to an existing applicable residential service submetering rate schedule.

This filing will not result in an increase or decrease in any rate or charge, conflict with any rate schedules or any other rules, or cause the withdrawal of service.

Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the 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 (<u>jir@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) and Honesto Gatchalian (<u>jnj@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) 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.

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

E-Mail: snewsom@semprautilities.com

Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and therefore respectfully requests that this advice letter become effective December 30, 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 P.04-08-038, the NSUAA Petition.

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Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

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ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat	WATER = Water			
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Subject of AL: Revisions to Multi-Fa	mily and Submeter	ed Rate Schedules in		
Compliance with D.05-05-026				
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing	g): <u>Multi Family, Su</u>	<u>ıbmeter</u>		
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If AL filed in compliance with a Com	mission order, indi	cate relevant Decision/Resolution #:		
D.05-05-026				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reje	ected AL? If so, idea	ntify the prior AL		
Summarize differences between the	AL and the prior w	ithdrawn or rejected AL¹:		
Resolution Required? \square Yes \boxtimes No				
Requested effective date: 12/30/05 No. of tariff sheets: 7				
Estimated system annual revenue e	ffect: (%):			
Estimated system average rate effec	t (%):			
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: Schedule Nos. GS, GM, Rule No. 24 and TOCs				
Service affected and changes proposed ¹ :				
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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 $^{^{\}mbox{\tiny 1}}$ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 3557

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ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3557

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 39923-G	Schedule No. GS, MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE SUBMETERED, Sheet 1	Revised 32567-G
Revised 39924-G	Schedule No. GM, MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE, Sheet 1	Revised 30832-G
Revised 39925-G	Rule No. 24, SUPPLY TO SEPARATE PREMISES AND RESALE OF GAS, Sheet 2	Original 39423-G
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Revised 39929-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 39922-G

Sheet 1

Schedule No. GS MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE SUBMETERED

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to natural gas service for multi-family dwelling units and mobile home parks supplied through one meter on a single premises and submetered to all individual units, supplied from the Utility's core portfolio, as defined in Rule No. 1. The number of qualifying units is subject to verification by the Utility. This schedule is closed to new mobile home parks or manufactured housing communities for which construction has commenced after January 1, 1997.

Pursuant to D.05-05-026 dated May 26, 2005, any building constructed for or converted to residential use prior to December 15, 1981 or served on Schedule GM prior to December 15, 1981 or any nonresidential building converted to residential use after December 15, 1981 for which the conversion did not require a building permit, shall be eligible to take service under this Schedule if submeters are installed in the building. Any building constructed for or converted to residential use for which a building permit was required on or after July 1, 1982, must be separately metered by the Utility and is not eligible for service under this Schedule.

The minimum term of service hereunder is one month, as described in Special Condition 10.

TERRITORY

Applicable throughout the system.

RATES

The therms in the Baseline block shall be multiplied by the number of qualified residential units. A daily submetering credit of 30.805¢ shall be applicable for each qualified residential unit. However, in no instance shall the monthly bill be less than the minimum charge.

Customer Charge

For "space heating only" customers a daily customer charge during the winter of 33.149¢ per day applies beginning November 1 through April 30. For the summer period beginning May 1 through October 31, except for closing bills or at the time of a rate increase, usage will be accumulated to at least 20 therms before billing.

The term "space heating only" applies to customers who are using gas primarily for space heating for human comfort as determined by survey or under the presumption that customers who use less than 11 therms per month during each of the regular billing periods ending in August and September are using gas primarily for space heating for human comfort.

Minimum Charge (Per Meter Per Day)

All customers except "space heating only"	16.438¢
"Space heating only" customers:	
Beginning November 1 through April 30	33.149¢
Beginning May 1 through October 31	None

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(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY) ADVICE LETTER NO. 3557 DECISION NO. 05-05-026

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Regulatory Affairs

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Revised Revised CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

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Schedule No. GM MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to natural gas service supplied from the Utility's core portfolio as defined in Rule No. 1, for multi-family dwelling units supplying Baseline uses only or in a combination of Baseline uses and common facilities through one meter on a premises, except as otherwise provided in Special Condition 5. Such gas service will be billed on Schedule No. GM-E. This schedule also applies to accommodations defined in Rule No. 1 as residential hotels. Natural gas supplied through a single meter to common facilities (swimming pools, recreation rooms, saunas, spas, etc.) only, will be billed on Schedule No. GM-C.

Multi-family Accommodations built prior to July 13, 1978 and served under this Schedule may also be eligible for service under Schedule GS. If an eligible Multi-family Accommodation or residential hotel served under this Schedule converts to an applicable submetered tariff, the tenant rental charges shall be revised for the duration of the lease to reflect removal of the energy related charges.

Eligibility for service hereunder is subject to verification by the Utility.

The minimum term of service hereunder is one month, as described in Special Condition 8.

TERRITORY

Applicable throughout the system.

RATES

The individual unit Baseline therm allocation shall be multiplied by the number of qualified residential units.

Customer Charge

For "space heating only" customers, a daily customer charge of 33.149¢ per day applies during the winter period beginning November 1 through April 30. For the summer period beginning May 1 through October 31, except for closing bills or at the time of a rate increase, usage will be accumulated to at least 20 therms before billing.

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Vice President Regulatory Affairs

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Rule No. 24 SUPPLY TO SEPARATE PREMISES AND RESALE OF GAS

Sheet 2

(Continued)

B. FURNISHING AND METERING OF GAS (Continued)

- 1. Residential Service (Continued)
 - d. Master Meter (Continued)
 - 1. The cost of gas is absorbed in the rent for each individual dwelling unit; there is no separate identifiable charge by such customer to the tenants for gas; and the rent does not vary with gas consumption, or
 - 2. The customer submeters and furnishes gas to residential tenants at the same rates and charges that would apply if the tenants were purchasing such gas directly from the Utility, and
 - (a) The master meter customer provides each submetered tenant with an itemized bill similar in form and content to the Utility's bills to its residential customers including, but not limited to, the meter reads, dates, billing factors, therms and the identification of all rates and quantities attributable to each block in the rate structure. In addition, a copy of the current applicable residential rate schedules and a listing of the customer safety services available from the Utility, without charge, shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises.
 - (b) In the event that any rebate is provided the master meter customer, such customer shall distribute, or credit, to the account of each current submetered tenant that portion of the refund which the volume of gas used during the preceding billing period bears to the total volume of gas used by the master meter customer.
 - (c) In the event a customer subsequently converts to and receives service under an applicable submetering rate schedule as provided in B.3 below, tenant rental charges shall be reduced for the duration of the lease to reflect removal of the energy related charges.
 - e. <u>Submeter Maintenance and Testing</u>. Where the customer is the owner, lessee, or operator of an apartment house or other Multi-family Accommodation (including mobilehomes in mobilehome parks), and submeters and furnishes gas to tenants in accordance with B.1.d.2 above, said customer shall furnish, install, maintain and test the submeters.
 - f. Common Central Facilities. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Utility from furnishing separately metered service to gas-fired equipment such as boilers, heaters and furnaces, used in common by residential tenants or owners.

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B. FURNISHING AND METERING OF GAS (Continued)

2. Multi-Tenant Non-Residential Service

Multi-tenant, non-residential facilities may receive gas supplied through either of the following for revenue billing:

- a. An individual meter for each tenant space or facility. However, where in the opinion of the Utility it is impractical to meter individually each premises or space, or where the Commission has authorized the Utility to supply gas service through a single meter, the Utility may provide service through a single meter, subject to the provision of B.2.b below; or
- b. A single meter. Submetering of non-residential service is prohibited. A customer shall not charge others for gas received through a single meter except where the cost of gas is absorbed in the rent for each individual tenant. The rent shall not vary with gas consumption, and there shall be no separate identifiable charge to the tenants for gas.

3. Conversion from Non-Residential Purpose to Residential Use

Buildings originally constructed for a non-residential purpose that subsequently converted to residential use on or after December 15, 1981 without the need for a building permit shall be eligible to convert from their prior rate schedule to an existing applicable residential service submetering rate schedule. Any non-residential building converted to residential use for which a building permit was required on or after July 1, 1982, must be separately metered by the Utility.

C. OTHER USES OR PREMISES

- 1. A customer shall not furnish or use gas received from the Utility upon premises, or for purposes, other than those specified in the application for service, or for any use not permitted by the terms of the schedule under which the customer is served.
- 2. In the event such gas is furnished or resold otherwise than as provided for above, the Utility may either discontinue service to the customer, or when feasible, furnish gas directly to the subcustomer in accordance with its tariff on file with the Commission.

D. EXCEPTION

This rule is not intended to apply to public utilities or municipalities purchasing gas under wholesale schedules for resale purposes.

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