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Advice No. 3594 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Establishment of the California Solar Initiative Balancing Account (CSIBA)

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its Preliminary Statement, Part V, Description of Regulatory Accounts - Balancing, as shown on Attachment B.

Purpose

This filing establishes the CSIBA to record the solar program costs beginning on January 1, 2007 and the corresponding authorized revenue requirement associated with the California Solar Initiative (CSI) as adopted pursuant to Decision (D.) 06-01-024, dated January 12, 2006.

Background

The Commission recently underscored its commitment to solar resources for assuring the reliability of the state's electricity system in D. 05-12-044, which increased funding for incentives to solar projects by \$300 million in 2006 for California utilities¹. In D.06-01-024, the Commission, in furthering its commitment in this area, establishes additional policies and program elements designed to promote solar development and provides authorized funding of \$2.5 billion for solar development over the next 10 years. Of the total \$2.8 billion funding for solar development over the 11-year period, \$2.5 billion is for Commission-managed programs and the remainder is related to programs managed by the California Energy Commission (CEC). SoCalGas' allocation of the \$2.5 billion funding is \$225 million over the ten-year period. Of the \$225 million funding, up to 10% (or \$22.5 million) is allocated to administrative costs, which include program evaluation, and marketing and outreach efforts. In addition, a minimum of 10% of program funds will be applied to projects installed by low-

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¹ Pursuant to D.05-12-044, the increased 2006 Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) allocation authorized for solar projects and the corresponding revenue requirements will be tracked in the existing SGIP memorandum accounts established by each utility. SoCalGas filed Advice Letter 3572 to incorporate the tracking of 2006 CSI program costs and the corresponding authorized \$27 million CSI Program revenue requirement.

income residential customers and affordable housing projects and up to 5% of each year's adopted budget to Research, Development & Demonstration (RD&D) that explores solar technologies and other distributed generation technologies that employ or could employ solar for power generation and storage or to offset natural gas usage, as well as market development strategies. D.06-01-024 also provides for funding flexibility between program years in recognition of actual demand for funding.

California Solar Initiative Balancing Account

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 2 of D.06-01-024, California utilities are required to implement the program described in the staff report and adopted therein. Additionally, on page 8 of the D.06-01-024, the decision provides the following:

"Beginning in 2007, CSI revenue requirements should be tracked in a separate account. We authorize the utilities to collect the funds during the relevant program year, for both programs, rather than requiring them to wait until the end of the funding cycle to collect amounts in the relevant accounts. We emphasize that we retain authority to audit or otherwise review spending and accounting for these programs whether or not the funds have been collected in the relevant period."

Consistent with D.06-01-024, SoCalGas plans to establish the CSIBA to track solar program expenses and corresponding revenue requirements beginning on January 1, 2007. In addition, consistent with OP 4, SoCalGas plans to collect in connection with its Annual October 15 Regulatory Account Balance Update filing the annual CSI revenue requirement according to the schedule shown on Table 1 of D.06-01-024 for each of the program years unless modified by a subsequent order. If the difference between program expenditures and the amounts collected in rates is substantial, SoCalGas may request adjusting the collection of the revenue requirement. The balance in the CSIBA may be amortized into SoCalGas' transportation rates on a uniform cent per therm basis annually.

Protests

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 Attn: 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 (ijr@cpuc.ca.gov) and to Honesto Gatchalian (ini@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.

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 respectively requests that this advice letter be approved March 17, 2006, which is 30 calendar days after the date filed.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to all parties listed on Attachment A, which includes the interested parties in R.04-03-017 (Distributed Generation OIR).

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Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

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Advice Letter (AL) #: 3594				
Subject of AL: Establishment of Cal		ve Balancing Account		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing	g): Balancing Accou	ınt, Solar		
AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other				
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:				
D06-01-024				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reje	ected AL? If so, idea	ntify the prior AL		
Summarize differences between the	AL and the prior wi	ithdrawn or rejected AL¹:		
Resolution Required? 🗌 Yes 🔯 No				
Requested effective date: 3/17/05 No. of tariff sheets: _3				
Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%):				
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: Preliminary Statement, Part V, TOC - General				
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.

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Revised 40218-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART V, DESCRIPTION OF REGULATORY ACCOUNTS - BALANCING, Sheet 1	Revised 38681-G*
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Sheet 1

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT $\underline{ PART\ V}$ DESCRIPTION OF REGULATORY ACCOUNTS - BALANCING

A. GENERAL

Balancing accounts are those regulatory accounts where authorized expenses are compared with revenues from rates designed to recover those expenses. The resulting under or overcollection, plus interest calculated in the manner described in Preliminary Statement, Part I, is recorded on the Utility's financial statements as an asset or liability, which is owed from or due to the ratepayers. Balances in balancing accounts are to be amortized in rates.

B. LISTING OF BALANCING ACCOUNTS

Purchased Gas Account (PGA)

Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA)

Noncore Fixed Cost Account (NFCA)

Enhanced Oil Recovery Account (EORA)

Noncore Storage Balancing Account (NSBA)

California Alternate Rates for Energy Account (CAREA)

Brokerage Fee Account (BFA)

Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account (HSCRA)

Natural Gas Vehicle Account (NGVA)

El Paso Turned-Back Capacity Balancing Account (EPTCBA)

Gas Cost Rewards and Penalties Account (GCRPA)

Pension Balancing Account (PBA)

Post-Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions Balancing Account (PBOPBA)

Conservation Expense Account (CEA)

Research Development and Demonstration Gas Surcharge Account (RDDGSA)

Demand Side Management Balancing Account (DSMBA)

Direct Assistance Program Balancing Account (DAPBA)

California Solar Initiative Balancing Account (CSIBA)

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C. DESCRIPTION OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE BALANCING ACCOUNT (CSIBA)

The CSIBA is an interest bearing balancing account recorded on SoCalGas' financial statements. The purpose of the CSIBA is to record the program costs beginning on January 1, 2007 and the corresponding revenue requirement associated with the California Solar Initiative (CSI) Program adopted in D.06-01-024, dated January 12, 2006.

The CSIBA shall apply to all customer classes, except for any classes that may be specifically excluded by the Commission. SoCalGas shall maintain the CSIBA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry equal to the incremental CSI program costs incurred by SoCalGas.
- b. A debit entry equal to the administrative costs, including program evaluation, and marketing and outreach efforts associated with the CSI Program.
- c. A debit entry equal to the Research, Development, and Demonstration (RD&D) costs associated with the CSI Program.
- d. A credit entry related to one-twelfth of the authorized CSI revenue requirement.
- e. A credit entry equal to the revenues from amortization rates as authorized by the Commission.
- f. An entry equal to the interest on the average balance in the account during the month, calculated in the manner described in the Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

A separate accounting of costs and benefits, by customer class, will be accomplished.

The total authorized program cost for SoCalGas is \$225 million over a ten-year period beginning on January 1, 2007, and extending through December 31, 2016 as specified in D.06-01-024. Any unused funding can be carried over from one year to the next up to a maximum limit of \$225 million for the tenyear period. SoCalGas is authorized to borrow against the annual budget of a subsequent year if program participation is larger than anticipated in the current year.

SoCalGas will collect in connection with its Annual Regulatory Account Balance Update advice letter filing the revenue requirement according to the schedule shown on Table 1 of D.06-01-024 for each of the program years unless modified by a subsequent order. If the difference between program expenditures and the amounts collected in rates is substantial, SoCalGas may request adjusting the collection of the revenue requirement. The balance in the CSIBA may be amortized into SoCalGas' transportation rates on a uniform cent per therm basis annually.

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