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February 28, 2006

Advice No. 3601 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# Subject: February 2006 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 February 2006.

## **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 February, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for February 2006 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 February 2006 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to March 25, 2006.

# 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>inj@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: <u>snewsom@SempraUtilities.com</u>

# 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 February 28, 2006 to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 3587, dated January 31, 2006.

# <u>Notice</u>

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 UI		
MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)			
Company name/CPUC Utility No. S	OUTHERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY/ U 904 G	
Utility type:	Contact Person: <u>Donna Shepherd</u>		
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)			
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat	WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: <u>3601</u>			
Subject of AL: <u>Revised Retail and</u>	Wholesale Buy-Bac	k Rates for February 2006	
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Keywords (choose from CPUC listing	n). Proliminary Stat	ement. Core	
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-	imission order, indi	cate relevant Decision/Resolution #:	
<u>D89-11-060 &amp; D90-09-089, et al.</u>			
		ntify the prior AL	
Summarize differences between the	AL and the prior wi	ithdrawn or rejected AL1:	
Resolution Required? $\Box$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No			
Requested effective date:2/28	8/06	No. of tariff sheets: <u>5</u>	
Estimated system annual revenue e	ffect: (%): <u>N/A</u>		
Estimated system average rate effec	t (%): N/A		
v o		L showing average rate effects on customer	
classes (residential, small commerci			
Tariff schedules affected:Tab	ole of Contents, Pre	liminary Statement Part II, Schedule G-IMB	
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> :			
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>AL 3586, AL 3587</u>			
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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(See Attached Service List)

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3601

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WHOLESALE SERVICE (Continued)			
Schedule GW-VRN (City of Vernon, G	T-F10 & GT-I10)		
Transmission Charge	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2.828¢	
ITCS-VRN			
PROCUREMENT CHARGE			
Schedule G-CP			
Non-Residential Core Procurement C			
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per	therm	73.022¢	
Residential Core Procurement Charge	, per therm	73.022¢	
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per ther	m	73.022¢	
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, p	per therm	70.876¢	
IMBALANCE SERVICE			
Standby Procurement Charge			
Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)			
December 2005		209.001¢	I
January 2006		124.139¢	
February 2006		TBD*	]
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)			
December 2005		209.066¢	I
January 2006		124.204¢	
February 2006		TBD*	1
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)			
December 2005		209.066¢	I
January 2006		124.204¢	
February 2006		TBD*	]]
Buy-Back Rate			
Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)			
December 2005		45.228¢	I
January 2006		46.796¢	
February 2006			F
Wholesale (BR-W)		,	
December 2005		45.077¢	I
January 2006			
February 2006			F
* To be determined (TBD). Pursuan	t to Resolution G-3316, the Fe	ebruary Standby Proci	urement 7
Charge will be filed by separate ad	vice letter at least one day price	or to March 25, 2006.	]
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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  $0.201 \not\in$  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	
December 2005	
January 2006124.139¢	
February 2006TBD*	
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
December 2005	
January 2006124.204¢	
February 2006TBD*	
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
December 2005	
January 2006124.204¢	
February 2006TBD*	

To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the February Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to March 25, 2006.

#### 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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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CANCELING

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# Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

(Continued) RATES (Continued) Buy-Back Rate (Continued) **Retail Service:** BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm Wholesale Service: BR-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm 

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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# ATTACHMENT C

# **ADVICE NO. 3601**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3587 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2006

# **Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

**Retail G-CPA**: **70.876**¢ per therm (WACOG: 69.542¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles: 1.334¢ or [1.9187% \* 69.542¢])

> Wholesale G-CPA: 70.639¢ per therm (WACOG: 69.542¢ + Franchise: 1.097¢ or [1.5779% \* 69.542¢])

## G-IMB Buy-Back Rates:

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% \* 70.876 cents/therm = **35.438** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% \* 70.639 cents/therm = **35.320** cents/therm