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Advice No. 3603 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Establishment of the San Diego Gas & Electric Storage Memorandum Account (SDGESMA)

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

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to establish the SDGESMA to record the costs of storage charged to San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) for the two-year period beginning April 1, 2006 to the extent that prices under the storage contract are above the scaled longrun marginal cost (LRMC) rates that SoCalGas charges for its own core customers.

#### Background

In compliance with Commission Decision No. 04-09-022 issued September 29, 2004, SDG&E filed for Commission approval of agreements titled Master Services Contract, Schedule I, Transaction Based Storage Service, dated February 3, 2006 (Agreements) between SDG&E and SoCalGas<sup>1</sup>. The Agreements are for storage capacity for terms of one year each. One agreement is for the term April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 and the other agreement is for the term April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008.

## SDG&E Storage Memorandum Account

Pursuant to Resolution G-3378 which approved the current storage agreement between SDG&E and SoCalGas for the period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006, the Commission stated in Findings No. 10:

"The costs of storage at rates higher than what SoCalGas charges for its own core customers should be recorded in a SoCalGas memo account to be reviewed in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SDG&E Advice Letter No. 1595-G filed on February 8, 2006.

next SoCalGas/SDG&E BCAP, if not sooner. In the BCAP, or other appropriate proceeding, we may require that SoCalGas provide SDG&E core customers with firm storage at cost-based rates."

In Ordering Paragraph (OP) 3 of Resolution G-3378, the Commission also stated:

"Costs of SDG&E storage over the rates that SoCalGas core customers pay will be considered in the next SoCalGas/SDG&E BCAP, if not sooner."

SoCalGas did not establish the SDGESMA for the current storage agreement at that time as it was determined that the storage rates charged to SDG&E were actually lower than the scaled LRMC rates that SoCalGas charges for its own core customers. However, SoCalGas projects that the storage rates charged to SDG&E will be higher than SoCalGas' scaled LRMC storage rates under the new Agreements. Accordingly, SoCalGas plans to establish the SDGESMA effective April 1, 2006 to record the cost of storage differential associated with storage rates under the Agreements that are greater than SoCalGas' scaled LRMC core storage rates<sup>2</sup>. The SDGESMA is an interest bearing memorandum account that is not recorded on the Utility's financial statements. Consistent with Resolution G-3378, the balance in the SDGESMA will be reviewed in SoCalGas and SDG&E's next BCAP or other appropriate proceeding.

#### **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 (<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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SoCalGas' scaled LRMC core storage rates are adjusted on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

## **Effective Date**

SoCalGas believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition, and therefore respectively requests that this advice letter be approved March 31, 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.04-01-025.

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Attachments

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

# ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

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| ☐ PLC ☐ HEAT ☐ WATER  | E-mail: <u>nmaralit@</u>   | semprautilities.com   |
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| Subject of AL: SDGE Storage Memo  | randum Account             |   |
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| Summarize differences between the   | AL and the prior w         | ithdrawn or rejected AL¹:   |
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| Resolution Required? 🗌 Yes 🛛 No   |                            |   |
| Requested effective date: 3/31/06   |                            | No. of tariff sheets: <u>3</u>  |
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Sheet 1

## PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART VI DESCRIPTION OF REGULATORY ACCOUNTS - MEMORANDUM

### A. GENERAL

Memorandum accounts are special accounts authorized by the Commission for the purpose of tracking certain costs and revenues. Please refer to each individual memorandum account description for the specific accounting treatment applicable to each account.

#### B. LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS

PCB Expense Account (PCBEA)

Research Development and Demonstration Expense Account (RDDEA)

Curtailment Violation Penalty Account (CVPA)

Economic Practicality Shortfall Memorandum Account (EPSMA)

Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA)

Vernon Avoided Distribution Cost Memorandum Account (VADCMA)

Interstate Capacity Step Down Account (ICSDA)

Vernon Rate Savings Memorandum Account (VRSMA)

Vernon Negotiated Core Contract Memorandum Account (VNCCMA)

Earthquake Valve Installation Service Memorandum Account (EVISMA)

Research Royalty Memorandum Account (RRMA)

NGV Research Development & Demonstration Memorandum Account (RDDNGV)

Intervenor Award Memorandum Account (IAMA)

Z Factor Account (ZFA)

Tax Interest Account (TIA)

Energy Efficiency/DSM Memorandum Account (EEDSMMA)

Wheeler Ridge Firm Access Charge Memorandum Account (WRFACMA)

Gas Industry Restructuring Memorandum Account (GIRMA)

Self-Generation Program Memorandum Account (SGPMA)

Baseline Memorandum Account (BMA)

Blythe Operational Flow Requirement Memorandum Account (BOFRMA)

Annual Earnings Assessment Proceeding Memorandum Account (AEAPMA)

Cost of Service Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account (COSRRMA)

El Paso Settlement Proceeds Memorandum Account (EPSPMA)

Interim Call Center Memorandum Account (ICCMA)

Late Payment Charge Memorandum Account (LPCMA)

San Diego Gas & Electric Storage Memorandum Account (SDGESMA)

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# LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CANCELING

# PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART VI

## **DESCRIPTION OF REGULATORY ACCOUNTS - MEMORANDUM**

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### C. <u>DESCRIPTION OF ACCOUNTS</u> (Continued)

#### LATE PAYMENT CHARGE MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (LPCMA)

The LPCMA is an interest bearing memorandum account that is recorded on the Utility's financial statements. The purpose of this account is to record late payment charges assessed to non-residential customers until the establishment of SoCalGas' authorized base margin in the next general rate case proceeding. The LPCMA will be effective upon implementation of late payment charges on January 1, 2006.

Utility shall maintain the LPCMA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A credit entry equal to the late payment charges assessed to non-residential customers.
- b. A debit entry equal to the amortization revenues of the LPCMA balance embedded in current rates.
- c. 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.

The disposition of the LPCMA shall occur in SoCalGas' annual regulatory account balance update filing.

#### SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC STORAGE MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (SDGESMA)

The SDGESMA is an interest bearing memorandum account that is not recorded on the Utility's financial statements. The purpose of this account is to track the cost of storage charged to San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) to the extent that the prices under the storage contract are above the rate SoCalGas charges for its own core customers.

The Utility shall maintain the SDGESMA by making entries to the account at the end of each month, as follows.

- a. A debit entry to record the cost of storage charged to SDG&E under its current storage contract.
- b. A credit entry to record the cost of storage determined at the scaled long-run marginal cost (LRMC) rate that SoCalGas charges its own core customers.
- c. 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.

The balance in the SDGESMA will be reviewed in SoCalGas/SDG&E's next Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (BCAP) or other appropriate proceeding.

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