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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revisions to Tariff Rule No. 19 Regarding Changing Rate Schedules

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

Purpose

This filing revises SoCalGas Tariff Rule No. 19, Rates and Optional Rates to modify the standard limitation on changing rate schedules to allow the customer to make one rate schedule change in any twelve-month period.

Background

SoCalGas Tariff Rule No. 19 currently states that customers may not transfer from one rate schedule to another except after twelve months of service under the schedule, unless otherwise provided for in the rate schedule. This limitation, as stated, poses a potential problem for new customers who may be forced to initially take service under a standard tariff service until optional rates may be analyzed or until necessary contracts for optional rates may be reviewed and executed. In such cases, SoCalGas does not wish to prevent the customer from being placed on their desired optional rate schedule at the earliest opportunity. Modifying the limitation on rate schedule changes to allow one change every twelve months will allow these new customers to immediately switch to the desired optional rate schedule once the implications of the optional rates are fully understood and the necessary contracts have been completed.

SoCalGas also observes that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has a similar provision in their Tariff Rule No. 12, Rates and Optional Rates. PG&E's Rule No. 12 states "... a Customer may request only one rate schedule change in any twelve-month period ..." which is consistent with the change proposed by SoCalGas herein.

Tariff Changes

Rule 19, D. Change of Rate Schedule currently states in part:

"Except as provided otherwise in the schedule or contract required thereby, a customer may not transfer from one schedule to another or change the contract in effect for the purpose of obtaining preferential rates, priority of service, or avoiding minimum charges except after 12 months' service under the schedule;"

The proposed language would state:

“Except as provided otherwise in the rate schedule or contract required thereby, a customer may request only one rate schedule change or change the contract in effect for the purpose of obtaining preferential rates, priority of service, or avoiding minimum charges in any twelve-month period;”

This language change will not create any deviations from SoCalGas' tariffs, cause withdrawal of service from any present customer, or impose any more restrictive conditions.

Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and therefore respectfully requests that this advice letter become effective September 2, 2006, which is not less than thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed.

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 (jjr@cpuc.ca.gov) and Honesto Gatchalian (jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) 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.

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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. **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY/ U 904 G**

Utility type:

ELC

GAS

PLC

HEAT

WATER

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 3649

Subject of AL: Revision of Rule 19, Rates and Optional Rates

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Rules

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹:

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 09/02/06

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%):

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

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: Rules, TOCs

Service affected and changes proposed¹:

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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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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ATTACHMENT B
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
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Revised 40827-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 40822-G

Rule No. 19
RATES AND OPTIONAL RATES

Sheet 1

A. Effective Rates

The rates to be charged by the Utility for gas service shall be the rates legally in effect and on file with the California Public Utilities Commission. Complete copies of all rate schedules legally in effect for any district shall be available for public inspection at all times in the Utility's local offices for that district. Such tariffs may be maintained on a website, and printed copies of such tariffs shall be made available to customers upon request.

Where negotiable rate options are available to the customer, the Utility shall not be obligated to provide the customer with any recommendation or comparison of options.

B. Establishing Rate Schedules for New Customers

At the time of application for service, the Utility shall, based on information provided by the applicant, ensure that the applicant is placed on an applicable rate schedule approved by the Commission.

C. New or Optional Rates

In the event of the adoption by the Utility of new or optional rates, the Utility shall take such measures as may be practicable to advise the customers who may be affected that such new or optional rates are effective.

D. Change of Rate Schedule

Except as provided otherwise in the rate schedule or contract required thereby, a customer may request only one rate schedule change or change the contract in effect for the purpose of obtaining preferential rates, priority of service, or avoiding minimum charges in any twelve-month period; however, if the customer's fuel requirements are permanently increased or decreased due to changed conditions of operation, the customer may, by application, request service under another schedule for which the customer can properly qualify. A customer changing rate schedules shall not avoid any Use-or-Pay charges that would otherwise apply from prior rate schedule under which the customer was served. In the event that a customer desires to take service under a different schedule than that under which the customer is being served and qualifies for service thereunder, the change shall become effective for service rendered after the next regular meter reading following the date of notice to the Utility, based on the availability of metering and billing requirements.

It is the customer's responsibility to request another rate schedule or service option if the customer's connected load, hours of operation, type of business or type of service have changed. Where the customer changes equipment or operation without notifying the Utility, the Utility assumes no responsibility for advising the customer of other rate options available to the customer as a result of the customer's equipment/operation changes. See Rule No. 29, Change of Consumer's Apparatus or Equipment.

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