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October 31, 2006

Advice No. 3671 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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

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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 October 31, 2006 to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 3665, dated September 29, 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

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY T	YPE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)	
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat	WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 3671			
Subject of AL: Revised Retail and V	Vholesale Buv-Back	Rates for October 2006	
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Tariff schedules affected: <u>Prelimina</u>	9	II: Schedule G-IMB and TOCs	
Service affected and changes proposed ¹ :			
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: 3664, 3669			
Protests and all other correspondence this filing, unless otherwise authoriz CPUC, Energy Division Attention: Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov	ed by the Čommissi S A 55 Le	are due no later than 20 days after the date of on, and shall be sent to: outhern California Gas Company ttention: Sid Newsom 55 West Fifth Street, ML GT14D6 os Angeles, CA 90013-4957 newsom@semprautilities.com	

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WHOLESALE SERVICE (Continued)		
Schedule GW-VRN (City of Vernon, GT-F1	0 & GT-I10)	
Transmission Charge		328¢
ITCS-VRN		395¢
PROCUREMENT CHARGE		
Schedule G-CP	.1	
Non-Residential Core Procurement Charg		
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per the		
Residential Core Procurement Charge, per		
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm		
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per th	nerm 40.8	366¢
IMBALANCE SERVICE		
Standby Procurement Charge		
Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)		
August 2006		
September 2006		
October 2006	T	BD*
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)		
August 2006		
September 2006		
October 2006	T	BD* 1
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)		
August 2006		
September 2006		
October 2006	T	BD* 1
Buy-Back Rate		
Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)		
August 2006		356¢ I
September 2006		734¢
October 2006		133¢ F
Wholesale (BR-W)		
August 2006		
September 2006		
October 2006		365¢ F
*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to		
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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	
August 2006	116.526¢
September 2006	
October 2006	TBD*
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
August 2006	116.591¢
September 2006	
October 2006	
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
August 2006	116.591¢
September 2006	
October 2006	TBD*

*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the October Standby Procurement charge will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to November 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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Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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

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RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3665 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2006

Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:

 Retail G-CPA:
 40.866¢ per therm

 (WACOG: 40.097¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles:
 0.769¢ or [1.9187% * 40.097¢])

Wholesale G-CPA: 40.730¢ per therm (WACOG: 40.097¢ + Franchise: 0.633¢ or [1.5779% * 40.097¢])

G-IMB Buy-Back Rates:

BR-R = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% * 40.866 cents/therm = **20.433** cents/therm

BR-W = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% * 40.730 cents/therm = **20.365** cents/therm