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Advice Letter 3715

Mr. Sid Newsom Regulatory Tariff Administration Southern California Gas Company – GT14D6 555 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-4957

Subject: Daily Balancing Standby Rates for February 9-15, 2007

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Dear Mr. Newsom:

Advice Letter 3715 is effective February 16, 2007. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

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February 16, 2007

Advice No. 3715 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

## Subject: Daily Balancing Standby Rates for February 9 - 15, 2007

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

### <u>Purpose</u>

This routine filing updates the Daily Balancing Standby Rates for the period of February 9, 2007 through February 15, 2007 in Schedule No. G-IMB, Transportation Imbalance Service, as authorized by the Commission's approval of SoCalGas' Advice Nos. 2651, 2651-A and 2651-B on December 26, 1997, which were filed in compliance with Decision (D.) 97-11-070, dated November 19, 1997, which modified Capacity Brokering Decision D.90-09-089 by adopting modifications to SoCalGas' balancing rules.

### Background

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB, customers will be subject to balancing rules during the winter operating period. From November through March, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 50% of burn over a five day period. As the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the peak day minimum + 20 Bcf, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 70% of burn daily. As the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the peak day minimum + 5 Bcf, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage declines to the peak day minimum + 5 Bcf, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 90% of burn daily. Volumes not in compliance with the minimum delivery requirements will be purchased at the daily balancing standby rates described below. Imbalance trading and as-available withdrawal may not be used to offset the minimum delivery requirements. A complete description of the winter minimum delivery requirements is specified in Rule No. 30, Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas.

The Daily Balancing Standby Rates are calculated as follows:

- 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 balancing standby rate. The daily balancing standby rate is calculated as 150% of the highest Southern California Border price during the fiveday 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.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.

As further authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB, by the Commission's approval of SoCalGas' Advice No. 3018 on June 6, 2001, the Daily Balancing Standby Rates may be filed weekly to become effective immediately. In any event, the Daily Balancing Standby Rates shall be filed on or before the fifth business day of each month.

#### **Requested Tariff Revisions**

The new rates are reflected in the attached Schedule No. G-IMB tariff sheets. The note at the end of the Daily Balancing Standby Rates section is revised to state that for the days of February 1-15, 2007 the Utility's total inventory in storage was above the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger" and therefore the five-day period applies. The workpaper showing the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

### 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 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 Maria Salinas (<u>mas@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: snewsom@SempraUtilities.com

#### Effective Date

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB, the tariff sheets filed herein are to be effective for service on and after February 16, 2007, which is the date filed, and are to be applicable to the period of February 9, 2007 through February 15, 2007.

#### <u>Notice</u>

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A.

J. STEVE RAHON Director Tariffs and Regulatory Accounts

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:	Contact Person: Connie Christensen		
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	YPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)		
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat	WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 3715			
Subject of AL: Daily Balancing Sta	andby Rates for February 9 - 15, 2007		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing	g): Compliance, Non-Core, Procurement		
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AL filing type: 🗌 Monthly 🗌 Quarte	erly 🗌 Annual 🗌 One-Time 🔀 Oth <u>er 👘 Weekly</u>		
If AL filed in compliance with a Com	mission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:		
D.97-11-070			
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reje	ected AL? If so, identify the prior AL		
Summarize differences between the	AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL <sup>1</sup> :		
Resolution Required?			
Requested effective date: 02/16/0	No. of tariff sheets: 4		
Estimated system annual revenue ef	ffect <u>: (%): N/A</u>		
Estimated system average rate effect	t (%): N/A		
When rates are affected by AL, inclu classes (residential, small commercial)	ide attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer ial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).		
Tariff schedules affected: <u>Schedul</u>	le G-IMB, and Tables of Contents		
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> :			
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>3698</u> , <u>3701</u> , <u>3705</u> , <u>3709</u> , <u>3712</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:			
CPUC, Energy Division	Southern California Gas Company		
Attention: Tariff Unit	Attention: Sid Newsom		
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ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 3715

(See Attached Service List)

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## ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3715

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CANCELING Revised

CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 41663-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 41654-G

#### Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Revised

Sheet 4

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<u>RATES</u> (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rates (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rate, per therm

February 2007 <u>Day</u>	Core Retail <u>DB-CR</u>	Noncore Retail <u>DB-NR</u>	Wholesale <u>DB-W</u>
1	\$1.13178	\$1.13243	\$1.12865
2	\$1.15471	\$1.15536	\$1.15151
3	\$1.14554	\$1.14619	\$1.14236
4	\$1.14554	\$1.14619	\$1.14236
5	\$1.14554	\$1.14619	\$1.14236
Period 1 High	\$1.15471	\$1.15536	\$1.15151
6	\$1.20669	\$1.20734	\$1.20331
7	\$1.14248	\$1.14313	\$1.13932
8	\$1.12566	\$1.12631	\$1.12256
9	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
10	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
Period 2 High	\$1.20669	\$1.20734	\$1.20331
11	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
12	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
13	\$1.09203	\$1.09268	\$1.08904
14	\$1.09662	\$1.09727	\$1.09361
15	\$1.11190	\$1.11255	\$1.10884
Period 3 High	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
16	N/A	N/A	N/A
17	N/A	N/A	N/A
18	N/A	N/A	N/A
19	N/A	N/A	N/A
20	N/A	N/A	N/A
Period 4 High	N/A	N/A	N/A

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#### Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 5

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**<u>RATES</u>** (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rates (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rate, per therm (Continued)

February 2007 <u>Day</u>	Core Retail <u>DB-CR</u>	Noncore Retail <u>DB-NR</u>	Wholesale <u>DB-W</u>
21	N/A	N/A	N/A
22	N/A	N/A	N/A
23	N/A	N/A	N/A
24	N/A	N/A	N/A
25	N/A	N/A	N/A
Period 5 High	N/A	N/A	N/A
26	N/A	N/A	N/A
27	N/A	N/A	N/A
28	N/A	N/A	N/A
Period 6 High	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note: For the days of February 1-15, 2007 the Utility's total inventory in storage was above the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger" and therefore the five-day period applies.

#### Revision of Rates

The Standby Procurement Charge and the Buy-Back Rate shall be established effective the last day of each month. The Daily Balancing Standby Rate shall be established on NGI's *Daily* Gas Price Index. Utility may file the Daily Balancing Standby Rate weekly to become effective immediately. In any event, the Daily Balancing Standby Rate shall be filed on or before the fifth business day of each month.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Definitions of the principal terms used in this rate schedule are contained in Rule No. 1.

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## ATTACHMENT C ADVICE NO. 3715 RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER DAILY BALANCING STANDBY RATE FILING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1-15, 2007

Daily Balancing Standby Rate = 150% x (NGI's Price Index + F&U Charge) + Brokerage Fee F&U Charge is 1.9187% of NGI's Price Index for Retail and 1.5779% for Wholesale Brokerage Fee is 0.201 cents for Core Retail; 0.266 cents for Noncore Retail/Wholesale

February	NGI's	Daily Balancing Standby Rates		
Day	Price Index	Core Retail	Noncore Retail	<u>Wholesale</u>
1	\$0.73900	\$1.13178	\$1.13243	\$1.12865
2	\$0.75400	\$1.15471	\$1.15536	\$1.15151
3	\$0.74800	\$1.14554	\$1.14619	\$1.14236
4	\$0.74800	\$1.14554	\$1.14619	\$1.14236
5	\$0.74800	\$1.14554	\$1.14619	\$1.14236
6	\$0.78800	\$1.20669	\$1.20734	\$1.20331
7	\$0.74600	\$1.14248	\$1.14313	\$1.13932
8	\$0.73500	\$1.12566	\$1.12631	\$1.12256
9	\$0.73800	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
10	\$0.73800	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
11	\$0.73800	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
12	\$0.73800	\$1.13025	\$1.13090	\$1.12713
13	\$0.71300	\$1.09203	\$1.09268	\$1.08904
14	\$0.71600	\$1.09662	\$1.09727	\$1.09361
15	\$0.72600	\$1.11190	\$1.11255	\$1.10884

(All rates are per therm)