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

Subject: Revised Retail and Wholesale Buy-Back Rates for February 2007

Dear Mr. Newsom:

Advice Letter 3719 is effective February 28, 2007. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

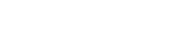
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February 28, 2007

<u>Advice No. 3719</u> (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# Subject: February 2007 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.

# <u>Purpose</u>

This routine monthly filing updates the Buy-Back Rates in Schedule No. G-IMB for February 2007.

# **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 2007 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 2007 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to March 25, 2007.

# 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 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.

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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 February 28, 2007 to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 3708, dated January 31, 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

| MUST DE COMDU  | ENERGY UT                                 |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| 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        |  |  |  |
| $\Box$ ELC $\boxtimes$ GAS   | Phone #: (213) 244-3837                   |  |  |  |
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| EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE  |   | (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)   |  |  |
| ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat   | WATER = Water                             |  |  |  |
| Advice Letter (AL) #: 3719   |   |  |  |  |
| Subject of AL: Revised Retail and V  | Vholesale Buy-Back                        | Rates for February 2007  |  |  |
| Keywords (choose from CPUC listing   | ): Preliminary Stat                       | ement, Core  |  |  |
| AL filing type: 🖂 Monthly 🗌 Quarte   | erly 🗌 Annual 🗌 C                         | ne-Time Other  |  |  |
| If AL filed in compliance with a Com   | mission order, indi                       | cate relevant Decision/Resolution #:   |  |  |
| 89-11-060 and 90-09-089, et a  | l.  |  |  |  |
| Does AL replace a withdrawn or reje  | cted AL? If so, ider                      | ntify the prior AL   |  |  |
| Summarize differences between the  |   |  |  |  |
| Resolution Required?Yes $\boxtimes$ NoRequested effective date: $02/28/07$ No. of tariff sheets:Estimated system annual revenue effect:(%):Estimated system average rate effect (%):   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>v</b> 0   |   | L showing average rate effects on customer   |  |  |
| 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: <u>Preliminary Statement</u> , Part II: Schedule G-IMB and TOCs   |   |  |  |  |
| Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> :   |   |  |  |  |
| Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: 3703, 3707, 3708  |   |  |  |  |
| Protests and all other correspondence<br>this filing, unless otherwise authorize<br>CPUC, Energy Division<br>Attention: Tariff Unit<br>505 Van Ness Avenue<br>San Francisco, CA 94102<br>jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov | ed by the Čommissi<br>S<br>At<br>55<br>Lo | are due no later than 20 days after the date of<br>on, and shall be sent to:<br>outhern California Gas Company<br>ttention: Sid Newsom<br>55 West Fifth Street, ML GT14D6<br>os Angeles, CA 90013-4957<br>newsom@semprautilities.com |  |  |

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ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 3719

(See Attached Service List)

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3719

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b. 41675-G\*b. 41667-G\*

| PRE                                   | LIMINARY STATEMENT             |                 | Sheet 7               |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|                                       | PART II                        | CEC             |                       |
| SUMMAR                                | RY OF RATES AND CHAR           | <u>(GES</u>     |                       |
|                                       | (Continued)                    |                 |                       |
| WHOLESALE SERVICE (Continued)         |                                |                 |                       |
| Schedule GW-VRN (City of Vernon, G    | T-F10 & GT-I10)                |                 |                       |
| Transmission Charge                   |                                |                 |                       |
| ITCS-VRN                              |                                |                 |                       |
|                                       |                                | (0.025)         | ,                     |
| PROCUREMENT CHARGE                    |                                |                 |                       |
| Schedule G-CP                         |                                |                 |                       |
| Non-Residential Core Procurement C    | harge, per therm               | 54.884¢         |                       |
| Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, pe   |                                |                 |                       |
| Residential Core Procurement Charge   |                                |                 |                       |
| Residential Cross-Over Rate, per ther |                                |                 |                       |
| Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, 1   |                                |                 |                       |
|                                       |                                |                 |                       |
| IMBALANCE SERVICE                     |                                |                 |                       |
| Standby Procurement Charge            |                                |                 |                       |
| Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)           |                                |                 |                       |
| December 2006                         |                                | 119.414¢        |                       |
| January 2007                          |                                | 114.576¢        |                       |
| February 2007                         |                                | TBD*            | :                     |
| Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)        |                                |                 |                       |
| December 2006                         |                                | 119.479¢        |                       |
| January 2007                          |                                | 114.641¢        |                       |
| February 2007                         |                                | TBD*            | :                     |
| Wholesale Standby (SP-W)              |                                |                 |                       |
| December 2006                         |                                | 119.479¢        |                       |
| January 2007                          |                                | 114.641¢        |                       |
| February 2007                         |                                | TBD*            | :                     |
|                                       |                                |                 |                       |
| *To be determined (TBD). Pursua       | -                              | •               | 5                     |
| Charge will be filed by separate ad   | vice letter at least one day p | mor to March 23 | ).                    |
| Buy-Back Rate                         |                                |                 |                       |
| Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)        |                                |                 |                       |
| December 2006                         |                                | 33 477¢         |                       |
| January 2007                          |                                | ,               |                       |
| February 2007                         |                                |                 |                       |
| Wholesale (BR-W)                      |                                |                 |                       |
| December 2006                         |                                | 33.365¢         |                       |
| January 2007                          |                                | ,               |                       |
| February 2007                         |                                | ,               |                       |
|                                       |                                |                 |                       |
|                                       | (Continued)                    |                 |                       |
| (TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)           | ISSUED BY                      |                 | INSERTED BY CAL. PUC) |
| ADVICE LETTER NO. 3719                | Lee Schavrien                  | DATE FILED      | Feb 28, 2007          |
| DECISION NO. 89-11-060 & 90-09-089,   | Senior Vice President          | EFFECTIVE       | Feb 28, 2007          |

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RESOLUTION NO.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CANCELING

41676-G 41668-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

# 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 2006                 | 119.414¢ |
| January 2007                  | 114.576¢ |
| February 2007                 | TBD*     |
| Noncore Retail Service:       |          |
| SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm |          |
| December 2006                 |          |
| January 2007                  | 114.641¢ |
| February 2007                 |          |
| Wholesale Service:            |          |
| SP-W Standby Rate per therm   |          |
| December 2006                 | 119.479¢ |
| January 2007                  | 114.641¢ |
| February 2007                 | TBD*     |
|                               |          |

\*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.

#### 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 January 2007 ..... 27.094¢ 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.

ISSUED BY Lee Schavrien Senior Vice President **Regulatory Affairs** 

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| Part V Balancing Accounts  |   |
| Description and Listing of Balancing Accounts  |   |
| Purchased Gas Account (PGA)  |   |
| Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA)   |   |
| Noncore Fixed Cost Account (NFCA)  |   |
| Enhanced Oil Recovery Account (EORA)   |   |
| Noncore Storage Balancing Account (NSBA)   |   |
| California Alternate Rates for Energy Account (CAREA)                                    |   |
| Brokerage Fee Account (BFA)  |   |
| Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account (HSCRA)  |   |
| Natural Gas Vehicle Account (NGVA)   |   |
| El Paso Turned-Back Capacity Balancing Account (EPTCBA)                                  |   |
| Gas Cost Rewards and Penalties Account (GCRPA)   |   |
| Pension Balancing Account (PBA)  |   |
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# ATTACHMENT C

# **ADVICE NO. 3719**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3708 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2007

## **Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

**Retail G-CPA**: **69.161**¢ per therm (WACOG: 67.859¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles: 1.302¢ or [1.9187% \* 67.859¢])

> Wholesale G-CPA: 68.930¢ per therm (WACOG: 67.859¢ + Franchise: 1.071¢ or [1.5779% \* 67.859¢])

## G-IMB Buy-Back Rates:

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% \* 69.161 cents/therm = **34.581** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% \* 68.930cents/therm = **34.465** cents/therm