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September 28, 2007

Advice Letter 3768

Mr. Sid Newsom
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Subject: Tariff Integration – Rule Numbers 7, Deposits and 8, Return of
Deposit – Interest on Deposit

Dear Mr. Newsom:

Advice Letter 3768 is effective September 28, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean H. Gallagher".

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Tariff Integration: Rule Numbers 7, Deposits and 8, Return of Deposit – Interest on Deposit

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its Rule Numbers (Nos.) 7, Deposits and 8, Return of Deposit – Interest on Deposit (the Rules) as shown in Attachment B.

Purpose

In this filing, SoCalGas proposes to bring the Rules into conformance with San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E's) gas and electric Rule 7, Deposits. SDG&E is concurrently filing an advice letter to revise its gas and electric Rule 7. This filing responds to the Commission's expressed desire for consistency in utility tariffs by aligning SoCalGas' tariffs to SDG&E's tariffs to the greatest extent possible. The proposed revisions promote tariff simplicity, respond to customer needs, and provide ease in administering the tariff.

Information

Rule No. 7 sets forth the amount of deposit required to establish or re-establish credit. Rule No. 8, on the other hand, describes the conditions associated with the return of deposit and the rate of interest paid on deposit. The Rules are being conformed to SDG&E's gas and electric Rule 7 in order to present the information more clearly and make the Rules more understandable. The proposed revisions do not result in any changes in utility practices.

Proposed Revisions

Language from Rule No. 8 is being moved to Rule No. 7, to mirror SDG&E's Rule 7. As a result, Rule No. 8 is deleted from SoCalGas' tariff book as shown in the Table of Contents for Rules as contained in Attachment B.

The following additional changes to the proposed Rule No. 7 are being made:

- Section A is being revised to clarify that the amount of deposit applies to both residential and nonresidential accounts. Texts regarding bi-monthly billing and the \$5.00 minimum deposit contained in the current Section A are deleted because they are no longer applicable.
- Section B. 2005-2006 Winter Gas Initiative is deleted as the Initiative's effective period expired April 30, 2006.
- As mentioned above, Rule No. 8 is being merged into Rule No. 7 and is revised as follows:
 - The two headings A and B are now B and C, respectively.
 - Subsections 1 to 3 under the new Section B now have subheadings and all have been rewritten for clarity.
 - Section C.1 has been rewritten to update the name of the publication currently being used to compute the interest paid on deposit. Language from SDG&E's current Rule 7, C.1.a. regarding the discontinuance of the publication of the interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3 months) has been added.
 - The phrase "of bills within the past 12 months" has been added to Section C.2 for clarity.

This filing will not result in an increase or decrease in any rate or charge, conflict with any rate schedules or any other rules, cause the withdrawal of service or result in any changes in Utility practices.

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
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 Maria Salinas (mas@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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Effective Date

SoCalGas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B and respectfully requests that this filing become effective September 28, 2007, which is 30 calendar days after the date filed.

Notice

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A.

Ken Deremer
Director
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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) #: 3768

Subject of AL: Tariff Integration: Rule Numbers 7, Deposits and 8, Return of Deposit - Interest on Deposit

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Rules, Deposits

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

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

N/A

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

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

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 9/28/07

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

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, Table of Contents - Rules, Table of Contents - General

Service affected and changes proposed¹: _____

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: None

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.
Revised 42168-G	Rule No. 07, DEPOSITS, Sheet 1	Revised 39811-G Revised 26214-G
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Revised 42170-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 42167-G

Rule No. 07
DEPOSITS

Sheet 1

A. AMOUNT TO ESTABLISH OR RE-ESTABLISH CREDIT

The amount of deposit required to establish or re-establish credit for both residential and nonresidential accounts may be twice the average monthly bill as determined by the Utility.

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B. RETURN OF DEPOSIT

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1. Good Standing, Active Customer. When the customer has received continuous service and has paid gas bills on all of its accounts before becoming past due as set forth in Rule No. 9, for a period of 12 consecutive months and is an active customer, the Utility will return the deposit with interest as provided under Section C hereof. When eligible, the deposit is to be returned or applied to the customer's billing provided that the customer's credit would, thereafter, be otherwise established under Rule No. 6.

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2. Customer-Initiated Termination of Service. When the customer has requested that the service be terminated, the deposit, plus any applicable interest, will be returned. In cases in which there are charges due the Utility for gas service to the customer, the deposit, plus any applicable interest, will be applied to such charges and any remaining amount will be returned to the customer.

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3. Termination for Non-Payment of Bills. When the service is permanently terminated for non-payment of charges for gas service, the deposit will be applied to such charges and any remaining amount will be returned to the customer. Deposits will not be applied as payment for past due bills to avoid discontinuance of service.

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C. INTEREST ON DEPOSIT

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1. Except as provided in C.2 below, the Utility will pay interest, compounded monthly, at a rate of 1/12 of the interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3 months), published the prior month in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15. Should publication of the interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3 months) be discontinued, interest will so accrue at the rate of 1/12 of the interest rate on Commercial Paper, which most closely approximates the discontinued rate, and which is published the prior month in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor publication.

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2. No interest will be paid if service is temporarily or permanently discontinued for non-payment of bills within the past 12 months.

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