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December 24, 2007

Advice Letter 3786

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

 $Subject: \ Update \ of \ Schedule \ G-MSUR-Transported \ Gas \ Municipal$ 

Surcharge in Compliance with Decision 07-10-024

Dear Mr. Newsom:

Advice Letter 3786 is effective December 1, 2007.

Sincerely,

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Update of Schedule G-MSUR: Transported Gas Municipal Surcharge In Compliance with Decision (D.) 07-10-024

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**

The purpose of this filing is to update SoCalGas' Schedule G-MSUR, Transported Gas Municipal surcharge as a consequence of California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) D. 07-10-024.

#### **Background**

In 1937, the California State Legislature passed "The Franchise Act of 1937" (the Act). Among other subjects, the Act established a formula whereby a utility would pay a fee to a general law city or general law county (hereinafter collectively referred to as "municipality") for the use of the streets and right-of-way in its jurisdiction.

The State Legislature attempted to establish what it believed was a fair and adequate compensation level for the use of the public right of way for general law municipalities. The Act sets out that, for gas franchises, municipalities will be compensated through a formula whereby they will receive two percent (2%) of gross annual receipts derived from the use, operation or possession of the franchise (also known as the Broughton Act formula), or a minimum of one percent (1%) of gross annual receipts from the sale, transmission, or distribution of gas within the limits of the municipality (otherwise known as the "2%/1%" formula). The 2%/1% formula or the Broughton Act formula is the only option provided to general law municipalities. Charter cities and counties are not limited to this formula by statutory law.

The City of San Buenaventura (City of Ventura) officials proposed that, as a charter city, the City of Ventura should get an increase to a 2%/2% formula. Agreement was reached on a 1% increase in the franchise fee that would be effective for the 25-year term of the new franchise agreement on the condition that subject to prior Commission approval,

SoCalGas would surcharge only its customers living within the City of Ventura, rather than spreading the additional franchise fee among all of SoCalGas' customers. The additional 1% surcharge would be applied to monthly billings for all City of Ventura customers and would appear as a separate line item on bills rendered to City of Ventura customers. SoCalGas and Ventura reached agreement on the franchise terms and this franchise was unanimously adopted by the Ventura City Council. In addition, SoCalGas agreed to notify customers prior to the first bill being rendered.

D.07-10-024 dated October 18, 2007, in SoCalGas' Application (A.) 07-04-027, approved SoCalGas' application for a franchise fee surcharge on the bills of customers in the City of Ventura. It finds that the surcharge is a reasonable way to cover increased franchise fees imposed by the City of Ventura without unduly burdening other SoCalGas customers.

## Requested Revision to Schedule G-MSUR

Schedule G-MSUR sets forth the methodology by which the municipal surcharge is calculated pursuant to Chapter 2.5 of Division 3 (sections 6350, et al.) of the Public Utilities Code as enacted by Senate Bill 278/Beverly (municipal Surcharge Law), to be applied to all transportation volumes of gas on the Utility system to customers outside the City of Los Angeles, except for those listed under Special Condition No. 1, and to transportation volumes of gas delivered to customers within the City of Los Angeles pursuant to Section 6.1 of Los Angeles City Ordinance No. 168164. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 6353(d), the applicable municipal surcharge percentage is the sum of the franchise fee factor (currently 1.5534%) plus any franchise fee surcharge authorized for the energy transporter as approved by the Commission. Therefore, the municipal surcharge percentage applicable to customers within the City of Ventura is increased by 1% pursuant to D.07-10-024 resulting in a total municipal surcharge percentage of 2.5534%. A new Surcharge Percentage entry and footnote have been added to the Rates section of Schedule G-MSUR to reflect the applicable municipal surcharge percentage for City of Ventura customers.

## **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 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 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 (<a href="mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov">mas@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) and to Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov">jnj@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <a href="mailto:and-facsimile">and-facsimile</a> 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. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this advice letter be approved December 1, 2007, which is 30 days after the date filed, for rates to become effective January 1, 2008.

## **Notice**

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A which includes parties to A. 07-04-027.

KEN DEREMER
Director
Tariffs and Regulatory Accounts

Attachments

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

# ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLE	TED BY UTILITY (At	tach additional pages as needed)		
Company name/CPUC Utility No. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904-G)				
Utility type:	Contact Person:_	Sid Newsom		
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	YPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)			
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat V	VATER = Water	ATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 3786				
Subject of AL: <u>Update of Schedule C</u>	G-MSUR per D. 07-	10-024		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)	: Surcharges			
AL filing type:   Monthly   Quarter	rly 🗌 Annual 🛛 C	ne-Time  Other		
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.07-10-024				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reject	cted AL? If so, ider	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>		
Summarize differences between the A	AL and the prior wi	thdrawn or rejected AL¹:N/A		
Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No				
Resolution Required? $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No		Tier Designation: 1 2 3		
Requested effective date: 12/1/07 No. of tariff sheets: 3		No. of tariff sheets: 3		
Estimated system annual revenue eff	fect: (%):			
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: Schedule G-MSUR, TOCs				
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> :N/A				
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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 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 1}}$  Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

## **ATTACHMENT A**

Advice No. 3786

(See Attached Service Lists)

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## ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3786

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
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## Schedule No. G-MSUR TRANSPORTED GAS MUNICIPAL SURCHARGE

Sheet 1

#### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable pursuant to Chapter 2.5 of Division 3 (sections 6350, et al.) of the Public Utilities Code as enacted by Senate Bill 278/Beverly (municipal Surcharge Law), to all transportation volumes of gas on the Utility system to customers outside the City of Los Angeles, except for those listed under Special Condition No. 1, and to transportation volumes of gas delivered to customers within the City of Los Angeles pursuant to Section 6.1 of Los Angeles City Ordinance No. 168164.

#### **TERRITORY**

Applicable throughout the service territory.

## **RATES**

Surcharge Percentage:

Outside the City of Los Angeles	1.5534%
Within the City of San Buenaventura (City of Ventura)	2.5534%*
Within the City of Los Angeles	2.0000%

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 1% franchise fee surcharge for City of Ventura customers pursuant to D. 07-10-024.

The municipal surcharge is calculated as the product of the following:

Applicable surcharge percentage,

Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in Schedule No. G-CP,

Imputed franchise fee factor of 98.4466% (to remove franchise fees included in rate G-CPA), and

Therms of gas transported during the billing period.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

- 1. The following customers located outside the City of Los Angeles are exempt from Schedule G-MSUR pursuant to the terms of SB 278:
  - a. The State of California or a political subdivision (county) thereof.
  - b. Interutility gas service, where gas is transported through the Utility service territory for consumption outside the Utility's service territory.

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