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February 13, 2008

Advice Letter 3809

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

Subject: December 2007 Buy-Back Rates

Dear Mr. Newsom:

Advice Letter 3809 is effective December 31, 2007.

Sincerely,

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December 31, 2007

Advice No. 3809 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

## Subject: December 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.

## **Purpose**

This routine monthly filing updates the Buy-Back Rates in Schedule No. G-IMB for December 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 December, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for December 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 December 2007 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to January 25, 2008.

## 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 this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to GO 96-B and therefore respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective December 31, 2007, to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 3797, dated November 30, 2007.

## <u>Notice</u>

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

KEN DEREMER 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. SO	UTHERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904G)		
Utility type: Contact Person: <u>Sid Newsom</u>				
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	PE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)		
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas				
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat V	VATER = Water			
Advice Letter (AL) #: <u>3809</u>				
Subject of AL: <u>December 2007 Buy</u>	Back Rates			
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)	: Preliminary Sta	tement, Core, Compliance		
AL filing type: 🖂 Monthly 🗌 Quarter	rly 🗌 Annual 🗌 C	Dne-Time 🗌 Other		
If AL filed in compliance with a Com	nission order, indi	cate relevant Decision/Resolution #:		
<u>D89-11-060 and D90-09-089, et al.</u>				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reject	cted AL? If so, idea	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>		
Summarize differences between the A	AL and the prior w	ithdrawn or rejected $AL^1$ : <u>N/A</u>		
Does AL request confidential treatme	ent? If so, provide e	explanation: <u>No</u>		
Resolution Required? $\Box$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No		Tier Designation: 🛛 1 🗌 2 🔲 3		
Requested effective date: <u>December</u>	<u>31, 2</u> 007	No. of tariff sheets: <u>5</u>		
Estimated system annual revenue eff	fect: (%): <u>N/A</u>			
Estimated system average rate effect	(%): <u>N/A</u>			
When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer				
classes (residential, small commercia				
Tariff schedules affected: <u>Preliminary Statement</u> , Part II; Schedule G-IMB; and TOCs				
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> : <u>N/A</u>				
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>3796 and 3805</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	v	Southern California Gas Company		
Attention: Tariff Unit		Attention: Sid Newsom		
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ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 3809

(See Attached Service List)

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## ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3809

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WHOLESALE SERVICE (Continued	1)	
Schedule GW-VRN (City of Verne	on, GT-F10 & GT-I10)	
PROCUREMENT CHARGE		
Schedule G-CP		
	ent Charge, per therm $60.855\phi$	
	te, per therm 71.276¢	
	Sharge, per therm $\dots \dots \dots$	
	r therm 71.276¢	
Adjusted Core Procurement Cha	arge, per therm $70.287 \phi$	
IMBALANCE SERVICE		
Standby Procurement Charge		
Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)		
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-		
	TBD*	
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)	107.000	
December 2007	TBD*	,
*To be determined (TRD) Pu	ursuant to Resolution G-3316, the December Standb	y Procurement
	rate advice letter at least one day prior to January 25	5
charge will be filed by a separ	rate advice letter at least one day prior to sandary 22	'.
Buy-Back Rate		
Core and Noncore Retail (BR	R-R)	
	13.110¢	
Wholesale (BR-W)	r	
	13.110¢	
November 2007		
December 2007		
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**Regulatory Affairs** 

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## 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, Midpoint."

Core Retail Service:		
SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm		
October 2007	107.901¢	
November 2007	109.439¢	
December 2007	TBD*	
Noncore Retail Service:		
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm		
October 2007	107.966¢	
November 2007	109.504¢	
December 2007	TBD*	
Wholesale Service:		
SP-W Standby Rate per therm		
October 2007	107.966¢	
November 2007	109.504¢	
December 2007	TBD*	

\*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the December Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by a separate advice letter at least one day prior to January 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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**Retail Service:** 

Wholesale Service:

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## Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

(Continued) Buy-Back Rate (Continued) BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm 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.

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# ATTACHMENT C

## **ADVICE NO. 3809**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 3797 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2007

#### Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:

 Retail G-CPA:
 70.287 ¢ per therm

 (WACOG: 68.964 ¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles:
 1.323 ¢ or [ 1.9187% \* 68.964 ¢ ] )

Wholesale G-CPA: 70.052 ¢ per therm (WACOG: 68.964 ¢ + Franchise: 1.088 ¢ or [ 1.5779% \* 68.964 ¢ ] )

#### **GIMB Buy-Back Rates**

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% \* 70.287 cents/therm = **35.144** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% \* 70.052 cents/therm = **35.026** cents/therm