#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 6, 2008

**Advice Letter 3893** 

Ken Deremer Director Tariffs & Regulatory Accounts 8330 Century Park Court CP32C San Diego, CA 92123-1548

Subject: July 2008 Standby Procurement Charges

Dear Mr. Deremer:

Advice Letter 3893 is effective August 21, 2008.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lewis, Acting Director

**Energy Division** 





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August 21, 2008

Advice No. 3893 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

#### Subject: July 2008 Standby Procurement Charges

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 Standby Procurement Charges in Schedule No. G-IMB for July 2008.

#### **Background**

Resolution G-3316, dated May 24, 2001, revised the Schedule No. G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge for negative monthly transportation imbalances that exceed the 10% tolerance band. The Standby Procurement Charges are:

- 1. Calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border for the period plus a Brokerage Fee of 0.266¢ per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and 0.188¢ 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."
- 2. Calculated for a period that begins from the first day of the "flow month" (the month that the imbalance is incurred) and ends five days prior to the start of the imbalance trading period.
- 3. Posted at least one day in advance of the imbalance trading period.

#### **Information**

For the "flow month" of July 2008 (covering the period July 1, 2008, to August 20, 2008), the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border is \$1.26675 per therm. The resultant Standby Procurement Charges, calculated in the manner set forth above, are \$1.90279 per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and \$1.90201 per therm for core retail service. The workpaper showing details of 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 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 (<a href="mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov">mas@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) and Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov">jnj@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) 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.

Attn: Sid Newsom Tariff Manager - GT14D6 555 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011 Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957

E-Mail: <a href="mailto:snewsom@semprautilities.com">snewsom@semprautilities.com</a>

#### **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. SoCalGas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective August 21, 2008, the date filed, in order to comply with the Resolution G-3316 requirement that the rates be posted at least one day in advance of the start of the imbalance trading period, which is August 25, 2008.

## **Notice**

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. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904G)				
Utility type:				
☐ ELC ☐ GAS	Phone #: (213) 244-2846			
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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) #: 3893				
Subject of AL: <u>July 2008 Standby P</u>	 rocurement Charg	es		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)	: Preliminary Sta	tement; Procurement		
AL filing type: ⊠ Monthly □ Quarter	rly 🗌 Annual 🗌 C	One-Time 🗌 Other		
If AL filed in compliance with a Comr_G-3316	nission order, indi	cate relevant Decision/Resolution #:		
	eted AL? If so, ider	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>		
Summarize differences between the A	AL and the prior wi	ithdrawn or rejected AL¹: <u>N/A</u>		
Does AL request confidential treatme	ent? If so, provide e	explanation: No		
Resolution Required?   Yes   No		Tier Designation: 🛛 1 🔲 2 🔲 3		
Requested effective date: <u>August 21</u>	<u>, 200</u> 8	No. of tariff sheets: <u>4</u>		
Estimated system annual revenue eff	fect: (%): <u>N/A</u>			
Estimated system average rate effect	(%): <u>N/A</u>			
		L showing average rate effects on customer		
classes (residential, small commercia				
Tariff schedules affected: Preliminary Statement, Part II; Schedule G-IMB; and TOCs				
Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A				
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>3875, 3885, and 3887</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 505 Van Ness Ave.,	Attention: Tariff Unit  Attention: Sid Newsom			
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### ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3893

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 43787-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 7	Revised 43668-G
Revised 43788-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 2	Revised 43628-G
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Sheet 7

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART II **SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES**

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WHOLESALE SERVICE	(Continued)
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Schedule GW-VRN (City of Vernon, GT-F10 & GT-I10)	
Transmission Charge	2.799¢
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#### PROCUREMENT CHARGE

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Non-Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm		
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm	87.751¢	
Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm		
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm		
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per therm	87.563¢	

#### **IMBALANCE SERVICE**

## Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

May 2008	190.388¢
June 2008	190.388¢
July 2008	190.201¢
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)	
May 2008	190.466¢
June 2008	
July 2008	190.279¢

July 2008	190.279¢
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)	
May 2008	190.466¢
June 2008	190.466¢
July 2008	190.279¢

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Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)	
May 2008	54.128¢
June 2008	54.648¢
July 2008	
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## Wholesale (BR-W)

May 2008	53.947¢
June 2008	54.465¢
July 2008	61.033¢

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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 <u>0.188¢</u> 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."

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SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm	
May 2008	190.388¢
June 2008	190.388¢
July 2008	190.201¢
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
May 2008	190.466¢
June 2008	190.466¢
July 2008	190.279¢
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
May 2008	190.466¢
June 2008	190.466¢
July 2008	190.279¢

#### 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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	43327-G,43328-C	G,43329-G,43330-G,43331-G,43332-G

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**G-PPPS** 

Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission G-SRF

**G-MHPS** Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission

Master Metered Mobile Home Park Gas Safety 

**G-MSUR GIT GLT** Long-Term Transportation of Customer-Owned

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The following listed sheets contain all effective Schedules of Rates and Rules affecting service and information relating thereto in effect on the date indicated thereon.

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Part III Cost Allocation and Revenue Requirement 27024-G,37920	O-G,27026-G,27027-G,42637-G
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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. 3893**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER SCHEDULE NO. G-IMB STANDBY PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE JULY 2008

#### **G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge Calculation**

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."

The highest daily border price index for the period was on July 1, 2008

07/01/08 NGI's Daily Gas Price Index (NDGPI) = \$1.2670 per therm

07/01/08 Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey (GDDPS) = \$1.2665 per therm

Highest Daily Border Price Index (HDBPI) = (NDGPI + GDDPS) / 2

**HDBPI** = \$1.26675 per therm

SP-CR (Core Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Core Brokerage Fee

**SP-CR** = 150% x \$1.26675 + \$0.00188 = **\$1.90201** 

SP-NR (Noncore Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee

**SP-NR** = 150% x \$1.26675 + \$0.00266 = **\$1.90279** 

SP-W (Wholesale) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee

**SP-W** = 150% x \$1.26675 + \$0.00266 = **\$1.90279**