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Advice Letter 3923

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# Subject: Revision to Schedule Nos. GM, Multi-Family Service, and G-CARE, California Alternative Rates for Energy Program

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 3923 is effective May 21, 2009 per Resolution G-3433.

Sincerely,

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Advice No. 3923 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# <u>Subject</u>: Revision to Schedule Nos. GM, Multi-Family Service, and G-CARE, California Alternative Rates for Energy Program

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown in Attachment B.

# **Purpose**

This filing revises Schedule Nos. GM and G-CARE in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 2857, which amended Public Utilities Code Section 739.5 to grant eligibility for the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program to residential users of gas service who are submetered and reside in master-metered multi-family dwelling units or mobile home parks in which not all of the individual units are submetered, and Ordering Paragraph (OP) 105 of Decision (D.) 08-11-031, which directs the four major investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to update their tariffs.

# Background

Prior to the approval of AB 2857 and issuance of D.08-11-031, for SoCalGas' residential submetered customers to be eligible for the CARE program, all of the individual dwelling units in multi-family dwellings and mobile home parks served through a master meter, that is, served through one meter, on a single premises were required to be submetered.

On September 28, 2008, the State Legislature passed AB 2857, which amended Section 739.5 of the Public Utilities Code by adding the following section to the code:

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or decision of the commission, the commission shall not deny eligibility for the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) program, created pursuant to Section 739.1, for a residential user of gas or electric service who is a submetered resident or tenant served by a mastermeter customer on the basis that some residential units in the master-meter customer's mobilehome park, apartment building, or similar residential complex do not receive gas or electric service through a submetered system. AB 2857 requires the Commission to grant eligibility for the CARE program to residential users of gas service who are submetered and reside in master-metered multi-family dwellings or mobile home parks in which not all of the individual units are submetered.

On November 10, 2008, the Commission issued D.08-11-031 in Application (A.) 08-05-025 with an effective date of November 6, 2008. OP 105 of D.08-11-031 states:

"We order IOUs to update their tariffs in order to comply with the amendment to AB 2857 (Lieber) within 60 days of the effective date of this decision."

#### **Proposed Changes**

Schedule No. GM, Sheet 1, Applicability, is revised to add the following language after the sixth paragraph:

"This schedule is applicable to income-qualified households that meet the requirements for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) as set forth in Schedule No. G-CARE."

Schedule No. G-CARE, Sheet 1, Applicability, item 2, is revised. The language that describes a type of customer that meets the requirement for CARE eligibility is revised to the following language which no longer excludes a residential user of gas service who is submetered and resides in master-metered multi-family dwelling or mobile home park in which not all of the individual units are submetered from being eligible for the CARE program:

"Multi-family dwelling units and mobile home parks supplied through one meter on a single premises where the individual unit is submetered."

#### 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>jnj@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.

> Attn: Sid Newsom Tariff Manager - GT14D6 555 West Fifth Street

Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011 Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957 E-mail: <u>snewsom@SempraUtilities.com</u>

## Effective Date

SoCalGas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective upon staff's approval) pursuant to GO 96-B and requests that this be effective on January 1, 2009, which is more than 30 calendar days after the date filed.

# <u>Notice</u>

A copy of this Advice Letter is being served to the parties listed on Attachment A and the interested parties in A.08-05-025.

KEN DEREMER Director Tariffs and Regulatory Accounts

Attachments

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

	ENERGY UT	
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	PE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = HeatWATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: <u>3923</u>		
Subject of AL: <u></u>	Nos. GM, Multi-Fa	amily Service, and G-CARE, California
Alternative Rates for Energy Program		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)		ile Home Parks
AL filing type: 🗌 Monthly 🗌 Quarter		
If AL filed in compliance with a Com	-	
D.08-11-031		
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejection	cted AL? If so, ide	ntify the prior AL. No
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Resolution Required? 🗌 Yes 🖂 No		Tier Designation: $\Box$ 1 $\boxtimes$ 2 $\Box$ 3
Requested effective date: <u>January 1</u>	, 2009	No. of tariff sheets: <u>4</u>
Estimated system annual revenue ef	fect: (%): <u>N/A</u>	
Estimated system average rate effect	(%): <u>N/A</u>	
When rates are affected by AL, inclue	de attachment in A	L showing average rate effects on customer
classes (residential, small commercia	al, large C/I, agricu	ultural, lighting).
Tariff schedules affected: <u>Schedule (</u>	<u>GM, Schedule G-C</u>	ARE, and TOCs
Service affected and changes propose	ed1: <u>N/A</u>	
Pending advice letters that revise the	same tariff sheets	:
Protests and all other correspondence this filing, unless otherwise authorize		are due no later than 20 days after the date of on, and shall be sent to:
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ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 3923

(See Attached Service Lists)

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 3923

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 44091-G	Schedule No. GM, MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE, (Includes GM-E, GM-C, GM-EC, GM-CC, GT- ME, GT-MC and all GMB Rates), Sheet 1	Revised 41011-G
Revised 44092-G	Schedule No. G-CARE, CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM, Sheet 1	Original 39257-G
Revised 44093-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 44065-G
Revised 44094-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 44086-G

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41011-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

## Schedule No. GM MULTI-FAMILY SERVICE (Includes GM-E, GM-C, GM-EC, GM-CC, GT-ME, GT-MC and all GMB Rates)

Sheet 1

# APPLICABILITY

This schedule is closed as of July 13, 1978 for gas service to: (a) new residential Mobilehome Parks where such Mobilehome Park tenants use gas directly in gas appliances in each occupancy; and (b) new Multi-family Accommodation structures where such multi-unit tenants use gas directly in gas appliances in each occupancy and which require venting, except where equipped with only vented decorative appliances.

Applicable to natural gas procurement service for Multi-family Accommodations supplying Baseline uses only or in a combination of Baseline uses and common facilities through one meter on a premises, in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 24. Such gas service will be billed under rates designated for GM-E, GM-BE or GM-BEC, as appropriate. This schedule also applies to accommodations defined in Rule No. 1 as Residential Hotels. Natural gas supplied through a single meter to common facilities (swimming pools, recreation rooms, saunas, spas, etc.) only, will be billed under rates designated for GM-C, GM-BC or GM-BCC, as appropriate.

Master metered Customers who have averaged at least 100,000 therms of weather-normalized usage for the previous two calendar years, January through December, will be billed under the GMB rate which includes the GM-BE, GM-BC, GM-BEC, GM-BCC, GT-MBE and GT-MBC rates. Submetered customers are not eligible for GMB rates.

The cross-over rate (GM-EC, GM-CC, GM-BEC and GM-BCC) is a core procurement option for Multifamily Accommodation residential core transportation customers with annual consumption over 50,000 therms as set forth in Special Condition 10.

The GT-ME, GT-MC, GT-MBE and GT-MBC rate is applicable to Core Aggregation Transportation service, as set forth in Special Condition 11, for Baseline uses and/or common facilities as described in paragraph 2 above.

Multi-family Accommodations built prior to July 13, 1978 and served under GM rate may also be eligible for service under Schedule No. GS. If an eligible Multi-family Accommodation or residential hotel served under GM rate converts to an applicable submetered tariff, the tenant rental charges shall be revised for the duration of the lease to reflect removal of the energy related charges.

This schedule is applicable to income-qualified households that meet the requirements for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) as set forth in Schedule No. G-CARE.

Eligibility for service hereunder is subject to verification by the Utility.

# TERRITORY

Applicable throughout the service territory.

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY) 3923 ADVICE LETTER NO. DECISION NO. 08-11-031 1H10

(Continued)

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

(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC) Nov 20, 2008 DATE FILED May 21, 2009 EFFECTIVE **RESOLUTION NO.** 

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CANCELING

44092-G\* 39257-G, 42994-G 42995-G

# Schedule No. G-CARE CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM

# APPLICABILITY

This schedule provides a California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) discount to each of the following types of customers listed below that meets the requirements for CARE eligibility as defined in Rule No. 1, Definitions, and herein, and is taken in conjunction with the customer's otherwise applicable service schedule.

- 1. Customers residing in a permanent single-family accommodation, separately metered by the Utility.
- 2. Multi-family dwelling units and mobile home parks supplied through one meter on a single premises where the individual unit is submetered.
- 3. Non-profit group living facilities.
- 4. Agricultural employee housing facilities.

# TERRITORY

Applicable throughout the service territory.

## **DISCOUNT**

The qualified customer will receive a 20% CARE discount on all customer, commodity, and transportation charges on their otherwise applicable service schedule. In addition, the customer will not pay the CARE portion of the Public Purpose Programs Surcharge as specified in Schedule No. G-PPPS.

The qualified customer shall also pay a discounted CARE Service Establishment Charge as specified in Rule No. 10, Service Charges, to establish or re-establish service each time an account is opened.

# SPECIAL CONDITIONS

## ALL CUSTOMERS

- 1. <u>Applicable Conditions</u>: All special conditions contained in the customer's otherwise applicable schedule are applicable to service under this schedule.
- 2. <u>Application and Eligibility Declaration</u>: An application and eligibility declaration, on a form authorized by the Commission, is required for service under the CARE program unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. Renewal of a customer's eligibility declaration, also referred to as recertification, is required at the request of the Utility.
- 3. <u>Commencement of CARE Discount</u>: Eligible customers shall begin receiving the CARE rate discount no later than one billing period after receipt of a completed and approved application by the Utility or as may be authorized by the Commission.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA CANCELING

Revised CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 44093-G Revised CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 44065-G

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GS	Submetered Multi-Family Service 43198-G,44051-G,41211-G,41212-G	
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GM	Multi-Family Service 44091-G,44052-G,44053-G,41014-G	-
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