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Advice Letter 3931

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Subject: Increase of the Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances for Construction

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:
Advice Letter 3931 is effective January 1, 2009.

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Advice No. 3931
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

## Subject: Increase of the Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances for Construction

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing revisions to its tariffs, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

## Purpose

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 7 of California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Decision (D.) 87-09-026 in Oll 86-11-019, SoCalGas hereby revises the tax factor contained in Preliminary Statement, Part IV, Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances.

## Background

SoCalGas' Preliminary Statement, Part IV, provides that Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) and Refundable Advances for Construction (Advances) shall consist of two components: 1) income tax component (ITC) and 2) the balance of the Contribution or Advance. The ITC shall be calculated by multiplying the Balance of Contribution or Advance by the tax factor. The tax factor is established by using "Method 5" in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 3.b of Commission D.87-09-026 as modified by D.87-12-028.
D.87-09-026 directs the respondent utilities to file an advice letter to reflect any change in the tax factor, which would increase or decrease the rate by five percentage points or more. Accordingly, the tax factor is being revised to reflect a change in the Federal business provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to Title I, Section 103(a) of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 (H.R. 5140, Signed by the President on February 13, 2008). A copy of this provision, which provides an additional depreciation allowance, will expire on December 31, 2008; therefore, SoCalGas' tax factor will increase beginning January 1, 2009. A copy of this provision is included herein as Attachment C.

## Tariff Revisions

By this filing, SoCalGas hereby revises Preliminary Statement, Part IV, to reflect an increase in the tax factor from $20 \%$ to $31 \%$, which is used to compute the ITC associated with Contribution in Aid of Construction and Refundable Advances for Construction. The revised tax factor has been calculated, as shown in Attachment D, by using "Method 5" adopted by D.87-09-026 and D.87-12-028. Effective January 1, 2009, the additional depreciation allowance is no longer allowed and property contributed to SoCalGas after December 31, 2008 will be subject to the authorized tax factor of $31 \%$.

## 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 Jerry Royer (mas@cpuc.ca.gov) and Honesto Gatchalian (inj@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. Therefore, SoCalGas requests that this filing be approved and effective January 1, 2009, and remain in effect until SoCalGas' next such filing with the Commission.

## Notice

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

## KEN DEREMER

Director
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Attachments

| MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed) |  |  |  |
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| Company name/CPUC Utility No. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904-G) |  |  |  |
| Utility type: ELC PLC | Q GAS $\square$ HEAT WATER | Contact Perso <br> Phone \#: (213) <br> E-mail: snew | tilities.com |
| ELC = Electric <br> PLC = Pipeline | EXPLANATION OF UTILITY $\begin{aligned} & \text { GAS }=\text { Gas } \\ & \text { HEAT }=\text { Heat } \end{aligned}$ | VATER = Water | (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC) |

Advice Letter (AL) \#: 3931
Subject of AL: Increase of the Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances for Construction

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Non-core, Procurement
AL filing type: $\square$ Monthly $\square$ Quarterly $\square$ Annual $\square$ One-Time $\boxtimes$ Other Periodically
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution \#:
D.87-09-026 and D.87-12-028

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No
Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL ${ }^{1}$ : N/A

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

| Resolution Required? $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No | Tier Designation: $\square 1 \quad \boxtimes 2 \quad \square 3$ |
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| Requested effective date: 1/1/09 | No. of tariff sheets: $\quad 2$ |
| Estimated system annual revenue effect: (\%): |  |
| Estimated system average rate effect (\%): |  |
| When rates are affected by AL, include attach (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agric | wing average rate effects on customer classes g). |
| Tariff schedules affected: PS IV and TO |  |

Service affected and changes proposed ${ }^{1}$ : $\square$

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

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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Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) and Refundable Advances for Construction (Advances) shall include federal and state taxes applicable to but not limited to, cash, services, facilities, labor, and property provided by a person or agency to the Utility. The value of all contributions and advances shall consist of two components for the purpose of recording transactions as follows:
(1) Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances (ITCCA), and
(2) The balance of the contribution or advance.

The ITCCA shall be calculated by multiplying the balance of the CIAC or Advance by the tax factor of 31\% beginning January 1, 2009, and thereafter.

The Utility shall make advice letter filings to reflect any changes in the tax factor that would increase or decrease the tax factor by five percentage points or more.

The tax factor is established in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 3.a. of Decision 87-09-026, as modified by Decision 87-12-028.

State tax shall be collected in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 6 of Decision 87-09-026.
Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1757, California Corporate Franchise Tax shall be collected beginning January 1, 1992.

Utility shall recover through rates any penalties, interest or taxes incurred if the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) deems the method of tax collection authorized by Decision 87-09-026 a violation of the tax normalization rules and imposes additional taxes, penalties and interest.

A Public Benefit Exemption may apply on a CIAC or Advance made to the Utility by a government agency on the basis of either:
(1) the CIAC or Advance is exempt from the ITCCA tax because it is made pursuant to actual condemnation or the threat thereof as recognized by Internal Revenue Code Section 1033; or,
(2) the CIAC or Advance is exempt because it does not reasonably relate to the provision of service but rather to the benefit of the public at large.
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## ATTACHMENT C

## Economic Stimulus Act of 2008

## TITLE I - RECOVERY REBATES AND INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS INVESTMENT

## SEC. 103. SPECIAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING 2008.

(a) IN GENERAL.-Subsection (k) of section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to special allowance for certain property acquired after September 10, 2001, and before January 1, 2005) is amended-
(1) by striking ''September 10, 2001'’ each place it appears and inserting ' $D$ ecember 31, 2007",
(2) by striking ''September 11, 2001'’ each place it appears and inserting '‘January 1, 2008'’,
(3) by striking 'January 1, 2005"' each place it appears and inserting 'January 1, 2009', and
(4) by striking 'January 1, 2006"' each place it appears and inserting '‘January 1, 2010"'.
(b) 50 PERCENT ALLOWANCE.-Subparagraph (A) of section 168(k)(1) of such Code is amended by striking
'" 30 percent'" and inserting ' 50 percent'".
(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.-
(1) Subclause (I) of section 168(k)(2)(B)(i) of such Code is amended by striking ' 'and (iii)'’ and inserting
'(iii), and (iv)".
(2) Subclause (IV) of section 168(k)(2)(B)(i) of such Code is amended by striking '"clauses (ii) and (iii)' and inserting "clause (iii)".
(3) Clause (i) of section 168(k)(2)(C) of such Code is amended by striking '"and (iii)'’ and inserting ' ', (iii), and (iv)'.'
(4) Clause (i) of section 168(k)(2)(F) of such Code is amended by striking ' $\$ 4,600$ '’ and inserting
" $\$ 8,000$ "'.
(5)(A) Subsection (k) of section 168 of such Code is amended by striking paragraph (4).
(B) Clause (iii) of section 168(k)(2)(D) of such Code is amended by striking the last sentence.
(6) Paragraph (4) of section 168(1) of such Code is amended by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) as subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) and inserting before subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated) the following new subparagraph:
"'(A) BONUS DEPRECIATION PROPERTY UNDER SUBSECTION (k).-Such term shall not include any property to which section 168(k) applies.'".
(7) Paragraph (5) of section 168(l) of such Code is amended-
(A) by striking ''September 10, 2001'" in subparagraph (A) and inserting ''December 31, 2007'', and
(B) by striking 'January 1, 2005"' in subparagraph (B) and inserting '"January 1, 2009'.
(8) Subparagraph (D) of section 1400L(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking 'JJanuary 1, 2005"' and inserting 'January 1, 2010''.
(9) Paragraph (3) of section 1400 N(d) of such Code is amended-
(A) by striking '‘September 10, 2001"' in subparagraph (A) and inserting ' $D e c e m b e r ~ 31, ~ 2007 ’ ’, ~ a n d ~$
(B) by striking ' 'January 1, 2005'' in subparagraph (B) and inserting ''January 1, 2009''.
(10) Paragraph (6) of section $1400 \mathrm{~N}(\mathrm{~d}$ ) of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
'(E) EXCEPTION FOR BONUS DEPRECIATION PROPERTY UNDER SECTION 168(k).-The term 'specified Gulf Opportunity Zone extension property' shall not include any property to which section 168(k) applies.’'.
(11) The heading for subsection (k) of section 168 of such Code is amended-
(A) by striking '‘SEPTEMBER 10, 2001'’ and inserting ' $D E C E M B E R$ 31, 2007’’, and
(B) by striking '‘JANUARY 1, 2005"’ and inserting '‘JANUARY 1, 2009"'
(12) The heading for clause (ii) of section 168(k)(2)(B) of such Code is amended by striking "PRE-

JANUARY 1, 2005"' and inserting 'PRE-JANUARY 1, 2009’’.
(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.-The amendments made by this section shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2007, in taxable years ending after such date.

## ATTACHMENT D

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Revised Tax Factor Calculation Using Method 5
Adopted by D.87-09-026 and D.87-12-028

CIAC GROSS-UP COMPUTATION INCLUDING CALIFORNIA TAXES


CIAC GROSS-UP COMPUTATION INCLUDING CALIFORNIA TAXES



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