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Advice Letter 4011

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Subject: Termination of Mutual Assistance Agreement and Revisions to Rule No. 23 – Continuity of Service and Interruption of Delivery

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4011 is effective September 26, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Advice No. 4011 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# <u>Subject</u>: Termination of Mutual Assistance Agreement and Revisions to Rule No. 23 – Continuity of Service and Interruption of Delivery

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revision to its Rule No. 23, Continuity of Service and Interruption of Delivery, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

# <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this filing is to notify the Commission that SoCalGas and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) have agreed to terminate their Mutual Assistance Agreement (MAA) dated June 8, 1993. In addition and partly as a result of such termination, SoCalGas proposes to revise its Rule No. 23. The reasons for the termination of the MAA and the request to revise Rule No. 23 are explained below.

# **Background**

On February 16, 1994, the Commission issued Resolution G-3097 approving the MAA. Under the MAA, each utility may request temporary emergency assistance from the other in the event of insufficient gas supplies to satisfy core requirements. The MAA provides that "Subject to an earlier termination pursuant to an order of the Commission, [it] shall continue in full force and effect until terminated by either Party...." In addition, Resolution G-3097 provides that the MAA "...shall remain in effect until terminated by either party...or as a result of Commission action."

SoCalGas and SDG&E consider that the Commission approval of their system integration and the consolidation of the core procurement function of SoCalGas and SDG&E are good reasons for SoCalGas and SDG&E to terminate the MAA. Further, under the current operational structure of SoCalGas and SDG&E, the two utilities have no separate Gas Control or gas procurement departments that can seek assistance from each other. In addition, with the requested changes to Rule No. 23 below, SoCalGas and SDG&E believe that the MAA will no longer be necessary and the emergency support for each other's core loads can be provided pursuant to the modified Rule No. 23.

#### Requested Tariff Revisions

Sections I and J on sheet 9 of 12 of Rule No. 23 no longer reflect the operational reality of the SoCalGas and SDG&E system. These sections were added to Rule No. 23 to comply with the capacity brokering decisions (D) 91-11-025 and D. 92-07-025. Section I was written to comply with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 23 of D.92-07-025 while Section J was written to comply with OP 3 of D.91-11-025.

Section I currently reads as follows:

I. <u>Wholesale Service Excluding SDG&E</u>

Wholesale customers, excluding SDG&E, will receive Priority 1 and 2A service from the Utility in proportion to such customers' Priority 1 and 2A loads. Service to wholesale customers' loads shall be curtailed in the same manner as that for the Utility's retail customers. Wholesale customers may, however, negotiate with the Utility regarding the timing and extent of curtailments for their noncore loads with the condition that such loads shall be subject to curtailments which are proportionate to the curtailment of the Utility's noncore customers.

This language is generally still relevant to the current system operations of SoCalGas and SDG&E. However, the "Excluding SDG&E" provision in the title and first sentence of Section I no longer makes sense now that an integrated Gas System Operations organization operates the gas transmission systems of both utilities on a unified basis. Accordingly, SoCalGas and SDG&E propose that this provision be removed from Section I, as well as from the section title.

Section J currently reads as follows:

#### J. Wholesale Service to SDG&E

The Utility and SDG&E shall operate as independent gas systems to the extent operationally feasible. The Utility shall curtail its noncore customers only to the extent necessary to maintain service to its own core customers. Likewise, SDG&E shall curtail service to its noncore customers only to the extent necessary to maintain service to its own core customers. Neither the Utility nor SDG&E shall curtail its noncore customers to serve the core requirements of the other except as expressly provided by a mutual assistance agreement between the two utilities.

This section is no longer relevant or accurate now that system operations and gas procurement have been consolidated at the two utilities. Accordingly, SoCalGas and SDG&E request that this entire section be deleted from Rule No. 23.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

# **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 (<u>mas@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) and 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.

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

## **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 the tariff sheets filed herein be effective on September 26, 2009, which is 30 calendar days from the date filed.

# <u>Notice</u>

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

Ronald van der Leeden Director Rates, Revenues & Tariffs

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. SO	UTHERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904G)		
Utility type:	Contact Person: <u>S</u>	Sid Newsom		
$\Box$ ELC $\Box$ GAS	Phone #: (213) <u>244-2846</u>			
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)				
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas				
PLC = PipelineHEAT = HeatWATER = Water				
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4011				
Subject of AL: <u>Termination of the M</u>	<u>Iutual Assistance</u>	Agreement and Revision to		
Rule No. 23 - Continuity of Service a	nd Interruption of	Delivery		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)	: Rules; Agreeme	nts		
AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarter	rly 🗌 Annual 🖂 C	Dne-Time 🗌 Other		
If AL filed in compliance with a Com	-			
N/A				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reject	cted AL? If so, ide	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>		
Summarize differences between the A				
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Does AL request confidential treatme	ent? If so, provide e	explanation: No		
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Resolution Required? $\Box$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No		Tier Designation: $\Box 1 \boxtimes 2 \Box 3$		
Requested effective date: 9/26/09		No. of tariff sheets: <u>6</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	de attachment in A	L showing average rate effects on customer		
classes (residential, small commercia	al, large C/I, agricu	ıltural, lighting).		
Tariff schedules affected: <u>Rules and TOCs</u>				
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> : <u>N/A</u>				
Pending advice letters that revise the	e same tariff sheets	s: <u>None</u>		
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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		
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ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 4011

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 4011

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# Rule No. 23 CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND INTERRUPTION OF DELIVERY

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# G. System Maintenance and Repair (Continued)

In the event such interruption of service affects more than one customer, interruption of service shall be made in the order established herein only to the extent it is operationally feasible to do so. Special conditions which apply to scheduled maintenance for firm intrastate service are set forth in Section L herein.

## H. Utility Electric Generation Service

The Utility shall accommodate, subject to the capability of its existing physical facilities and the requirements of higher priority customers, requests by its retail and wholesale customers for reallocation of deliveries for use in electric generating plants deviating from the normal pattern of deliveries by the Utility (a) of an emergency nature to avoid actual electric load curtailment, and/or (b) based on requirements to minimize particularly adverse air pollution impacts expected to be of short duration. Such deviations in deliveries must be approved by the Utility and shall be in accordance with the agreements between the Utility's retail and wholesale customers relating to such reallocations and providing for compensation between such customers. In no event, however, will the Utility's total deliveries which would have been scheduled absent the reallocation agreements between Utility's customers. Customers requesting the Utility to redirect deliveries hereunder shall notify the CPUC promptly after each occurrence of the problem occasioning such request.

#### I. Wholesale Service

Wholesale customers will receive Priority 1 and 2A service from the Utility in proportion to such customers' Priority 1 and 2A loads. Service to wholesale customers' loads shall be curtailed in the same manner as that for the Utility's retail customers. Wholesale customers may, however, negotiate with the Utility regarding the timing and extent of curtailments for their noncore loads with the condition that such loads shall be subject to curtailments which are proportionate to the curtailment of the Utility's noncore customers.

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# Rule No. 23 CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND INTERRUPTION OF DELIVERY

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## J. Curtailment Violations

The Utility shall read the meter of the curtailed customer at the beginning and end of each curtailment period for the applicable service curtailed. For other than a customer operating emergency as set forth in Section C.6, customers failing to curtail on request will be assessed a penalty of \$1.00 per therm for the initial 5 hours of the Customer's operating day, \$3.00 per therm for hours 6 through 8, and \$10.00 per therm for hours 9 through the end of the curtailment episode. The penalty applies to all gas quantities determined by the Utility to be in violation of curtailment. All other charges associated with such usage will apply. Curtailment violations will be determined as follows:

# 1. System Curtailment

For curtailment of interruptible or firm intrastate service, customers whose consumption under their applicable service schedule exceeds their authorized curtailment quantity during the curtailment of such service will be in violation of curtailment.

For curtailment of standby procurement service under Schedule No. G-IMB, customers whose consumption under such schedule exceeds their actual transportation deliveries plus the ten percent (10%) tolerance band will be in violation of curtailment. The Utility shall assess negative imbalances incurred during the standby curtailment period separately from monthly imbalances incurred outside such period. Negative imbalances determined to be in violation of curtailment shall not be eligible for imbalance trading. Such negative imbalances will be charged at the applicable standby procurement rate in addition to the curtailment violation penalty.

## 2. Localized Curtailment

For curtailment of interruptible or firm intrastate service, customers whose consumption under their applicable service schedule exceeds their authorized curtailment quantity during the curtailment period for such service will be in violation of curtailment. Standby procurement service shall not be curtailed during a localized curtailment.

## 3. Authorized Curtailment Quantity

The authorized curtailment quantity used to determine a customer's compliance with curtailment shall be established on the basis of the monthly contract billing quantities set forth in the customer's Master Services Contract, Schedule A, Intrastate Transmission Service (Form Nos. 6597 and 6597-1).

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#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

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Revised 44942-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. Revised 37969-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

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#### J. Curtailment Violations (Continued)

#### 3. Authorized Curtailment Quantity (Continued)

The customer's total authorized curtailment quantity for the applicable period of curtailment shall be equal to the sum of the authorized curtailment quantities for each of the customer's services which are not subject to curtailment during such period. For each such service, the authorized curtailment quantity shall be equal to the monthly contract quantity divided by the customer's actual number of operating days for such service during the month in which the curtailment occurs, multiplied by the customer's actual number of operating days during the curtailment period.

The customer's actual operating days for the month shall be determined based on the operating-day information set forth in the customer's contract. For service designated as operating seven days per week, the operating days shall be all calendar days in the month. For service designated as less than seven operating days per week, the operating days shall be all designated days in the month excluding national holidays. Customers with non-uniform operating schedules for any particular month shall be required to designate in the contract the actual operating-day schedule for such months. The customer may request a change to the operating schedule on a month-to-month basis. All operating schedules shall be subject to the Utility's acceptance and the Utility may adjust such schedules as it deems necessary based on the customer's operations.

#### K. Service Interruption Credit

A qualifying service interruption of firm intrastate transmission service is defined as any curtailment which is not (1) the result of either force majeure or scheduled maintenance, as described below, or (2) a curtailment of Standby Procurement service. If a firm intrastate transmission customer experiences more than one qualifying interruption during the ten-year period beginning on the implementation date of the CPUC's Capacity Brokering Rules, the Utility shall provide such customer with a Service Interruption Credit (SIC) of \$0.25 per therm of gas curtailed or diverted.

For the customer's first qualifying interruption during the ten-year period, the SIC shall only apply to the volume of curtailed or diverted gas over and above 72 consecutive hours of full curtailment or the volumetric equivalent thereof during a five day period. For subsequent qualifying interruptions during this period, the SIC shall apply to all of the customer's curtailed or diverted volumes resulting from the subsequent interruptions regardless of the duration or extent of the customer's initial interruption.

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CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 44943-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 43368-G

# Rule No. 23 CONTINUITY OF SERVICE AND INTERRUPTION OF DELIVERY

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# K. Service Interruption Credit (Continued)

The maximum aggregate SIC obligation of the Utility in any calendar year shall be \$5 million. To the extent such maximum aggregate obligation would be exceeded, the Utility shall provide the SIC on a pro rata basis to all applicable customers for the calendar year. Utility shall make payment of the SIC at the end of the applicable calendar year.

# 1. Force Majeure

For the purpose of SIC applicability, force majeure shall be defined as the occurrence of unforeseen events or conditions, not resulting from a negligent act or omission on the part of the Utility, that are beyond its reasonable control and that could not have been prevented by the exercise of due diligence on its part. The Utility shall use all reasonable efforts to remedy such events or conditions and to remove the cause of same in an adequate manner and with reasonable dispatch. The occurrence of high demand for gas service due to weather conditions shall not constitute a force majeure event.

## 2. Scheduled Maintenance

For the purpose of SIC applicability, scheduled maintenance shall be considered the interruption of transmission service to the customer resulting from maintenance of the Utility's facilities which are directly relevant to providing such service to the customer's facilities when the customer has been given at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice of the scheduled date of the maintenance and service interruption.

The Utility shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the duration of such scheduled maintenance interruptions and to reroute the flow of natural gas to eliminate any service interruptions that would otherwise occur due to such maintenance.

The Utility shall consult with the customer in scheduling any such maintenance interruptions and shall use reasonable efforts to schedule such maintenance to accommodate the customer's operating needs and to continue same only for such time as is necessary, including any agreed upon adjustments to the scheduled date for maintenance as reasonably necessary in light of unforeseen occurrences affecting the customer and/or the Utility.

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