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**Subject: Establishment of the Fire Hazard Prevention Memorandum  
Account (FHPMA) in compliance with D.09-08-029**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4014 is effective August 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Advice No. 4014  
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Establishment of the Fire Hazard Prevention Memorandum Account (FHPMA) in compliance with Decision (D.) 09-08-029**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing revisions to its Preliminary Statement Part VI, Memorandum Accounts, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

**Purpose**

This complies with Ordering Paragraph 7 of D.09-08-029 directing each cost-of-service regulated utility to file an advice letter establishing a memorandum account to record its costs related to implementing the measures specified therein to avoid retroactive ratemaking.

**Background**

D.09-08-029, the phase 1 decision in R.08-11-005, implements statewide measures for electric transmission and distribution lines and related communication facilities to reduce fire hazards in California before the start of the 2009 fall fire season. It extends the applicability of General Order (GO) 95, Rules for Overhead Electric Line Construction, to non-electric utilities, including SoCalGas. It directed all entities subject to these measures to use all reasonable means to implement the measures before the 2009 fall fire season starts. It finds that each cost-of-service regulated utility is entitled to recover reasonable costs prudently incurred to comply with the measures therein adopted.

**Requested Tariff Revision**

Pursuant to D.09-08-029, SoCalGas is revising its Preliminary Statement Part VI to establish the FHPMA. This account will track the costs associated with fire hazard prevention. Costs will be tracked in the FHPMA until those costs are reviewed and authorized for recovery by the Commission in connection with Phase 2 of R.08-11-005.

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 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 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  
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Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Maria Salinas ([mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)) and Honesto Gatchalian ([jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov)) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should 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 that this filing 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 this filing become effective on August 20, 2009, the effective date of D.09-08-029, subject to review by the Commission's Energy Division.

**Notice**

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A, which includes parties in R.08-11-005.

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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  
 PLC     HEAT     WATER

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### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric                      GAS = Gas  
PLC = Pipeline                     HEAT = Heat    WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4014

Subject of AL: Establishment of Fire Hazard Prevention Memorandum Account in Compliance with D.09-08-029

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Preliminary Statement; Memorandum Accounts

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D.09-08-029

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<sup>1</sup>: N/A

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

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Tier Designation:  1     2     3

Requested effective date: 8/20/09

No. of tariff sheets: 4

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: PS VI and TOC General

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: None

**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**

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**ATTACHMENT A**

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**(See Attached Service Lists)**

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ATTACHMENT B  
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 44983-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS, DESCRIPTION AND LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS, Sheet 1	Revised 43307-G***
Original 44984-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS, FIRE HAZARD PREVENTION MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (FHPMA)	
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS  
DESCRIPTION AND LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS

Sheet 1

A. GENERAL

Memorandum accounts are special accounts authorized by the Commission for the purpose of tracking certain costs and revenues. Please refer to each individual memorandum account description for the specific accounting treatment applicable to each account.

B. LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS

- PCB Expense Account (PCBEA)
- Research Development and Demonstration Expense Account (RDDEA)
- Curtailed Violation Penalty Account (CVPA)
- Economic Practicality Shortfall Memorandum Account (EPSMA)
- Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA)
- Vernon Avoided Distribution Cost Memorandum Account (VADCMA)
- Vernon Rate Savings Memorandum Account (VRSMA)
- Vernon Negotiated Core Contract Memorandum Account (VNCCMA)
- Research Royalty Memorandum Account (RRMA)
- NGV Research Development & Demonstration Memorandum Account (RDDNGV)
- Intervenor Award Memorandum Account (IAMA)
- Z Factor Account (ZFA)
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- Gas Industry Restructuring Memorandum Account (GIRMA)
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- Baseline Memorandum Account (BMA)
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- Cost of Service Revenue Requirement Memorandum Account (COSRRMA)
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- Late Payment Charge Memorandum Account (LPCMA)
- Gain/Loss On Sale Memorandum Account (GLOSMA)
- Affiliate Transfer Fee Account (ATFA)
- Firm Access and Storage Rights Memorandum Account (FASRMA)
- Otay Mesa System Reliability Memorandum Account (OMSRMA)
- General Rate Case Revenue Requirements Memorandum Account (GRCRRMA)
- 2009-2011 Energy Efficiency Memorandum Account (EEMA)
- System Reliability Memorandum Account (SRMA)
- Fire Hazard Prevention Memorandum Account (FHPMA)

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(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)  
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 RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS  
FIRE HAZARD PREVENTION MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (FHPMA)

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1. Purpose

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The purpose of the FHPMA is to record all costs associated with fire hazard prevention incurred in complying with D.09-08-029 that have not been previously authorized for recovery in SoCalGas' General Rate Case (GRC) or other regulatory proceeding. These costs may include: (1) expenses associated with increasing trim clearance of vegetation (interim revisions to General Order (GO) 95); (2) expenses incurred in design, construction, and maintenance of facilities to mitigate fire hazard in high speed wind areas; and (3) any other expenses incurred in implementing this order.

2. Applicability

This account shall apply to all gas customers.

3. Rates

The projected year-end FHPMA balance will be applied to gas transportation rates as authorized by the Commission.

4. Accounting Procedures

SoCalGas shall maintain the FHPMA by recording entries at the end of each month, net of FF&U, as follows:

- a) A debit entry each month equal to SoCalGas' expenses related to increasing the trim clearance of vegetation (interim revisions to GO 95);
- b) A debit entry each month equal to expenses incurred to mitigate fire hazard in high speed wind areas;
- c) A debit entry each month for additional costs incurred to comply with this order;
- d) A credit entry equal to the revenues to recover these costs as authorized by the Commission; and
- e) An entry equal to the interest on the average of the balance in the account during the month, calculated in the manner described in Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

5. Disposition

The balance in this account will be addressed in Phase 2 of Rulemaking 08-11-005.

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(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC)  
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