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Advice Letter 4020

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Subject: September 2009 Buy-Back Rates

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4020 is effective September 30, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director
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September 30, 2009

Advice No. 4020
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: September 2009 Buy-Back Rates

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 Buy-Back Rates in Schedule No. G-IMB for September 2009.

Background

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB - Transportation Imbalance Service, the Buy-Back Rates are established effective the last day of each month.

The Buy-Back Rates will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by Utility during the month the 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.

Information

During the month of September, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for September 2009 are being set accordingly. The work paper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

The new rates are reflected in the attached Schedule No. G-IMB tariff sheets.

Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the September 2009 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to October 25, 2009.

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 (mas@cpuc.ca.gov) and to Honesto Gatchalian (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 this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to GO 96-B and therefore respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective September 30, 2009, to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 4013, dated August 31, 2009.

Notice

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

Ronald van der Leeden
Director
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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 904-G)**

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Sid Newsom

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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) #: 4020

Subject of AL: September 2009 Buy-Back Rates

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Preliminary Statement, Core, Compliance

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:
D89-11-060 and D90-09-089, et al.

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 AL¹: N/A

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

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: September 30, 2009

No. of tariff sheets: 5

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): None

Estimated system average rate effect (%): None

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: 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: 4018

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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Southern California Gas Company

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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Advice No. 4020

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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 45027-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 7	Revised 45018-G
Revised 45028-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 2	Revised 45019-G
Revised 45029-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 3	Revised 44948-G
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
PART II
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES

Sheet 7

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IMBALANCE SERVICE

Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

July 2009	56.888¢	D
August 2009	56.888¢	T
September 2009	TBD*	T

Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)

July 2009	56.966¢	D
August 2009	56.966¢	T
September 2009	TBD*	T

Wholesale Standby (SP-W)

July 2009	56.966¢	D
August 2009	56.966¢	T
September 2009	TBD*	T

*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the September Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by a separate advice letter at least one day prior to October 25.

Buy-Back Rate

Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)

July 2009	17.664¢	D
August 2009	19.583¢	R
September 2009	14.810¢	R

Wholesale (BR-W)

July 2009	17.622¢	D
August 2009	19.536¢	R
September 2009	14.774¢	R

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Schedule No. G-IMB
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 2

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RATES

Imbalance quantities remaining at the end of the designated imbalance trading period and which are outside of the 10% tolerance band will be billed at the Standby Procurement Charge or purchased by the Utility at the Buy-Back Rate. Any Standby Procurement Charge or purchases at the Buy-Back Rate of core imbalances created by the Utility Gas Procurement Department will be managed within the Utility System Operator's Operational Hub Services. Such core imbalances will be disposed of, with the net revenues from the core imbalance charges flowing back through the Noncore Fixed Cost Account (NFCA).

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 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."

Core Retail Service:

SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm

July 2009	56.888¢	D
August 2009	56.888¢	T
September 2009	TBD*	

Noncore Retail Service:

SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm

July 2009	56.966¢	D
August 2009	56.966¢	T
September 2009	TBD*	

Wholesale Service:

SP-W Standby Rate per therm

July 2009	56.966¢	D
August 2009	56.966¢	T
September 2009	TBD*	

*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the September Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by a separate advice letter at least one day prior to October 25.

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Schedule No. G-IMB
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 3

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RATES (Continued)

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 the 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.

Retail Service:

BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm

July 2009	17.664¢	D
August 2009	19.583¢	
September 2009	14.810¢	R

Wholesale Service:

BR-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm

July 2009	17.622¢	D
August 2009	19.536¢	
September 2009	14.774¢	R

If the incremental cost of gas is the basis for the Standby or Buy-Back Rates, the Utility will provide CPUC the necessary work papers for such cost. Such documentation will be provided under confidentiality pursuant to General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code.

Daily Balancing Standby Rates

During November through March customers are required to deliver (flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at a minimum of 50% of burn during a five-day period. Volumes not in compliance with the 50% five-day minimum delivery requirement are purchased at the daily standby rate. The daily balancing standby rate is calculated as 150% of the highest Southern California Border price during the five-day period as published in "NGI's Daily Gas Price Index" including authorized franchise fees and, for retail customers, uncollectible expenses (F&U), and an authorized brokerage fee. Authorized F&U will not be added to any daily stand-by balancing charge for the Utility Gas Procurement Department to the extent it is collected elsewhere.

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ATTACHMENT C

ADVICE NO. 4020

**RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER
BASED ON ADVICE NO. 4013
ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:

Retail G-CPA: 29.619 ¢ per therm
(WACOG: 29.116 ¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles:
0.503 ¢ or [1.7262% * 29.116 ¢])

Wholesale G-CPA: 29.548 ¢ per therm
(WACOG: 29.116 ¢ + Franchise:
0.432 ¢ or [1.4837% * 29.116 ¢])

GIMB Buy-Back Rates

BR-R = 50% of Retail G-CPA:
50% * 29.619 cents/therm = **14.810** cents/therm

BR-W = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA:
50% * 29.548 cents/therm = **14.774** cents/therm