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#### **Advice Letter 4028**

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**Subject: October 2009 Buy-Back Rates** 

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4028 is effective October 31, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Julie A. Fitch, Director Energy Division





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October 30, 2009

Advice No. 4028 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

#### **Subject: October 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 October 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.

#### <u>Information</u>

During the month of October, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for October 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 October 2009 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to November 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

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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 October 31, 2009, to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 4021, dated September 30, 2009.

#### **Notice**

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

Ronald van der Leeden Director Rates, Revenues and Tariffs

Attachments

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## ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)		
Company name/CPUC Utility No. <b>SO</b>	UTHERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904-G)
Utility type:	lity type: Contact Person: Sid Newsom	
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE	PE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat W	VATER = Water	
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4028	<u></u>	
Subject of AL: October 2009 Buy	-Back Rates	
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)	: Preliminary Sta	tement, Core, Compliance
AL filing type: ⊠ Monthly □ Quarter	rly 🗌 Annual 🗌 C	ne-Time 🗌 Other
AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:		
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejec	eted AL? If so, ider	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>
•		ithdrawn or rejected AL¹:N/A
Does AL request confidential treatment	nt? If so, provide e	explanation: No
Resolution Required?   Yes   No		Tier Designation: 🛛 1 🔲 2 🔲 3
Requested effective date: October 30, 2009 No. of tariff sheets: 5		
Estimated system annual revenue eff	fect: (%): <u>Non</u>	<u>e</u>
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 propose	ed¹:N/A	
Pending advice letters that revise the	same tariff sheets	: <u>4020 and 4027</u>
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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#### **IMBALANCE SERVICE**

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# Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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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  $0.266\phi$  per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and  $0.188\phi$  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	
August 2009	56.888¢
September 2009	66.938¢
October 2009	TBD*
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
August 2009	56.966¢
September 2009	
October 2009	TBD*
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
August 2009	
September 2009	67.016¢
October 2009	TBD*

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#### Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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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:

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September 2009		
October 2009	19.732¢	I
Wholesale Service:		

Вr	t-w Buy-Back Rate, per therm	
	August 2009	19.536¢
	September 2009	14.774¢
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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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G-MHPS	Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission
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#### ATTACHMENT C

#### **ADVICE NO. 4028**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 4021 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009

#### **Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

**Retail G-CPA:** 39.463 ¢ per therm (WACOG: 38.793 ¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles: 0.670 ¢ or [ 1.7262% \* 38.793 ¢ ] )

Wholesale G-CPA: 39.369 ¢ per therm (WACOG: 38.793 ¢ + Franchise: 0.576 ¢ or [ 1.4837% \* 38.793 ¢ ])

#### **GIMB Buy-Back Rates**

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% \* 39.463 cents/therm = **19.732** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% \* 39.369 cents/therm = **19.685** cents/therm