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Advice Letter 4062

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Subject: Monthly Minimum Charges for Bypass Customers Under Schedule No. GT-TLS

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4062 is effective February 1, 2010.

Sincerely,

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Advice No.4062 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Monthly Minimum Charges for Bypass Customers Under Schedule No. GT-TLS

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits customer-specific Monthly Minimum Charges, as shown in Attachment B, for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

Purpose

In compliance with the requirements for Bypass customers under Schedule No. GT-TLS (GT-TLS), Intrastate Transportation Service for Transmission Level Customers, SoCalGas has computed Monthly Minimum Charges for three Bypass customers. SoCalGas requests that these charges become effective on February 1, 2010, consistent with the effective date of GT-TLS.¹

Background

On November 20, 2009 the Commission issued Decision (D.) 09-11-006 approving and adopting, with certain modifications, the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement in Phase 2 of the Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding for SoCalGas (Settlement).²

Among other things, the Settlement proposed a new Intrastate Transportation Service for Transmission Level Customers (TLS) which requires the Utility to calculate a Minimum Monthly Charge for each Bypass customer taking service under GT-TLS and to seek approval of these charges by Advice Letter.³ Bypass customers are customers who take

¹ GT-TLS was approved in Advice Letter (AL) 4047/4047-A on January 19, 2010.

² See Application (A.) 08-02-001, which was filed jointly with San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E).

³ SoCalGas AL 4047, dated December 7, 2009, Attachment B, GT-TLS, specifies, "The Monthly Minimum Charge shall apply to a Bypass customer only. The Monthly Minimum Charge shall recover the Utility's actual Customer-related service costs. Customer-related service costs shall be limited to actual operations and maintenance costs of the metering equipment and other related facilities at the Customer's meter(s) that are owned and operated by the Utility necessary

service from both SoCalGas and an alternate gas transportation service provider, i.e., customers who partially bypass utility service.

Monthly Minimum Charges

The three customers for which SoCalGas has developed Monthly Minimum Charges have historically been served under Schedule No. GT-PS, Peaking Service, and therefore meet the applicability requirements for GT-TLS. Two customers have formally requested to have their Monthly Minimum Charge calculated so they can continue SoCalGas service under GT-TLS when it goes into effect. These requests were made on December 17, 2009 and January 11, 2010, respectively. The remaining customer has not requested to discontinue service when GT-TLS goes into effect, therefore it will be transitioned to service under GT-TLS according to the TLS Implementation Plan adopted in AL 4047/4047A. SoCalGas is proposing a separate Monthly Minimum Charge for each of these three customers. These charges are listed in Attachment B which is being submitted confidentially to the Commission under the provisions of General Order (G.O.) 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code.

According to the Settlement, the purpose of the Monthly Minimum Charge is "to recover customer specific service costs (e.g., metering, regulation, billing, etc.)." These charges are to be based on actual operations and maintenance costs of the metering equipment and other related facilities at each individual customer's meter(s) that are owned and operated by SoCalGas. The charges cover activities that are necessary to deliver gas in accordance with SoCalGas' rules and procedures, good industry practice, and governmental regulations.

The Monthly Minimum Charge for each customer does not include replacement of major components of SoCalGas' measurement and regulation equipment. In the event that such replacement is required in the future in order to continue to provide gas service, SoCalGas shall install the necessary equipment at the customer's expense, or, if requested by the customer, discontinue service.⁶

SoCalGas shall file for approval updates to these Monthly Minimum Charges as necessary to recover actual costs as they may increase from time to time.

to deliver gas in accordance with the Utility's rules and procedures, good industry practice, and governmental regulations. The Utility shall determine actual Customer related service costs for each eligible Customer not later than 30 days following a request by the Customer and shall seek CPUC approval of the resulting Monthly Minimum Charge by Advice Letter. The approved Monthly Minimum Charge for each Customer shall apply only when the charge exceeds the total reservation and volumetric transportation charges for GT-TLS service and shall be applied in lieu of the total reservation and volumetric transportation charges."

⁴ See AL 4047, pp. 9-11.

A.08-02-001, Settlement, Attachment 1, TLS Customer Class Rate Design, Section 4.e., p. 3.
 A.08-02-001, Settlement, Attachment 2, Uncontested Proposals, Section 33 states, "Adopt SDG&E/SoCalGas' proposal that, to the extent a bypass customer requests a new service line or meter from SDG&E or SoCalGas for standby service, SDG&E or SoCalGas will install the service line or meter at the customer's expense, and the customer will be subject to the previously described 24-month usage evaluation."

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 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.

Attn: Sid Newsom Regulatory 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 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to G.O. 96-B, and therefore respectfully requests that this filing become effective for service on and after February 1, 2010.

Notice

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to the parties shown on Attachment A, which includes the service list for A.08-02-001.

Ronald van der Leeden Director Rates, Revenues, and Tariffs

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:	Contact Person: <u>Sid Newsom</u>	
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☐ PLC ☐ HEAT ☐ WATER	E-mail: SNewsom@semprautilities.com	
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)		
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4062		
Subject of AL: Monthly Minimum Charge for Bypass Customers under Schedule No. GT-TLS		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): BCAP, Compliance, Noncore,		
AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other Periodic		
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:		
<u>D09-11-006</u>		
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: Yes due to customer-specific		
Information provided in Attachment B.		
Resolution Required? \square Yes \boxtimes No		Tier Designation: \square 1 \square 2 \square 3
Requested effective date: <u>2/1/10</u> No. of tariff sheets: <u>None</u>		
Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%):		
Estimated system average rate effect (%):		
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: None		
Service affected and changes proposed ¹ : NA		
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:		
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 $^{^{\}mbox{\tiny 1}}$ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

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ATTACHMENT B

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MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGES FOR BYPASS CUSTOMERS UNDER SCHEDULE NO. GT-TLS

Adopted by D.09-11-006

(Provided to the Commission under the Confidentiality Provisions of General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the California Public Utilities Code)

> Monthly Minimum Charges for Southern California Gas Company Bypass Customers Tables 1 and 2

<u>Table 1</u>: Monthly Minimum Charges for Southern California Gas Company Bypass Customers - Summary

Table 2: Monthly Minimum Charges for Southern California Gas Company Bypass

Customers - Details