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**Advice Letter 4084** 

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# Subject: Daily Balancing Standby Rates for February 23-28, 2010

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4084 is effective March 2, 2010.

Sincerely,

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Julie A. Fitch, Director Energy Division



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March 2, 2010

Advice No. 4084 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# Subject: Daily Balancing Standby Rates for February 23-28, 2010

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 filing updates the Daily Balancing Standby Rates for the period of February 23, 2010 through February 28, 2010 in Schedule No. G-IMB, Transportation Imbalance Service, as authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) approval of SoCalGas' Advice Nos. 2651, 2651-A and 2651-B on December 26, 1997, which were filed in compliance with Decision (D.) 97-11-070, dated November 19, 1997, which modified Capacity Brokering Decision D.90-09-089 by adopting modifications to SoCalGas' balancing rules.

# Background

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB, customers will be subject to balancing rules during the winter operating period. From November through March, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 50% of burn over a five-day period. As the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the peak day minimum + 20 Bcf, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 70% of burn daily. As the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the peak day minimum + 5 Bcf, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage declines to the peak day minimum + 5 Bcf, customers will be required to deliver (using a combination of flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at least 90% of burn daily. Volumes not in compliance with the minimum delivery requirements will be purchased at the daily balancing standby rates described below. Imbalance trading and as-available withdrawal may not be used to offset the minimum delivery requirements. A complete description of the winter minimum delivery requirements is specified in Rule No. 30, Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas.

The Daily Balancing Standby Rates are calculated as follows:

- 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 balancing standby rate. The daily balancing standby rate is calculated as 150% of the highest Southern California Border price during the fiveday 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.
- 2. When the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger", the minimum daily delivery requirement increases to 70%. The five-day period no longer applies. The daily balancing standby rate is 150% of the highest Southern California Border price per NGI's *Daily* Gas Price Index for the day (including F&U and brokerage fee) and is applied to each day's deliveries which are less than the 70% delivery requirement.
- 3. When the Utility's total inventory in storage declines to the "peak day minimum + 5 Bcf trigger", the minimum delivery requirement increases to 90% daily. Similar to the 70% regime, the five-day period no longer applies. The daily balancing standby rate is 150% of the highest Southern California Border price per NGI's *Daily* Gas Price Index for the day (including F&U and brokerage fee) and is applied to each day's deliveries which are less than the 90% delivery requirement.

As further authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB by the Commission's approval of SoCalGas' Advice No. 3018 on June 6, 2001, the Daily Balancing Standby Rates may be filed weekly to become effective immediately. In any event, the Daily Balancing Standby Rates shall be filed on or before the fifth business day of each month.

### **Requested Tariff Revisions**

The new rates are reflected in the attached Schedule No. G-IMB tariff sheets. The note at the end of the Daily Balancing Standby Rates section is revised to state that for the days of February 1-28, 2010 the Utility's total inventory in storage was above the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger" and therefore the five-day period applies. The workpaper showing the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

# **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 to 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.

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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. As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB, the tariff sheets filed herein are to be effective for service on and after March 2, 2010, which is the date filed, and are to be applicable to the period of February 23, 2010 through February 28, 2010.

# <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 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 904-G)			
Utility type:	Contact Person: <u>Sid Newsom</u>			
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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	PΕ	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)		
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat				
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4084				
Subject of AL: <u>Daily Balancing Stan</u>	<u>ndby Rates for Febr</u>	ruary 23-28, 2010		
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Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)	): Compliance, No	on-core, Procurement		
AL filing type:  Monthly Quarter				
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D97-11-070				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reject	cted AL? If so, ider	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>		
		ithdrawn or rejected AL <sup>1</sup> : <u>N/A</u>		
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Does AL request confidential treatme	ent? If so, provide e	explanation: <u>No</u>		
Resolution Required?  Yes  No		Tier Designation: $\square 1 \square 2 \square 3$		
Requested effective date: 3/2/10		No. of tariff sheets: <u>4</u>		
Estimated system annual revenue ef	fect: (%):			
Estimated system average rate effect	(%):			
When rates are affected by AL, inclue classes (residential, small commercia		L showing average rate effects on customer ıltural, lighting).		
Tariff schedules affected: G-IM	IB and TOCs			
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> : <u>N/A</u>				
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>4059, 4064, 4072, 4075, 4076, and</u> 4078				
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		Southern California Gas Company		
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ATTACHMENT A

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 4084

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Daily Balancing Standby Rate, per therm (Continued)

February 2010 Day	Core Retail <u>DB-CR</u>	Noncore Retail <u>DB-NR</u>	Wholesale DB-W
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11	\$0.84533	\$0.84648	\$0.84447
12	\$0.84991	\$0.85106	\$0.84903
13	\$0.83770	\$0.83885	\$0.83686
14	\$0.83770	\$0.83885	\$0.83686
15	\$0.83770	\$0.83885	\$0.83686
Period 3 High	\$0.84991	\$0.85106	\$0.84903
16	\$0.83770	\$0.83885	\$0.83686
17	\$0.86517	\$0.86632	\$0.86426
18	\$0.83007	\$0.83122	\$0.82924
19	\$0.82549	\$0.82664	\$0.82468
20	\$0.78734	\$0.78849	\$0.78662
Period 4 High	\$0.86517	\$0.86632	\$0.86426
21	\$0.78734	\$0.78849	\$0.78662
22	\$0.78734	\$0.78849	\$0.78662
23	\$0.77972	\$0.78087	\$0.77901
24	\$0.78429	\$0.78544	\$0.78358
25	\$0.78429	\$0.78544	\$0.78358
Period 5 High	\$0.78734	\$0.78849	\$0.78662
26	\$0.76751	\$0.76866	\$0.76683
27	\$0.76751	\$0.76866	\$0.76683
28	\$0.76751	\$0.76866	\$0.76683
Period 6 High	\$0.76751	\$0.76866	\$0.76683

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RATES (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rates (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rate, per therm (Continued)

Note: For the days of February 1-28, 2010, the Utility's total inventory in storage was above the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger," and therefore the five-day period applies.

# **Revision of Rates**

The Standby Procurement Charge and the Buy-Back Rate shall be established effective the last day of each month. The Daily Balancing Standby Rate shall be established on NGI's Daily Gas Price Index. The Utility may file the Daily Balancing Standby Rate weekly to become effective immediately. In any event, the Daily Balancing Standby Rate shall be filed on or before the fifth business day of each month.

# SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- 1. Definitions of the principal terms used in this rate schedule are contained in Rule No. 1.
- 2. Imbalances of customers other than the Utility Gas Procurement Department or ESPs will be calculated by combining all of a customer's meters served under the same order control code, not by account or individual delivery point. The order control code is used by the Utility to group those facilities identified by the customer for determining the customer's imbalances. In the case of the Utility Gas Procurement Department the applicable Daily Forecast Quantity will be used. In the case of ESPs their applicable Daily Contract Quantity (DCQ) will be used.

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# ATTACHMENT C ADVICE NO. 4084 RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER DAILY BALANCING STANDBY RATE FILING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 23-28, 2010

Daily Balancing Standby Rate = 150% x (NGI's Price Index + F&U Charge) + Brokerage Fee F&U Charge is 1.7262% of NGI's Price Index for Retail and 1.4837% for Wholesale Brokerage Fee is 0.151 cents for Core Retail; 0.266 cents for Noncore Retail/Wholesale

February	NGI's	Daily Balancing Standby Rates		
Day	Price Index	Core Retail	<u>Noncore Retail</u>	<u>Wholesale</u>
1	\$0.54700	\$0.83617	\$0.83732	\$0.83533
2	\$0.54900	\$0.83923	\$0.84038	\$0.83838
3	\$0.56000	\$0.85601	\$0.85716	\$0.85512
4	\$0.56600	\$0.86517	\$0.86632	\$0.86426
5	\$0.55900	\$0.85448	\$0.85563	\$0.85360
6	\$0.57000	\$0.87127	\$0.87242	\$0.87035
7	\$0.57000	\$0.87127	\$0.87242	\$0.87035
8	\$0.57000	\$0.87127	\$0.87242	\$0.87035
9	\$0.58000	\$0.88653	\$0.88768	\$0.88557
10	\$0.55900	\$0.85448	\$0.85563	\$0.85360
11	\$0.55300	\$0.84533	\$0.84648	\$0.84447
12	\$0.55600	\$0.84991	\$0.85106	\$0.84903
13	\$0.54800	\$0.83770	\$0.83885	\$0.83686
14	\$0.54800	\$0.83770	\$0.83885	\$0.83686
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25	\$0.51300	\$0.78429	\$0.78544	\$0.78358
26	\$0.50200	\$0.76751	\$0.76866	\$0.76683
27	\$0.50200	\$0.76751	\$0.76866	\$0.76683
28	\$0.50200	\$0.76751	\$0.76866	\$0.76683

(All rates are per therm)