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Advice Letter 4143

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Subject: July 2010 Standby Procurement Charges

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4143 is effective August 23, 2010.

Sincerely,

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Advice No. 4143 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: July 2010 Standby Procurement Charges

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 Standby Procurement Charges in Schedule No. G-IMB for July 2010.

Background

Resolution G-3316, dated May 24, 2001, and Advice No. 4133, filed on July 2, 2010 and effective on August 1, 2010, revised the Schedule No. G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge for negative monthly transportation imbalances that exceed the 10% tolerance band. The Standby Procurement Charges are:

- Calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border for the period plus a Brokerage Fee of 0.266¢ per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and 0.151¢ 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 "ICE Daily Indices - SoCal Border."
- 2. Calculated for a period that begins from the first day of the "flow month" (the month that the imbalance is incurred) and ends five days prior to the start of the imbalance trading period.
- 3. Posted at least one day in advance of the imbalance trading period.

Information

For the "flow month" of July 2010 (covering the period July 1, 2010, to August 20, 2010), the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border is \$0.44829 per therm. The resultant Standby Procurement Charges, calculated in the manner set forth above, are \$0.67510 per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and \$0.67395 per therm for core retail service. The workpaper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

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 received within 20 days of the date of this Advice Letter, which is September 12, 2010. 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 (<u>mas@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) and Honesto Gatchalian (<u>inj@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) 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 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 GO 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective August 23, 2010, the date filed, in order to comply with the Resolution G-3316 requirement that the rates be posted at least one day in advance of the start of the imbalance trading period, which is August 25, 2010.

<u>Notice</u>

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

Rasha Prince Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

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ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

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Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejec	cted AL? If so, idea	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>
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Estimated system annual revenue eff	fect: (%): <u>N/A</u>	
Estimated system average rate effect	(%): <u>N/A</u>	
When rates are affected by AL, include	de attachment in A	AL showing average rate effects on customer
classes (residential, small commercia		8 8
Tariff schedules affected: <u>Preliminar</u>	<u>y Statement, Part</u>	II; Schedule G-IMB; and TOCs
Service affected and changes propose	ed1: <u>N/A</u>	
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>4125 and 4140</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: CPUC, Energy Division Southern California Gas Company		
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ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 4143

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IMBALANCE SERVICE		
Standby Procurement Charge Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)		
May 2010	70.464¢	
June 2010	70.464¢	
July 2010	67.395¢	
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)		
May 2010		
June 2010		
July 2010	67.510¢	
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)	70 570 4	
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July 2010		
July 2010	07.3104	

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<u>RATES</u>

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 0.266ϕ per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and 0.151ϕ 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 "ICE Daily Indices – SoCal Border."

Core Retail Service:	
SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm	
May 2010	70.464¢
June 2010	/
July 2010	67.395¢
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
May 2010	
June 2010	70.579¢
July 2010	67.510¢
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
May 2010	
June 2010	70.579¢
July 2010	67.510¢

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RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER SCHEDULE NO. G-IMB STANDBY PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE JULY 2010

G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge Calculation

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 "Intercontinental Exchange Daily Indices - SoCal Border."

The highest daily border price index for the period was on August 3, 2010

08/03/10 NGI's Daily Gas Price Index (NDGPI) = \$0.44800 per therm

08/03/10 Intercontinental Exchange Daily Indices (ICEDI) = \$0.44858 per therm

Highest Daily Border Price Index (HDBPI) = (NDGPI + ICE) / 2

HDBPI = \$0.44829 per therm

SP-CR (Core Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Core Brokerage Fee

SP-CR = 150% x \$0.44829 + \$0.00151 = **\$0.67395**

SP-NR (Noncore Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee

SP-NR = 150% x \$0.44829 + \$0.00266 = **\$0.67510**

SP-W (Wholesale) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee

SP-W = 150% x \$0.44829 + \$0.00266 = **\$0.67510**