## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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November 29, 2010
Advice Letter 4154
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Subject: Reduction to the Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances for Construction

Dear Ms. Prince:
Advice Letter 4154 is effective January 1, 2010.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division

October 1, 2010

Advice No. 4154
(U 904 G)
Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

## Subject: Reduction to the Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances for Construction

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing revisions to its tariffs, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

## Purpose

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 7 of California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Decision (D.) 87-09-026 in Oll 86-11-019, SoCalGas hereby revises the tax factor contained in Preliminary Statement, Part IV, Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances.

## Background

SoCaIGas' Preliminary Statement, Part IV, provides that Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) and Refundable Advances for Construction (Advances) shall consist of two components: 1) income tax component (ITC) and 2) the balance of the Contribution or Advance. The ITC shall be calculated by multiplying the Balance of Contribution or Advance by the tax factor. The tax factor is established by using "Method 5 " in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 3.a of Commission D.87-09-026 as modified by D.87-12-028.
D.87-09-026 directs the respondent utilities to file an advice letter to reflect any change in the tax factor, which would increase or decrease the rate by five percentage points or more. Accordingly, the tax factor is being revised to reflect a change in the Federal business provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to Title II, Subtitle A, Part II, Section 2022 of The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-240, signed by the President on September 27, 2010). This provision, which will expire on December 31, 2010, provides an additional depreciation allowance. Therefore, SoCalGas' tax factor will decrease retroactive to January 1, 2010. A copy of this provision is included herein as Attachment C.

## Tariff Revisions

By this filing, SoCalGas hereby revises Preliminary Statement, Part IV, to reflect a decrease in the tax factor from $31 \%$ to $20 \%$, which is used to compute the ITC associated with Contribution in Aid of Construction and Refundable Advances for Construction. The revised tax factor has been calculated, as shown in Attachment D, by using "Method 5" adopted by D.87-09-026 and D.87-12-028. Effective January 1, 2011, the additional depreciation allowance is no longer allowed and property contributed to SoCalGas after December 31, 2010 will be subject to the authorized tax factor of $31 \%$.

## 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 October 21, 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 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
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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. Therefore, SoCalGas requests that this filing be approved and effective January 1, 2010, which is the effective date of the Act, and remain in effect until SoCalGas' next such filing with the Commission.

## Notice

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

Rasha Prince<br>Director - Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

| 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 PLC | Q GAS $\square$ HEAT WATER | Contact Perso <br> Phone \#: (213) <br> E-mail: snew | tilities.com |
| ELC = Electric <br> PLC = Pipeline | EXPLANATION OF UTILITY $\begin{aligned} & \text { GAS }=\text { Gas } \\ & \text { HEAT }=\text { Heat } \end{aligned}$ | VATER = Water | (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC) |

Advice Letter (AL) \#: 4154
Subject of AL: Reduction to the Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances for Construction

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Non-core, Procurement
AL filing type: $\square$ Monthly $\square$ Quarterly $\square$ Annual $\square$ One-Time $\boxtimes$ Other Periodically
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution \#:
D.87-09-026 and D.87-12-028

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 AL ${ }^{1}$ : N/A

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

| Resolution Required? $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No | Tier Designation: $\square 1 \quad \boxtimes 2 \quad \square 3$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Requested effective date: $1 / 1 / 10$ | No. of tariff sheets: $\quad 2$ |
| Estimated system annual revenue effect: (\%): |  |
| Estimated system average rate effect (\%): |  |
| When rates are affected by AL, include attach (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agri | wing average rate effects on customer classes g). |
| Tariff schedules affected: PS IV and TO |  |

Service affected and changes proposed ${ }^{1}$ : $\square$

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

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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Sheet No.

Revised 46462-G

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART IV, INCOME TAX COMPONENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVANCES, Sheet 1

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# PRELIMINARY STATEMENT <br> PART IV <br> INCOME TAX COMPONENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVANCES <br> Sheet 1 

Contributions in Aid of Construction (CIAC) and Refundable Advances for Construction (Advances) shall include federal and state taxes applicable to but not limited to, cash, services, facilities, labor, and property provided by a person or agency to the Utility. The value of all contributions and advances shall consist of two components for the purpose of recording transactions as follows:
(1) Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances (ITCCA), and
(2) The balance of the contribution or advance.

The ITCCA shall be calculated by multiplying the balance of the CIAC or Advance by the tax factor of 20\% beginning January 1, 2010, and thereafter.

The Utility shall make advice letter filings to reflect any changes in the tax factor that would increase or decrease the tax factor by five percentage points or more.

The tax factor is established in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 3.a. of Decision 87-09-026, as modified by Decision 87-12-028.

State tax shall be collected in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 6 of Decision 87-09-026.
Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1757, California Corporate Franchise Tax shall be collected beginning January 1, 1992.

Utility shall recover through rates any penalties, interest or taxes incurred if the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) deems the method of tax collection authorized by Decision 87-09-026 a violation of the tax normalization rules and imposes additional taxes, penalties and interest.

A Public Benefit Exemption may apply on a CIAC or Advance made to the Utility by a government agency on the basis of either:
(1) the CIAC or Advance is exempt from the ITCCA tax because it is made pursuant to actual condemnation or the threat thereof as recognized by Internal Revenue Code Section 1033; or,
(2) the CIAC or Advance is exempt because it does not reasonably relate to the provision of service but rather to the benefit of the public at large.
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## ATTACHMENT C

Advice No. 4154

## TITLE II—TAX PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Small Business Relief
PART II—ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT

## SEC. 2022. ADDITIONAL FIRST-YEAR DEPRECIATION FOR 50 PERCENT OF THE BASIS OF CERTAIN QUALIFIED PROPERTY.

(a) IN GENERAL.-Paragraph (2) of section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended-
(1) by striking "January 1, 2011" in subparagraph (A)(iv)
and inserting "January 1, 2012", and
(2) by striking "January 1, 2010" each place it appears and inserting "January 1, 2011". (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.-
(1) The heading for subsection (k) of section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
"JANUARY 1, 2010" and inserting "JANUARY 1, 2011".
(2) The heading for clause (ii) of section 168(k)(2)(B) of such Code is amended by striking "PRE-JANUARY 1, 2010" and inserting "PRE-JANUARY 1, 2011".
(3) Subparagraph (D) of section 168(k)(4) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of clause (ii), by striking the period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting a comma, and by adding at the end the following new clauses:
"(iv) 'January 1, 2011’ shall be substituted for 'January 1, 2012' in subparagraph (A)(iv) thereof, and
"(v) 'January 1, 2010’ shall be substituted for 'January 1, 2011' each place it appears in subparagraph (A) thereof.".
(4) Subparagraph (B) of section $168(\mathrm{I})(5)$ of such Code is amended by striking "January 1, 2010" and inserting "January 1, 2011".
(5) Subparagraph (C) of section 168(n)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "January 1, 2010" and inserting "January 1, 2011".
(6) Subparagraph (D) of section 1400L(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "January 1, 2010" and inserting "January 1, 2011".
(7) Subparagraph (B) of section 1400N(d)(3) of such Code is amended by striking "January 1, 2010" and inserting "January 1, 2011".
(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.-The amendments made by this section shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2009, in taxable years ending after such date.

## ATTACHMENT D

Advice No. 4154

Revised Tax Factor Calculation Using Method 5
Adopted by D.87-09-026 and D.87-12-028

## IAC GROSS-UP COMPUTATION INCLUDING CALIFORNIA TAXES

WITH 50\% BONUS DEPRECIATION on 15 YEAR PROPERTY

File F:IGROUPITARIFFIADV-LTRSIMISC-ALSIITCCAI[CIAC Gross-up - 15 Yr Fed 35 Yr State.xls]550\% Bonus 15 Yr Fed


Calculation of 15 year MACRS Rates
Following election of 50\% first year Expensing

| Cost | 1,000,000 |  |  | Combined | Depreciation | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Original <br> Rate | Bonus <br> Rate |  |  |  |
|  | 1 | 5.000\% | 50.000\% | 55.000\% | 525,000.0000 | 52.500\% |
|  | 2 | 9.500\% |  |  | 47,500.0000 | 4.750\% |
|  | 3 | 8.550\% |  |  | 42,750.0000 | 4.275\% |
|  | 4 | 7.700\% |  |  | 38,500.0000 | 3.850\% |
|  | 5 | 6.930\% |  |  | 34,650.0000 | 3.465\% |
|  | 6 | 6.230\% |  |  | 31,150.0000 | 3.115\% |
|  | 7 | 5.900\% |  |  | 29,500.0000 | 2.950\% |
|  | 8 | 5.900\% |  |  | 29,500.0000 | 2.950\% |
|  | 9 | 5.910\% |  |  | 29,550.0000 | 2.955\% |
|  | 10 | 5.900\% |  |  | 29,500.0000 | 2.950\% |
|  | 11 | 5.910\% |  |  | 29,550.0000 | 2.955\% |
|  | 12 | 5.900\% |  |  | 29,500.0000 | 2.950\% |
|  | 13 | 5.910\% |  |  | 29,550.0000 | 2.955\% |
|  | 14 | 5.900\% |  |  | 29,500.0000 | 2.950\% |
|  | 15 | 5.910\% |  |  | 29,550.0000 | 2.955\% |
|  | 16 | 2.950\% |  |  | 14,750.0000 | 1.475\% |
|  | 17 |  |  |  | 0.0000 | 0.000\% |
|  | 18 |  |  |  | 0.0000 | 0.000\% |
|  | 19 |  |  |  | 0.0000 | 0.000\% |
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