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Advice Letter 4185

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Subject: November 2010 Standby Procurement Charges

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4185 is effective December 21, 2010.

Sincerely,

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December 21, 2010

Advice No. 4185 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: November 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 November 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 November 2010 (covering the period November 1, 2010, to December 20, 2010), the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border is \$0.44384 per therm. The resultant Standby Procurement Charges, calculated in the manner set forth above, are \$0.66842 per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and \$0.66727 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 January 10, 2011. 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 December 21, 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 December 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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ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat			
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G-3316			
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reject	cted AL? If so, ide	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>	
		ithdrawn or rejected AL ¹ : <u>N/A</u>	
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Does AL request confidential treatme	ent? If so, provide e	explanation: No	
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Resolution Required? \Box Yes \boxtimes No		Tier Designation: $\square 1 \square 2 \square 3$	
Requested effective date: <u>December</u>	21, 2010	No. of tariff sheets: <u>4</u>	
Estimated system annual revenue eff	fect: (%): <u>N/A</u>		
Estimated system average rate effect	(%): <u>N/A</u>		
		L showing average rate effects on customer	
classes (residential, small commercia			
Tariff schedules affected: <u>Preliminar</u>	<u>y Statement, Part</u>	II; Schedule G-IMB; and TOCs	
Service affected and changes proposed ¹ : <u>N/A</u>			
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>4125, 4161, 4173. and 4175</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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Sub van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102		Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011	
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ATTACHMENT A

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Revised 46696-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 2	Revised 46584-G
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CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 4 CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 4

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<u>WHOLESALE</u> (Continued)		
<u>Schedule GT-TLS</u> (ECOGAS) GT-12CA, Class-Average Volumetric Rate Option Volumetric Charge	2.199¢	
GT-12RS, Reservation Rate Option Reservation Rate, per therm per day Usage Charge, per therm Volumetric Transportation Charge for Non-Bypass Customers Volumetric Transportation Charge for Bypass Customers	0.303¢ 2.639¢	
PROCUREMENT CHARGE		
<u>Schedule G-CP</u> Non-Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per therm	44.089¢ 43.851¢ 44.089¢	
IMBALANCE SERVICE		
Standby Procurement Charge Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)		
September 2010		
October 2010		
November 2010	66.727¢	
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR) September 2010	60 9764	
October 2010		
November 2010	,	
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)	00.842¢	
September 2010	60 876¢	
October 2010		
November 2010		
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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	
September 2010	60.761¢
October 2010	
November 2010	66.727¢
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
September 2010	60.876¢
October 2010	61.243¢
November 2010	66.842¢
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
September 2010	
October 2010	61.243¢
November 2010	66.842¢

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RATE CALCULATION WORK PAPER SCHEDULE NO. G-IMB STANDBY PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 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 December 14, 2010

12/14/10 NGI's Daily Gas Price Index (NDGPI) = \$0.44400 per therm

12/14/10 Intercontinental Exchange Daily Indices (ICEDI) = \$0.44368 per therm

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

HDBPI = \$0.44384 per therm

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

SP-CR = 150% x \$0.44384 + \$0.00151 = **\$0.66727**

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

SP-NR = 150% x \$0.44384 + \$0.00266 = **\$0.66842**

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

SP-W = 150% x \$0.44384 + \$0.00266 = **\$0.66842**