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February 24, 2011



**Advice Letter 4191** 

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# Subject: December 2010 Buy-Back Rates

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4191 is effective December 31, 2010.

Sincerely,

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December 30, 2010

<u>Advice No. 4191</u> (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

## Subject: December 2010 Buy-Back Rates

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 Buy-Back Rates in Schedule No. G-IMB for December 2010.

## **Background**

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB - Transportation Imbalance Service, the Buy-Back Rates are established effective the last day of each month.

The Buy-Back Rates will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by Utility during the month the imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in Schedule No. G-CP, during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

## **Information**

During the month of December, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for December 2010 are being set accordingly. The work paper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

The new rates are reflected in the attached Schedule No. G-IMB tariff sheets.

Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the December 2010 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to January 25, 2011.

## 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 must be received within 20 days of the date this Advice Letter, which is January 19, 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 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.

Attn: Sid Newsom Tariff Manager - GT14D6 555 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011 Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957 E-mail: <u>snewsom@SempraUtilities.com</u>

## 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 and therefore respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective December 31, 2010, to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 4176, dated November 30, 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

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

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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>		
$\Box$ ELC $\Box$ GAS	Phone #: (213) <u>244-2846</u>		
PLC HEAT WATER	E-mail: snewsor	n@semprautilities.com	
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	ΈE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)	
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat	WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4191			
Subject of AL: <u>December 2010 B</u>	uy-Back Rates		
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Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)	): Preliminary Sta	tement, Core, Compliance	
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AL filed in compliance with a Commi	•		
		ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>	
		ithdrawn or rejected AL <sup>1</sup> : <u>N/A</u>	
Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No			
Resolution Required? 🗌 Yes 🖂 No		Tier Designation: $\square 1 \square 2 \square 3$	
Requested effective date: <u>December</u>	<u>31, 2010</u>	No. of tariff sheets: <u>6</u>	
Estimated system annual revenue ef	fect: (%): <u>Non</u>	e	
Estimated system average rate effect	(%): <u>None</u>		
When rates are affected by AL, inclue classes (residential, small commercia		AL showing average rate effects on customer ultural, lighting).	
Tariff schedules affected: Preliminary Statement, Part II; Schedule G-IMB; and TOCs			
	-		
Service affected and changes propose	ed1: <u>N/A</u>		
Pending advice letters that revise the	e same tariff sheets	s: <u>4125, 4173, 4175, and 4185</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:			
<b>CPUC, Energy Division</b>		Southern California Gas Company	
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mas@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov		snewsom@semprautilities.com	
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IMBALANCE SERVICE
Standby Procurement Charge
Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)
October 2010
November 2010
December 2010 TBD*
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)
October 2010
November 2010
December 2010
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)
October 2010
November 2010
December 2010
*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the December Standby Procurement
Charge will be filed by a separate advice letter one day prior to January 25.
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IMBALANCE SERVICE (Continued)			
Buy-Back Rate			
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Wholesale (BR-W)			
October 2010			D
November 2010		,	
December 2010			Ι
STORAGE SERVICE			
Schedule G-BSS (Basic Storage Service	)		
Reservation Charges			
Annual Inventory, per decatherm	reserved		
Annual Withdrawal, per decather			
Daily Injection, per decatherm/da	y reserved	9.425¢/day	
In-Kind Energy Charge for quantity Rate, percent reduction		2.400%	
average of actual fuel use.	The adjusted as necessary	on the basis of a three-year rolling	
Schedule G-AUC (Auction Storage Ser	vice)		
Reservation Charges			
Annual Inventory, per decatherm	reserved	(1)	
Annual Withdrawal, per decather			
Daily Injection, per decatherm/da	y reserved	(1)	
(1) Charge shall be equal to the awar	ded price bid by the custon	ner.	
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(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)	ISSUED BY	(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC)	
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## Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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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  $0.266\phi$  per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and  $0.151\phi$  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	
October 2010	61.128¢
November 2010	
December 2010	TBD*
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
October 2010	
November 2010	66.842¢
December 2010	TBD*
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
October 2010	
November 2010	66.842¢
December 2010	TBD*

\*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the December Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by a separate advice letter one day prior to January 25.

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## Schedule No. G-IMB Sheet 3 TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE (Continued) RATES (Continued) Buy-Back Rate This rate is applied to customer's cumulative positive transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 10 percent tolerance band. The Buy-Back Rate is established effective the last day of each month and will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by the Utility during the month the excess imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in Schedule No. G-CP, during the month such excess imbalance was incurred. **Retail Service:** BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm D Ι Wholesale Service: BR-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm D November 2010 ...... 15.617¢ I If the incremental cost of gas is the basis for the Standby or Buy-Back Rates, the Utility will provide CPUC the necessary work papers for such cost. Such documentation will be provided under confidentiality pursuant to General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code. Daily Balancing Standby Rates During November through March customers are required to deliver (flowing supply and 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 standby rate. The daily balancing standby rate is calculated as 150% of the highest Southern California Border price during the five-day 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. Authorized F&U will not be added to any daily stand-by balancing charge for the Utility Gas Procurement Department to the extent it is collected elsewhere. (Continued) ISSUED BY (TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC) (TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY) Dec 30, 2010 ADVICE LETTER NO. 4191 Lee Schavrien DATE FILED Dec 31, 2010 DECISION NO. 89-11-060 & 90-09-089. EFFECTIVE Senior Vice President et al **Regulatory Affairs RESOLUTION NO.** 3H15

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## ATTACHMENT C

## ADVICE NO. 4191

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 4176 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2010

## **Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

 Retail G-CPA:
 43.172 ¢ per therm

 (WACOG: 42.439 ¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles:
 0.733 ¢ or [ 1.7262% \* 42.439 ¢ ] )

Wholesale G-CPA: 43.069 ¢ per therm (WACOG: 42.439 ¢ + Franchise: 0.630 ¢ or [ 1.4837% \* 42.439 ¢ ])

#### **GIMB Buy-Back Rates**

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% \* 43.172 cents/therm = **21.586** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% \* 43.069 cents/therm = **21.535** cents/therm