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April 15, 2011



# **Advice Letter 4213**

Rasha Prince, Director Regulatory Affairs Southern California Gas 555 W. Fifth Street, GT14D6 Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

Subject: Daily Balancing Standby Rates for February 16-22, 2011

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4213 is effective February 23, 2011.

Sincerely,

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February 23, 2011

Advice No. 4213 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Daily Balancing Standby Rates for February 16-22, 2011

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 16, 2011 through February 22, 2011 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 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:

- 1. 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 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.
- 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 1-22, 2011 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, which is March 15, 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 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 (<a href="mas@cpuc.ca.gov">mas@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) and to Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">ini@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">and to Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">ini@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">and to Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">ini@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">and to Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">ini@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">and to Honesto Gatchalian (<a href="mail@ini@cpuc.ca.gov">ini@cpuc.ca.gov</a>) of the Energy Division. Shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

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E-mail: <a href="mailto:snewsom@SempraUtilities.com">snewsom@SempraUtilities.com</a>

# **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 February 23, 2011, which is the date filed, and are to be applicable to the period of February 16, 2011 through February 22, 2011.

## **Notice**

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	Rasha Prince
	Director – Regulatory Affairs

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:	Jtility type: Contact Person: <u>Sid Newsom</u>				
☐ ELC ☐ GAS	Phone #: (213) <u>244-2846</u>				
☐ PLC ☐ HEAT ☐ WATER					
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE	PE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)			
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat W	/ATER = Water				
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4213					
Subject of AL: <u>Daily Balancing Stand</u>	dby Rates for Febr	ruary 16-22, 2011			
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):	: Compliance, No	n-core, Procurement			
AL filing type:   Monthly   Quarter	ly 🗌 Annual 🗌 O	ne-Time 🛛 Other <u>Weekly</u>			
If AL filed in compliance with a Comp 	nission order, indi	cate relevant Decision/Resolution #:			
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejec	ted AL? If so, ider	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>			
Summarize differences between the A	L and the prior wi	thdrawn or rejected AL¹:N/A			
Does AL request confidential treatment	nt? If so, provide e	explanation: No			
Resolution Required?   Yes   No		Tier Designation: 🛛 1 🔲 2 🔲 3			
Requested effective date: 2/23/11		No. of tariff sheets: 4			
Estimated system annual revenue effe	ect: (%):				
Estimated system average rate effect	(%):				
When rates are affected by AL, included classes (residential, small commercial)		L showing average rate effects on customer ultural, lighting).			
Tariff schedules affected: G-IM	B and TOCs				
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> :N/A					
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>4187, 4193, 4196, 4200, 4202, 4206, 4208, and 4211</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:					
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

# **ATTACHMENT A**

# Advice No. 4213

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# ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 4213

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CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

# Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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**RATES** (Continued)

<u>Daily Balancing Standby Rates</u> (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rate, per therm (Continued)

February 2011	Core Retail	Noncore Retail	Wholesale	
<u>Day</u>	DB-CR	<u>DB-NR</u>	<u>DB-W</u>	
11	\$0.63055	\$0.63133	\$0.62983	
12	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091	
13	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091	
14	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091	
15	\$0.59240	\$0.59318	\$0.59177	
Period 3 High	\$0.63055	\$0.63133	\$0.62983	
16	\$0.59850	\$0.59928	\$0.59786	
17	\$0.60766	\$0.60844	\$0.60700	
18	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091	
19	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091	
20	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091	
Period 4 High	\$0.60766	\$0.60844	\$0.60700	
21	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091	
22	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091	
23	N/A	N/A	N/A	
24	N/A	N/A	N/A	
25	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Period 5 High	N/A	N/A	N/A	
26	N/A	N/A	N/A	
27	N/A	N/A	N/A	
28	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Period 6 High	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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# Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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**RATES** (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rates (Continued)

Daily Balancing Standby Rate, per therm (Continued)

Note: For the days of February 1-22, 2011, 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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The following listed sheets contain all effective Schedules of Rates and Rules affecting service and information relating thereto in effect on the date indicated thereon.

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# ATTACHMENT C ADVICE NO. 4213 RATE CALCULATION WORK PAPER DAILY BALANCING STANDBY RATE FILING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 16-22, 2011

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 0.188 cents for Core Retail; 0.266 cents for Noncore Retail/Wholesale

(All rates are per therm)

February	NGI's	Daily Balancing Standby Rates				
Day	Price Index	Core Retail	Noncore Retail	<b>Wholesale</b>		
	•	*	•	•		
1	\$0.45200	\$0.69158	\$0.69236	\$0.69072		
2	\$0.48800	\$0.74652	\$0.74730	\$0.74552		
3	\$0.62000	\$0.94793	\$0.94871	\$0.94646		
4	\$0.75000	\$1.14630	\$1.14708	\$1.14435		
5	\$0.49000	\$0.74957	\$0.75035	\$0.74857		
6	\$0.49000	\$0.74957	\$0.75035	\$0.74857		
7	\$0.49000	\$0.74957	\$0.75035	\$0.74857		
8	\$0.43000	\$0.65801	\$0.65879	\$0.65723		
9	\$0.43000	\$0.65801	\$0.65879	\$0.65723		
10	\$0.43200	\$0.66107	\$0.66185	\$0.66027		
11	\$0.41200	\$0.63055	\$0.63133	\$0.62983		
12	\$0.39300	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091		
13	\$0.39300	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091		
14	\$0.39300	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091		
15	\$0.38700	\$0.59240	\$0.59318	\$0.59177		
16	\$0.39100	\$0.59850	\$0.59928	\$0.59786		
17	\$0.39700	\$0.60766	\$0.60844	\$0.60700		
18	\$0.39300	\$0.60156	\$0.60234	\$0.60091		
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