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Advice Letter 4214-G

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Subject: February 2011 Buy-Back Rates

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4214-G is effective February 28, 2011.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2011

Advice No. 4214 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: February 2011 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 February 2011.

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 February, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for February 2011 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 February 2011 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to March 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 March 20, 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 February 28, 2011, to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 4204, dated January 31, 2011.

<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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		tach 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>2</u>	44-2846	
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ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat	VATER = Water		
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Subject of AL:	iy-Back Rates		
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Does AL request confidential treatme	ent? If so, provide o	explanation: No	
Resolution Required? 🗌 Yes 🖂 No		Tier Designation: $\square 1 \square 2 \square 3$	
Requested effective date: <u>February 28, 2011</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: Preli	minary Statement,	Part 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	s: <u>4191, 4201, 4203, and 4212</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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(See Attached Service List)

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<u>WHOLESALE</u> (Continued)		
Schedule GT-TLS (ECOGAS)		
GT-12CA, Class-Average Volumetric Rate Option	2 500 /	
Volumetric Charge	2.509¢	
GT 12DS Deservation Data Option		
GT-12RS, Reservation Rate Option	1 2714	
Reservation Rate, per therm per day Usage Charge, per therm		
Volumetric Transportation Charge for Non-Bypass Customers		
Volumetric Transportation Charge for Bypass Customers		
volumente transportation charge for Dypass Customers		
PROCUREMENT CHARGE		
Schedule G-CP		
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	46.969¢	
IMBALANCE SERVICE		
Standby Procurement Charge		
Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)		
December 2010]]
January 2011		r
February 2011	IBD*	
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR) November 2010	66.842¢	,
December 2010		[]
February 2011		-
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)		
December 2010	70 012¢]
January 2011		
February 2011		5
*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the I		,
Charge will be filed by a separate advice letter one day prior to N	Aarch 25.	5
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IMBALANCE SERVICE (Continued)			
Buy-Back Rate Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R))		
December 2010		,	D
January 2011 February 2011			Ι
Wholesale (BR-W)			-
December 2010 January 2011			D
February 2011			Ι
STORAGE SERVICE			
Schedule G-BSS (Basic Storage Servio	ce)		
Reservation Charges Annual Inventory, per decathern Annual Withdrawal, per decathe Daily Injection, per decatherm/d	rm/day reserved	\$11.584/year	
In-Kind Energy Charge for quantity Rate, percent reduction			
The In-Kind Energy Charge sha average of actual fuel use.	all be adjusted as necessary of	on the basis of a three-year rolling	
Schedule G-AUC (Auction Storage Se	rvice)		
Reservation Charges Annual Inventory, per decathern Annual Withdrawal, per decathe Daily Injection, per decatherm/d	rm/day reserved	(1)	
(1) Charge shall be equal to the awa	rded price bid by the custom	er.	
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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 0.266ϕ 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	
December 2010	69.897¢
January 2011	
February 2011	TBD*
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
December 2010	70.012¢
January 2011	
February 2011	
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
December 2010	70.012¢
January 2011	
February 2011	
-	

*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the February Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by a separate advice letter one day prior to March 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 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) Feb 28, 2011 ADVICE LETTER NO. 4214 Lee Schavrien DATE FILED Feb 28, 2011 DECISION NO. 89-11-060 & 90-09-089. EFFECTIVE Senior Vice President et al **Regulatory Affairs RESOLUTION NO.** 3H6

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ATTACHMENT C

ADVICE NO. 4214

RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 4204 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2011

Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:

 Retail G-CPA:
 46.969 ¢ per therm

 (WACOG: 46.172 ¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles:
 0.797 ¢ or [1.7262% * 46.172 ¢])

Wholesale G-CPA: 46.857 ¢ per therm (WACOG: 46.172 ¢ + Franchise: 0.685 ¢ or [1.4837% * 46.172 ¢])

GIMB Buy-Back Rates

BR-R = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% * 46.969 cents/therm = **23.485** cents/therm

BR-W = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% * 46.857 cents/therm = **23.429** cents/therm