#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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September 7, 2011



#### **Advice Letter 4264**

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

Subject: July 2011 Buy-Back Rates

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4264 is effective July 31, 2011.

Sincerely,

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July 29, 2011

Advice No. 4264 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: July 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 July 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 July, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for July 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 June 2011 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by separate advice letter at least one day prior to August 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 August 18, 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

> Attn: Sid Newsom Tariff Manager - GT14D6 555 West Fifth Street Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011 Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957

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 and therefore respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective July 31, 2011, to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 4255, dated June 30, 2011.

#### **Notice**

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 ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)			
Company name/CPUC Utility No. <b>SO</b>	Company name/CPUC Utility No. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904-G)		
Utility type:			
☐ ELC ☐ GAS	Phone #: (213) 244-2846		
☐ PLC ☐ HEAT ☐ WATER	<u> </u>		
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	PE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)	
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat W	VATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4264			
Subject of AL: <u>July 2011 Buy-Ba</u>	ick Rates		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing)	: Preliminary Sta	tement, Core, Compliance	
AL filing type: Monthly Quarter	rly 🗌 Annual 🗌 C	ne-Time 🗌 Other	
AL filed in compliance with a Commis D89-11-060 and D90-09-089, each		te relevant Decision/Resolution #:	
Does AL replace a withdrawn or reject	eted AL? If so, ider	ntify the prior AL <u>No</u>	
Summarize differences between the A	AL and the prior wi	ithdrawn or rejected AL¹:N/A	
Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No			
Resolution Required? $\square$ Yes $\boxtimes$ No Tier Designation: $\boxtimes$ 1 $\square$ 2 $\square$ 3			
Requested effective date: <u>July 31, 2011</u> No. of tariff sheets: <u>6</u>			
Estimated system annual revenue eff	fect: (%): <u>Non</u>	<u>e</u>	
Estimated system average rate effect	(%):None		
When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer			
classes (residential, small commercia			
Tariff schedules affected: Preliminary Statement, Part II; Schedule G-IMB; and TOCs			
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> : N/A			
Pending advice letters that revise the	same tariff sheets	: 4254 and 4259	
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. 4264

(See Attached Service List)

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#### ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 4264

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Revised 47393-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 2	Revised 47381-G
Revised 47394-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 3	Revised 47295-G
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#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART II **SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES**

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WHOLESALE (Continued)
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(	Schedule GT-TLS (ECOGAS)	
<u> </u>	GT-12CA, Class-Average Volumetric Rate Option	
	Volumetric Charge	2.509¢
	GT-12RS, Reservation Rate Option	
	Reservation Rate, per therm per day	1.371¢
	Usage Charge, per therm	$0.464\phi$
	Volumetric Transportation Charge for Non-Bypass Customers	3.011¢
	Volumetric Transportation Charge for Bypass Customers	3.387¢

#### PROCUREMENT CHARGE

#### Schedule G-CP

Non-Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm	46.196¢
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm	46.196¢
Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm	46.196¢
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm	46.196¢
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per therm	46.045¢

#### IMBALANCE SERVICE

#### Standby Procurement Charge Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

Cole Retail Stalludy (SF-CR)	
May 2011	72.475¢
June 2011	72.475¢
July 2011	. TBD*
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)	
May 2011	72.590¢
June 2011	72.590¢
July 2011	. TBD*
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)	
May 2011	72.590¢
June 2011	72.590¢
July 2011	. TBD*

<sup>\*</sup>To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the July Standby Procurement Charge will be filed by a separate advice letter one day prior to August 25.

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# PRELIMINARY STATEMENT <u>PART II</u> <u>SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES</u>

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#### **IMBALANCE SERVICE** (Continued)

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Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)

May 2011	22.652¢
June 2011	24.105¢
July 2011	23.023¢

Wholesale (BR-W)

May 2011	22.598¢
June 2011	
July 2011	22.968¢

#### **STORAGE SERVICE**

#### Schedule G-BSS (Basic Storage Service)

#### **Reservation Charges**

Annual Inventory, per decatherm reserved	. 21.400¢/year
Annual Withdrawal, per decatherm/day reserved	\$11.584/year
Daily Injection, per decatherm/day reserved	9.425¢/day

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The In-Kind Energy Charge shall be adjusted as necessary on the basis of a three-year rolling average of actual fuel use.

#### Schedule G-AUC (Auction Storage Service)

#### Reservation Charges

Annual Inventory, per decatherm reserved	(1)
Annual Withdrawal, per decatherm/day reserved	(1)
Daily Injection, per decatherm/day reserved	(1)

(1) Charge shall be equal to the awarded price bid by the customer.

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#### Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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#### **RATES**

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

Core Retail Service:

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 Return Bervice.	
SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm	
May 2011	
June 2011	72.475¢
July 2011	TBD*
Noncore Retail Service:	
SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm	
May 2011	72.590¢
June 2011	72.590¢
July 2011	TBD*
Wholesale Service:	
SP-W Standby Rate per therm	
May 2011	
June 2011	72.590¢
July 2011	TBD*

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## Schedule No. G-IMB TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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#### **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		
May 2011	22.652¢	D
June 2011	24.105¢	
July 2011	23.023¢	R
Wholesale Service:		

May 2011	22.598¢
June 2011	24.047¢
July 2011	•

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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.

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**G-SMT** 

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G-IMB	Transportation Imbalance Service
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**Secondary Market Transactions** 

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#### ATTACHMENT C

#### **ADVICE NO. 4264**

# RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER BASED ON ADVICE NO. 4255 ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

#### **Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

**Retail G-CPA:** 46.045 ¢ per therm (WACOG: 45.264 ¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles: 0.781 ¢ or [ 1.7262% \* 45.264 ¢ ] )

**Wholesale G-CPA:** 45.936 ¢ per therm (WACOG: 45.264 ¢ + Franchise: 0.672 ¢ or [ 1.4837% \* 45.264 ¢ ] )

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

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA: 50% \* 46.045 cents/therm = **23.023** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA: 50% \* 45.936 cents/therm = **22.968** cents/therm