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**Advice Letter 4324-G**

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**Subject: Clean-Up Filing to Revise Schedule No. G-IMB**

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter **4324-G** is effective February 17, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
Energy Division



**Rasha Prince**  
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January 18, 2012

Advice No. 4324  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Clean-Up Filing to Revise Schedule No. G-IMB**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a revision to its Schedule No. G-IMB, Transportation Imbalance Service, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

**Purpose**

This clean-up filing requests Commission approval to revise Special Condition 12 of SoCalGas' Schedule No. G-IMB as shown below:

12. When in the judgment of the Utility Gas Control Department the latest scheduled quantities (~~(confirmed nominations from the Timely Cycle for the Evening Cycle)~~) are in excess of system capacity, Buy-Back service hereunder shall be applied to daily periods as designated by the Utility in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 30, Section F. Customers shall not be allowed to trade positive imbalances incurred during such daily periods. The Buy-Back Rate shall apply to all positive imbalances in excess of the 10% tolerance band for each such period. Standby service shall be provided for the regular monthly balancing period and shall not be restricted to the excess nominations periods.

**Background**

On July 28, 2010, SoCalGas filed Advice No. (AL) 4139 (approved by letter on August 27, 2010, and made effective September 1, 2010). AL 4139 addressed Cycle 2 schedule changes for Rule Nos. 30 and 41. However, the corresponding change to Schedule No. G-IMB, mentioned under Purpose above, was inadvertently overlooked. Specifically, AL 4139 revised: 1) Section D of Rule No. 30 to modify the allocation of receipt point capacity due to a system capacity limitation during an Operational Flow Order (OFO) event and 2) Section 4 of Rule No. 41 to modify one of the components used in the Evening Cycle OFO calculation from "Current Flow Day – Timely Cycle Confirmed Quantity" to "Current Flow Day - Timely Cycle Scheduled Quantity." With this change, the "scheduled" quantity from the previous cycle is used in each cycle for calculating an OFO. Therefore, the exception stated in the parentheses in Special Condition 12 of Schedule No. G-IMB is no longer necessary and should be deleted.

This filing will not result in an increase or decrease in any rate or charge, conflict with any rate schedules or any rules, or cause the withdrawal of service.

### **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 of this Advice Letter, which is February 7, 2012. 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 ([mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)) and to Honesto Gatchalian ([jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov)) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should 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](mailto:snewsom@SempraUtilities.com)

### **Effective Date**

SoCalGas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B and therefore respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective February 17, 2012, which is 30 days after the date filed.

### **Notice**

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A, which includes parties in A.08-02-001, 2009 BCAP Proceeding.

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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 904G)**

Utility type:

ELC     GAS  
 PLC     HEAT     WATER

Contact Person: Sid Newsom

Phone #: (213) 244-2846

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### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric                      GAS = Gas  
PLC = Pipeline                     HEAT = Heat    WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4324

Subject of AL: Cleanup Filing to Revise Schedule No. G-IMB

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Procurement

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

N/A

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Tier Designation:  1  2  3

Requested effective date: 2/17/12

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: G-IMB and TOC - Schedule and TOC - General

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: None

**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  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Ave.,  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
mas@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Southern California Gas Company  
Attention: Sid Newsom  
555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, GT14D6  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
SNewsom@semprautilities.com**

<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 4324**

**(See Attached Service Lists)**

ATTACHMENT B  
Advice No. 4324

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 47880-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 9	Revised 45345-G
Revised 47881-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 47878-G
Revised 47882-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 47879-G

Schedule No. G-IMB  
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 9

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

10. After the imbalance trading period, the Standby Procurement Charge or Buy-Back will be applied to all imbalance quantities in excess of the tolerance band.
11. Standby Procurement service provided hereunder will be curtailed in accordance with the provisions of Rule 23. Penalties for violations of curtailment shall apply as set forth in Rule No. 23. Customers will not be allowed to trade negative imbalances incurred during periods of curtailment.
12. When in the judgment of the Utility Gas Control Department the latest scheduled quantities are in excess of system capacity, Buy-Back service hereunder shall be applied to daily periods as designated by the Utility in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 30, Section F. Customers shall not be allowed to trade positive imbalances incurred during such daily periods. The Buy-Back Rate shall apply to all positive imbalances in excess of the 10% tolerance band for each such period. Standby service shall be provided for the regular monthly balancing period and shall not be restricted to the excess nominations periods.
13. Under this schedule, the responsible customer will reimburse the Utility for any penalties or charges incurred by the Utility under an interstate or intrastate supplier arrangement when such penalties or charges occur as a direct result of the Utility's providing this imbalance service to customer.
14. If as the result of billing error, metering error, or transportation adjustments, customer trades an incorrect amount of imbalance quantities based on notification by the Utility, the Utility will not be liable for any financial losses or damages incurred by customer nor will the Utility be financially liable to any of the customer's imbalance trading partners. If as a result of such error, the Utility overbills customer, the Utility shall refund the difference. If the Utility underbills customer, the customer shall be liable for the undercharge including any associated penalty. The customer shall not be relieved of imbalance penalties when a subsequent billing adjustment is made by the Utility. For the purpose of determining imbalances and any applicable charges hereunder, the Utility will include subsequent billing adjustments for prior periods as part of the usage deemed to occur during the subsequent period unless the customer reimburses the Utility for the actual cost of gas incurred. Trades occurring in prior periods will not be affected by such billing adjustments. The Utility may issue a bill for Daily Balancing Standby Rate charges on a weekly or fortnightly basis upon customer or marketer request or if a customer or marketer delivers into the system less than 50 percent of its usage. Otherwise, Daily Balancing Standby Rate charges shall be included in the regular monthly bill.
15. The Utility Gas Procurement Department will be not be assessed any charges under this schedule that are a result of its obligation to maintain system reliability when called upon by the Utility System Operator to increase flowing supply when supply is insufficient to meet expected end-use demand or decrease scheduled deliveries when deliveries are expected to exceed end-use demand plus storage injection capacity.

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)

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ISSUED BY

**Lee Schavrien**  
Senior Vice President

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