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Advice Letter 4396

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Subject: Revision to Schedule No. G-BTS Pursuant to D.11-04-032

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4396 is effective October 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revision to Schedule No. G-BTS Pursuant to Decision (D.) 11-04-032

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

Purpose

This filing is made in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 12 of D.11-04-032, dated April 19, 2011, to revise Schedule No. G-BTS to decrease the In-Kind Energy Charge from 0.379% to 0.298%, effective October 1, 2012.

Background

In OP 12 of D.11-04-032, the Commission directed San Diego Gas & Electric Company and SoCalGas to

“...establish an in-kind fuel factor, initially set at 0.22% of the total volume of natural gas to be delivered at the receipt point and updated quarterly based on the fuel factor determined from the prior quarter data.”

To comply with D.11-04-032, SoCalGas filed Advice No. (AL) 4240 to revise Schedule No. G-BTS to incorporate the In-Kind Energy Charge of 0.22% effective October 1, 2011. The term “In-Kind Energy Charge” used in SoCalGas Schedule No. G-BTS is synonymous with the term “in-kind fuel factor” used in D.11-04-032. AL 4240 was approved by the Energy Division on July 1, 2011.

On November 30, 2011, SoCalGas filed AL 4304 to revise Schedule G-BTS to decrease the In-Kind Energy Charge from 0.22% to 0.174% for the first quarter 2012. Ideally, SoCalGas would have liked to use its fourth quarter 2011 operations data to determine the In-Kind Energy Charge for the first quarter 2012. However, due to approximately a 25-day time lag in obtaining operations data and at least 30 calendar days necessary for obtaining the Commission approval, SoCalGas used the most recent three-month operations data available (August 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011) to calculate the In-Kind Energy Charge for the first quarter 2012. In AL 4304 SoCalGas also proposed using the same methodology for future quarterly updates (i.e., use

November 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012 operations data to calculate In-Kind Energy Charge for the second quarter 2012). AL 4304 was approved by the Energy Division on December 28, 2011 with the revision to Schedule G-BTS made effective January 1, 2012.

For AL 4340 SoCalGas used November 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012 operations data to determine the In-kind Energy Charge (of 0.289 %) for the second quarter 2012 (effective April 1, 2012). AL 4340 was approved by the Energy Division on March 30, 2012. For AL 4371 SoCalGas used February 1, 2012 through April 30, 2012 operations data to determine the In-kind Energy Charge (of 0.379 %) for the third quarter 2012 (effective July 1, 2012). AL 4371 was approved by the Energy Division; and was made effective July 1, 2012.

Consistent with the methodology discussed above and based on May 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012 operations data, SoCalGas has determined that the In-Kind Energy Charge for the fourth quarter 2012 (effective October 1, 2012) should be 0.298%. The back-up calculations for the proposed In-Kind Energy Charge of 0.298% are shown on 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 received within 20 days of the date this advice letter was filed with the Commission which is September 11, 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 the Energy Division Tariff Unit (EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov). A copy of the protest shall 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

Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition, and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B. This filing is consistent with D.11-04-032 and therefore SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing be approved on September 21, 2012, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed, but with the tariff to be made effective October 1, 2012 (see the Background section above).

If this filing is not approved by September 28, 2012, SoCalGas respectfully requests the revised tariffs be made effective at least two days after verbal or electronic notification of the approval is communicated to SoCalGas. The requested minimum two-day time lag between the approval date and the effective date is based on the time that is needed to reflect the new In-Kind Energy Charge in Envoy and allow shippers/customers to adjust their gas deliveries and meet nomination deadlines.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A, which includes parties in the Firm Access Rights Update Proceeding, A.10-03-028.

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

E-mail: SNewsom@semprautilities.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 4396

Subject of AL: Revision to Schedule No. G-BTS Pursuant to Decision (D.) 11-04-032

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Transportation Rates

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

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

D.11-04-032

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 AL¹: N/A

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

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 10/1/12 (Tariffs)

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-BTS, TOCs

Service affected and changes proposed¹: 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:

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San Francisco, CA 94102
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Southern California Gas Company
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Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

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(See Attached Service Lists)

ATTACHMENT B
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
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Revised 48381-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 48378-G
Revised 48382-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 48379-G

Schedule No. G-BTS
BACKBONE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Sheet 4

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RATES (Continued)

BILLING CALCULATION

Monthly Reservation Charge:

The Monthly Reservation Charge is payable each month regardless of the quantity of gas scheduled during the billing period. The Reservation Charge for each billing period shall be calculated using the applicable reservation rate and the DCQ as specified in Customer's Backbone Transportation Service Contract (BTSC).

Monthly Reservation Charge = Applicable Reservation Rate * DCQ * number of days in the billing period (or, if less than one month, number of days in term of contract).

Monthly Volumetric Charge:

The Monthly Volumetric Charge for each billing period shall be calculated using the applicable volumetric rate multiplied by the scheduled quantities on the Customer's BTSC.

Monthly Volumetric Charge = Applicable Volumetric Rate * Quantities of Gas Scheduled during the billing period.

In-Kind Energy Charges:

Customers transporting gas over the backbone transmission system shall deliver each day for each billing period at the receipt point an additional in-kind quantity of natural gas equal to a percent of the total quantity delivered at the receipt point. The quantity received by the Utility at the receipt point shall equal the quantity delivered by the Utility to the delivery point divided by (1 - x) where x is the decimal equivalent of the backbone transmission system in-kind fuel factor percentage.

Rate, percent reduction 0.298%

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Any applicable volumetric charges shall be charged on scheduled volumes net of shrinkage.

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Attachment C - In-Kind Energy Charge Calculation

May 1, 2012 through July 31, 2012

	<u>Transmission Compression Fuel Usage</u> (Mcf)	<u>Official MCS Receipts *</u> (Mcf)	
Three-Month Total:	658,571	257,576,106	
In-Kind Charge, %	= $\frac{\text{Actual Fuel}}{\text{Total Receipts}^*}$	= $\frac{658,571}{257,576,106}$	= 0.256%
	Minus	Minus	Minus
Adjustment **	= $\frac{(\text{Fuel Collections minus Actual Fuel})}{\text{Total Receipts}^*}$	= $\frac{-107,239}{257,576,106}$	= -0.042%
In-Kind Energy Charge for 4th Qtr 2012	=		0.298%

* Total Quantity Received by the Utility at all of its Receipt Points.

** Adjustment (Cumulative) for previous Over/Under Collections