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**Advice Letter 4424-G** 

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

Subject: Implementation of a Credit Fee Associated with the Recovery of AB 32 Implementation Fee Pursuant to D.12-10-044

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4424-G is effective as of December 15, 2012 with AL 4424-G Tariffs effective as of January 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

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**Energy Division** 



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Advice No. 4424 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject:** Implementation of a Fee Credit Associated with the Recovery of AB 32 Implementation Fee

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

#### **Purpose**

This Advice Letter proposes to implement a fee credit for end-use customers who pay Assembly Bill (AB) 32 administrative fees (AB 32 Implementation Fees) directly to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and are also billed for these costs embedded in SoCalGas' transportation rates. For natural gas utilities, the AB 32 Implementation Fee is based on gas therms delivered to customers, excluding wholesale volumes and deliveries to end-use customers who are directly billed by the CARB.

#### **Background**

On September 27, 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 32, which authorized the CARB to adopt measures necessary to reduce California's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to the 1990 level by 2020. AB 32 provides that CARB may adopt a schedule of fees to be paid for by the sources of GHG emissions to fund its administrative costs associated with the implementation of AB 32. CARB adopted the AB 32 Implementation Fee on September 25, 2009, and the final version was approved by the Office of Administrative Law on June 17, 2010.

In Application (A.) 10-08-002, SoCalGas, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) (collectively, Joint Applicants), jointly requested authority to increase their electric and gas rates to recover the costs of the CARB AB 32 Implementation Fees from their respective end-use gas transportation and bundled electric generation customers.

In Decision (D.) 10-12-026, the Commission authorized the creation of memorandum accounts for each of the Joint Applicants to record costs associated with the CARB AB 32 Implementation

Fee. D.12-10-044, adopted on October 25, 2012, granted the Joint Applicants authorization to recover the reasonable costs recorded in the memorandum account for AB 32 Implementation Fees from ratepayers. D.12-10-044 also granted the utilities authority to request recovery in rates of any further fees expected to be incurred as a forecast cost in a general rate case proceeding. The credit calculated herein is based on the recovery of costs recorded in SoCalGas' Environmental Fee Memorandum Account (EFMA). Should SoCalGas also recover these costs on a forecast basis in connection with the implementation of its pending 2012 General Rate Case or amortization of the balance in a regulatory account mechanism that may be approved in connection with that proceeding, the credit will be updated accordingly.

#### **Requested Tariff Revisions**

The following language is added as a separate section before "Monthly Minimum Charge" to Schedule No. GT-F, Firm Intrastate Transportation Service for Distribution Customers, Sheet 2; GT-I, Interruptible Intrastate Transportation Service for Distribution Level Customers Sheet 2; and GT-TLS, Intrastate Transportation Service for Transmission Level Customers, Sheet 5.

California Air Resources Board (CARB) Fee Credit ...... (0.302) cents/therm

The CARB Fee Credit is applicable to Commercial/Industrial, Enhanced Oil Recovery and Electric Generation customers who are identified by CARB as being billed directly for CARB administrative fees.

#### **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 of this Advice Letter, which is December 5, 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 (<a href="mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov">EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</a>). 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

#### **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. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this advice letter be approved December 15, 2012, which is 30 calendar days after the date filed, with the tariffs to become effective January 1, 2013.

#### **Notice**

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A, which includes the parties in A.10-08-002.

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: Contact Person:	Sid Newsom		
☐ ELC	Phone #: (213) <u>244-2846</u>		
PLC HEAT WATER E-mail: SNewson	m@semprautilities.com		
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)			
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas			
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water	<u>L</u>		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4424			
Subject of AL: <u>Implementation of a Credit Fee Asso</u> Implementation Fee Pursuant to D.12-10-044	ociated with the Recovery of AB 32		
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance			
AL filing type:   Monthly  Quarterly  Annual			
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, inc			
D.12-10-044			
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: <u>N/A</u>		
Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide	-		
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Resolution Required?  Yes No Tier Designation: 1 2 3			
Requested effective date: <u>12/15/12</u> , <u>AL</u> ; <u>1</u> /1/13, Taris	fs No. of tariff sheets: <u>5</u>		
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: <u>GT-F, GT-I, GT-TLS and TOCs</u>			
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	Southern California Gas Company Attention: Sid Newsom		
505 Van Ness Ave.,	555 West 5th Street, GT14D6		
San Francisco, CA 94102	Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011		
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov	SNewsom@semprautilities.com		
	tariffs@socalgas.com		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>scriptscriptstyle 1}$  Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### Advice No. 4424

(See Attached Service Lists)

#### ATTACHMENT B Advice No. 4424

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 48570-G	Schedule No. GT-F, FIRM INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, FOR DISTRIBUTION CUSTOMERS, Sheet 2	Revised 47803-G
Revised 48571-G	Schedule No. GT-I, INTERRUPTIBLE INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, FOR DISTRIBUTION LEVEL CUSTOMERS, Sheet 2	Revised 47805-G
Revised 48572-G	Schedule No. GT-TLS, INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, FOR TRANSMISSION LEVEL CUSTOMERS, Sheet 5	Original 45325-G
Revised 48573-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 48556-G
Revised 48574-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 48557-G

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Revised CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. Original CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

48572-G 45325-G

Schedule No. GT-TLS

FOR TRANSMISSION LEVEL CUSTOMERS
(Continued)

INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

**RATES** (Continued)

Reservation Rate Option (Continued)

**Additional Charges** 

Rates may be adjusted to reflect any applicable taxes, franchise or other fees or regulatory surcharges approved or directed by the CPUC.

California Air Resources Board (CARB) Fee Credit ...... (0.302)¢/therm

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#### Monthly Minimum Charge

The Monthly Minimum Charge shall apply to a Bypass customer only. The Monthly Minimum Charge shall recover the Utility's actual Customer-related service costs. Customer-related service costs shall be limited to actual operations and maintenance costs of the metering equipment and other related facilities at the Customer's meter(s) that are owned and operated by the Utility necessary to deliver gas in accordance with the Utility's rules and procedures, good industry practice, and governmental regulations. The Utility shall determine actual Customer related service costs for each eligible Customer not later than 30 days following a request by the Customer and shall seek CPUC approval of the resulting Monthly Minimum Charge by Advice Letter. The approved Monthly Minimum Charge for each Customer shall apply only when the charge exceeds the total reservation and volumetric transportation charges for GT-TLS service and shall be applied in lieu of the total reservation and volumetric transportation charges.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

#### **GENERAL**

- 1. <u>Definitions</u>: The definitions of principal terms used in this schedule are found either herein or in Rule No. 1, Definitions.
- 2. <u>Number of Therms</u>: The number of therms to be billed shall be determined in accordance with Rule No. 2.
- 3. Bypass Customers: Bypass is defined in Rule No. 1.

A customer who has Bypassed the Utility may elect to resume tariff service under one of the non-Bypass rate options under this schedule, as described below, if the following conditions are met: (a) Customer must cease to receive service from an alternate gas supply source or an Alternate Gas Transportation Service Provider and (b) Customer must physically disconnect from the alternate gas supply source or the Alternate Gas Transportation Service Provider.

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Revised Revised CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

48570-G 47803-G

Sheet 2

# Schedule No. GT-F FIRM INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR DISTRIBUTION CUSTOMERS

(Continued)

RATES (Continued)

Transportation Charges (Continued)

GT-F4D, Enhanced Oil Recovery

GT-F5D, Electric Generation\*

For customers using less than 3 million therms per year

For customers using 3 million therms or more per year

The applicable GT-F5D transmission charge shall be determined on the basis of the customer's GT-F5D usage (combined with GT-I5D usage, if applicable) for the most recent twelve-month period. For customers with less than twelve months of historical usage, the transportation charge shall be determined on a pro rata basis using the months for which usage is available.

\* The amount of gas applicable under the electric generation rate is determined in accordance with the provisions stated in Special Condition 22 herein.

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#### Minimum Charge

For commercial/industrial, enhanced oil recovery and electric generation using less than 3 million therms per year service, the minimum monthly charge shall be the applicable monthly customer charge. For electric generation customers using 3 million therms or more per year, the minimum monthly charge shall be the GT-F3D customer charge.

#### Additional Charges

Rates may be adjusted to reflect any applicable taxes, franchise or other fees, regulatory surcharges, and interstate or intrastate pipeline charges that may occur.

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Schedule No. GT-L

Sheet 2

## INTERRUPTIBLE INTRASTATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR DISTRIBUTION LEVEL CUSTOMERS

(Continued)

RATES (Continued)

<u>Transportation Charges</u> (Continued)

GT-I4D, Enhanced Oil Recovery

GT-I5D, Electric Generation\*

For customers using less than 3 million therms per year

For customers using 3 million therms or more per year

The applicable GT-I5D transmission charge shall be determined on the basis of the customer's GT-I5D usage (combined with GT-F5D usage, if applicable) for the most recent twelve-month period. For customers with less than twelve months of historical usage, the transportation charge shall be determined on a pro rata basis using the months for which usage is available.

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