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Advice Letter 4490

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**Subject: Publication of Open Season Results for Line 7000 in the
San Joaquin Valley**

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4490 is effective May 31, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
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May 1, 2013

Advice No. 4490
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Publication of Open Season Results for Line 7000 in the San Joaquin Valley

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) this publication of the results of the Open Season held for firm service contracts commencing April 1, 2013 for Line 7000 in the San Joaquin Valley (SJV).

Background

SoCalGas had determined that the SJV is an area that is potentially constrained. SoCalGas conducted an Open Season in 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013. The 2013 SJV Open Season was held for firm service contracts commencing on April 1, 2013 with use-or-pay obligations.

San Joaquin Valley Open Season Results

SoCalGas sent bid packages to one hundred fifty-six (156) customers currently noncore, noncore eligible, or expected to be noncore eligible within the term of this Open Season. Forty-seven (47) customers bid for firm noncore service, sixty (60) elected to remain on core service, and forty-six (46) elected interruptible noncore service. Three (3) customers defaulted to noncore interruptible service from noncore firm service and ten (10) customers transferred from noncore to core service. Seven (7) of the bidding customers were large customers and therefore were required to bid a five-year term. SoCalGas was able to award all customer bids for firm noncore service.

The existing infrastructure is adequate to supply all core and firm noncore requirements and no expansions are planned at this time. Based on these results, in accordance with Special Condition 37 of Schedule No. GT-F, if the Commission agrees that no expansion is needed; SoCalGas will reduce the commitment for the SJV large customers from five years to two years, consistent with the term for small customers. Schedule No. GT-F Special Condition 37 states as follows:

Term: For large noncore customers, the term for firm service shall be the earlier of (a) two (2) years beyond the in-service date of facilities associated with the expansion of local transmission service, or the commencement of service on interstate and/or foreign pipelines or other arrangements that alleviate the need for expanding local transmission facilities, limited to the contractual commitments approved in D.07-05-022; or (b) five (5) years. For small noncore customers, the term is two years. In the event all requests for firm noncore capacity can be awarded without proration and the Utility does not plan to expand the local transmission system within the five-year contract period, the Utility will inform the Commission. Upon Commission agreement that there is no need to construct additional facilities within the five-year contract period, the Utility shall amend the five-year contracts to expire after two-years, consistent with the term for small customers.

Current capacity in the SJV is 180 MMcfd. Peak firm demand (core 1-in-10 year cold day demand plus noncore firm bids) is 153 MMcfd, leaving excess capacity of at least 27 MMcfd through 2013. Based on these results and SoCalGas' analysis of likely firm demand, SoCalGas has determined that no additional facilities are needed at this time; however, there may still be a risk of interruptible service curtailment if a significant portion of interruptible customers operate on a cold winter day.

Protests

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 May 21, 2013. 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
Attn: 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 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 filing be approved May 31, 2013, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to all parties listed on Attachment A, which includes parties on the service list in the Gas Market OIR R.04-01-025.

Rasha Prince
Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachment

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

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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) #: 4490

Subject of AL: Publication of Open Season Results for Line 7000 in the San Joaquin Valley

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Noncore, Contracts

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

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

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: May 31, 2013

No. of tariff sheets: 0

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: None

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

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

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

Advice No. 4490

(See Attached Service List)