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Advice Letter 4563-G

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Subject: Revision of Seismic Services Fees in Rule No. 10 - Service Charges

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4563-G is effective December 21, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revision of Seismic Services Fees in Rule No. 10 – Service Charges

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its Rule No. 10, Service Charges, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

Purpose

This filing revises the seismic services fees in SoCalGas' Rule No. 10, section G., Earthquake Valve Service, as proposed in Revised Prepared Direct Testimony of Ed Fong (Exhibit 143), in SoCalGas' Test Year (TY) 2012 General Rate Case (GRC) Application (A.) 10-12-006.

Background

The costs associated with earthquake valve activities have been in effect since 2002; however, these costs have increased over the past 11 years. SoCalGas proposed to increase these charges as part of its TY 2012 GRC proceeding.

A. 10-12-006 was filed on December 15, 2010, to establish the revenue requirement and rates for SoCalGas to provide natural gas service to its customers for the test year period from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 and the post test years 2013 through 2015. Decision (D.) 13-05-010, dated May 9, 2013, adopted a revenue requirement with Miscellaneous Revenues that include the proposed charges in the above-mentioned Exhibit 143.

Tariff Revisions

The current and proposed rates for Earthquake Valve Services are summarized below:

Earthquake Valve Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Removal Service Charge	\$83.28 - 1st hour & \$13.87 - Additional 1/4 hour increments (per person)	\$138.71 - 1st hour and \$32.89 per additional 1/4 hour increments (per person)
Trip Charge for Estimating Cost of Removal	\$34.89	\$48.17
Earthquake Valve Restore – Individual Meter - Residential and Small Business Customers	\$63.39	\$78.82
Earthquake Valve Restore – Multiple Meter - Residential and Small Business Customers	\$63.39 per meter	\$137.65 1st hour and \$31.98 per additional 1/4 hour increments (per person)

In addition to the rate changes above, G.4, Charge for Restoring Gas Service after a Valve Activates, is revised to include the new language and rate for restoring gas service for residential and small business customers with multiple meters. A redline version of the tariffs is included as Attachment C.

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 December 11, 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

A copy 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
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E-mail: 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. SoCalGas requests this advice letter be approved on December 21, 2013 which is 30 days from the date filed. However, because of the

Information Technology deployment constraint, SoCalGas will notify the Energy Division within 20 days when the tariffs will become effective.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A which includes parties to A.10-12-006, TY 2012 GRC.

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

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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) #: 4563

Subject of AL: Revision of Seismic Services Fees in Rule No. 10 – Service Charges

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Rules

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

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

D.13-05-010

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: 12/21/13 No. of tariff sheets: 4

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): _____

Estimated system average rate effect (%): _____

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: Rule No. 10 and TOCs

Service affected and changes proposed¹ See Advice Letter

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
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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A

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(See Attached Service List)

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ATTACHMENT B
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 49741-G	Rule No. 10, SERVICE CHARGES, Sheet 4	Revised 45988-G
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Rule No. 10
SERVICE CHARGES

Sheet 4

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F. PAYMENT FOR SERVICE CHARGES

All charges for the Set-Timed Appointment and Appliance Connection charge(s) will be included in the bill for gas service, whenever possible. The charge(s) will be due and payable consistent with Rule No. 9, C.1. If billed separately, payment is due within 30 days.

The Utility shall advise the customer that appliance connection services are also provided by plumbers and contractors.

G. EARTHQUAKE VALVE SERVICE

1. Applicability

The Utility offers a valve removal service if the valve is installed on the Utility's facilities, and a gas restoration service. The Utility will provide this service to customers in all classes, including residential, commercial and industrial customers.

2. Responsibility for Valve after Installation

After installation, the valve is the property of the Utility's customer. The customer can have the valve removed at any time, except where the valve is required by law to be installed. At the time of installation, the Utility may require the customer to agree to transfer the valve to a subsequent purchaser of the premises or to remove the valve before the time of sale (where removal is allowed by law).

3. Charge for Removal of Valves

The Utility offers a valve removal service. The removal service charge for customers is \$138.71 plus materials for the first hour and \$32.89 for every quarter hour thereafter (per person). A trip charge for estimating the cost of removal of EQV is \$48.17. This cost will be applied if the removal is not authorized at the time of the estimate. A trip charge of \$48.17 will be applied to any trip made to the customer's location for any reason due to the customer's and not SoCalGas' circumstances where removal of an EQV on SoCalGas' pipeline is performed.

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G. EARTHQUAKE VALVE SERVICE (Continued)

4. Charge for Restoring Gas Service after a Valve Activates

If a valve is activated and shuts off gas service, it is the responsibility of the customer to arrange and pay for restoration of service. The Utility offers to restore service after activation of an earthquake shut-off valve for a charge of \$78.82 for residential and small commercial customers with an individual meter. For residential and small commercial customers with multiple meters, the Utility's charge for restoration of service is \$137.65 for the first hour and \$31.98 for every quarter hour thereafter (per person). For larger customers with larger meters, the Utility's charge for restoration of service will be quoted in advance based on an estimate. The Utility has the option to waive charges for restoration of service after a major earthquake.

5. Payment

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Rule No. 10 Sheets 4 and 5 (Redlined)

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