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April 29, 2014

**Advice Letter 4625**

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**Subject: Schedule No. GT-SWGX - Exchange Wholesale Natural Gas Service – Exchange Rate.**

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4625 is effective April 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
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Advice No. 4625  
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**Subject: Schedule No. GT-SWGX - Exchange Wholesale Natural Gas Service – Exchange Rate**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its Schedule No. GT-SWGX (GT-SWGX), Exchange Wholesale Natural Gas Service applicable to Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), as shown on Attachment B.

**Purpose**

This filing revises the rate (Exchange Rate) SoCalGas charges Southwest for exchange transportation service pursuant to GT-SWGX. The Exchange Rate recovers certain exchange fees charged by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to SoCalGas plus SoCalGas' system balancing costs, and applies only to gas quantities delivered to Southwest through delivery points served by PG&E.

**Background**

In Decision (D.) 09-10-036 the Commission adopted an exchange contract between SoCalGas and PG&E and a transportation contract between SoCalGas and Southwest. These contracts govern SoCalGas' service to, and rates for, Southwest. Pursuant to that decision, the PG&E exchange fee shall automatically change if the Commission approves modification to any of the tariffed components of the formula used to determine the exchange fee.<sup>1</sup> Whenever either the PG&E exchange fee changes and/or SoCalGas' system balancing cost adder (SBCA) changes, the Exchange Rate between SoCalGas and Southwest also will change as stated in GT-SWGX and in the transportation contract between SoCalGas and Southwest.<sup>2</sup> On February 21, 2014, the Commission approved SoCalGas' Advice No. 4586, resulting in a change in the SBCA. On February 20, 2014, the Commission approved

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<sup>1</sup> D.09-10-036, mimeo., at 18 (Finding of Fact No. 18).

<sup>2</sup> D.09-10-036, mimeo., Attachment B – Master Services Contract, Schedule A, Intrastate Transmission Service, Section 7.E.4(b).

PG&E's Advice 3447-G. This advice filing changed PG&E's transportation rates, which in turn resulted in a new exchange fee charged by PG&E to SoCalGas.

### **Requested Revision**

This filing increases the Exchange Rate in GT-SWGX from 5.243/therm to 5.900¢/therm, which is the sum of the newly calculated PG&E exchange fee of 5.765¢/therm and the new SoCalGas system balancing cost adder of 0.135¢/therm. Pursuant to the contract between PG&E and SoCalGas adopted in D.09-10-036, the new PG&E exchange fee will be charged to SoCalGas on the first day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month following Commission approval of the underlying tariff changes.<sup>3</sup> Since the tariff changes were approved by February 21, 2014, the new exchange fee will become effective on April 1, 2014. Pursuant to the contract between SoCalGas and Southwest adopted in D.09-10-036, the revised Exchange Rate charged by SoCalGas to Southwest becomes effective on the same date.<sup>4</sup>

### **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 April 15, 2014. 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 Energy Division Tariff Unit ([EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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  
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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 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to GO 96-B, Section 7.3.1. SoCalGas

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<sup>3</sup> D.09-10-036, mimeo., Attachment C – Southwest Exchange Gas Delivery Agreement Between PG&E and SoCalGas, Section 5.2.

<sup>4</sup> D.09-10-036, mimeo., Attachment B – Master Services Contract, Schedule A, Intrastate Transmission Service, Section 7.E.4(b).

respectfully requests the tariff sheets filed herein be effective on April 1, 2014, the date specified in the two Commission-approved contracts governing SoCalGas' service to Southwest.

**Notice**

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed in Attachment A which includes parties in A.08-12-006, SoCalGas/PG&E/Southwest Wholesale Transportation and Exchange Agreements.

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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

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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) #: 4625

Subject of AL: Schedule No. GT-SWGX – Exchange Wholesale Natural Gas Service – Exchange Rate

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Agreements; Contracts

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

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

D.09-10-036

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: 4/1/14

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: GT-SWGX, TOCs

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  
[EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

Southern California Gas Company  
Attention: Sid Newsom  
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Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
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<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 4625**

**(See Attached Service Lists)**

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ATTACHMENT B  
Advice No. 4625

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 50186-G	Schedule No. GT-SWGX, EXCHANGE WHOLESALE NATURAL GAS SERVICE, Sheet 1	Revised 49518-G*
Revised 50187-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 50184-G
Revised 50188-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 50185-G



Schedule No. GT-SWGX  
EXCHANGE WHOLESALE NATURAL GAS SERVICE

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable for exchange transportation service exchange with Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") in order to serve Southwest Gas Corporation's ("Customer") PG&E Points of Delivery located in Customer's service territory in southern California.

TERRITORY

Delivery points shall be as specified in the executed Master Services Contract, Schedule A, Intrastate Transmission Service, dated December 10, 2008 ("Contract").

RATES

Exchange Fee Charges

Exchange Rate, per therm ..... 5.900¢

As specified in the Contract, the Exchange Rate recovers certain exchange fees charged by PG&E to Utility plus Utility's system balancing costs, and applies only to gas quantities delivered through Points of Delivery served by PG&E. Pursuant to the Contract, the Exchange Rate shall automatically change if the Commission approves modification to any of the tariffed components of the formula used to determine the exchange fee.

Pisgah Meter Station Charges

Pisgah Meter Station Charge, per month ..... \$27,505

As specified in the Contract, Pisgah Meter Station Charges are monthly charges associated with the Pisgah Meter Station Upgrade.

One-Time Lump-Sum True Up Charge .....\$238,523

As specified in the Contract, a one-time lump-sum charge will be paid to enable SoCalGas to recover actual Pisgah Meter Station Upgrade costs during the months before the Pisgah Meter Station Charges are trued up. This charge will cover August 2011 through August 2013.

Billing Adjustments

Billing adjustments may be necessary to reflect changes in quantities used in developing prior periods' exchange 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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