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May 29, 2014

Advice Letter 4640-G

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

Subject: Core Pricing Flexibility and Noncore Competitive Load Growth Opportunities Programs

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4640-G is effective June 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

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Advice No. 4640 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Core Pricing Flexibility and Noncore Competitive Load Growth Opportunities Programs

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its Core Pricing Flexibility and Noncore Competitive Load Growth Opportunities Program information for 2013. This filing is made in compliance with Decision (D.) 97-07-054, SoCalGas' Performance Based Regulation, and D.00-04-060, SoCalGas' 1999 Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding.

Purpose

Consistent with the prior year's filing¹, the purpose of this filing is to report the 2013 results of the Core Pricing Flexibility Program and Noncore Competitive Load Growth Opportunities Program as adopted in D.97-07-054 and D.00-04-060, respectively, for informational purposes only.

Core Pricing Flexibility Program

In D.97-07-054 and D.98-01-040, the Commission authorized a Core Pricing Flexibility program for SoCalGas as detailed in Section K.2 of Advice No. 2687-A. This program remains unchanged with the approval of the 2012 General Rate Case (GRC) proceeding. Under this arrangement, SoCalGas' shareholders are responsible for any reduction in core revenues that may occur due to discounting, and likewise receive the benefit of any resulting gains. The Commission has authorized SoCalGas to adjust its Core Fixed Cost Account to reflect this arrangement. The Core Pricing Flexibility program produced incremental net revenues in the amount of \$597,769 for 2013.

¹ Advice No. 4489 was approved on June 4, 2013 and made effective June 1, 2013.

Noncore Competitive Load Growth Opportunities Program

In D.00-04-060, the Commission authorized SoCalGas' revenue treatment for new negotiated contracts that are part of a California Red Team economic development effort and contracts where Rule No. 38 shareholder funding has been used. This program remains unchanged with the approval of the 2012 GRC proceeding. Under this arrangement, SoCalGas' shareholders are responsible for any reduction in noncore revenues that may occur due to discounting, and likewise receive the benefit of any resulting gains. The Commission has authorized SoCalGas to adjust its Noncore Fixed Cost Account to reflect this arrangement. The Noncore Competitive Load Growth Opportunities program produced incremental net revenues in the amount of \$670,834 for 2013.

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, 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 the Energy Division Tariff Unit (<u>EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</u>). A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <u>and</u> 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: <u>snewsom@SempraUtilities.com</u>

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 General Order (GO) 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing be approved June 1, 2014, which is more than 30 calendar days after the date filed.

<u>Notice</u>

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in A.10-12-006, SoCalGas' 2012 GRC. Address change requests to the GO 96-B should be directed by electronic mail to tariffs@socalgas.com or call 213-244-3387. For changes to all other service lists, please contact the Commission's Process Office at 415-703-2021 or by electronic mail at Process Office@cpuc.ca.gov.

Rasha Prince Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

| ENERGY UTILITY | | |
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| 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: <u>Sid Newsom</u> | |
| \Box ELC \boxtimes GAS | Phone #: (213) 2 <u>44-2846</u> | |
| PLC HEAT WATER | E-mail: SNewsom@semprautilities.com | |
| EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC) | | |
| ELC = Electric GAS = Gas | | |
| PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water | | |
| Advice Letter (AL) #: <u>4640</u> | | |
| Subject of AL: <u>Core Pricing Flexibility and Noncore Competitive Load Growth Opportunities Programs</u> | | |
| (formerly the PBR Safety Performance) | | |
| Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Core, Non-Core, GRC | | |
| AL filing type: 🗌 Monthly 🗌 Quarterly 🖾 Annual 🗌 One-Time 🗌 Other | | |
| If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: | | |
| D.97-07-054. D.00-04-060 | | |
| 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 ¹ : N/A | | |
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| Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No | | |
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| Resolution Required? Yes No Tier Designation: 1 2 3 | | |
| Requested effective date: June 1, 2014 | | No. of tariff sheets: 0 |
| Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): N <u>/A</u> | | |
| 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 | | |
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| Service affected and changes proposed ¹ : N/A | | |
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| Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>N/A</u> | | |
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| 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 Southern California Gas Company | | |
| | | Attention: Sid Newsom |
| | | 555 West 5 th Street, GT14D6 |
| | | Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011 |
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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.