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Advice Letter: 4655-G

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SUBJECT: Establishment of the Energy Data Request Memorandum Account (EDRMA).

Dear Ms. Prince:

Advice Letter 4655-G is effective as of July 17, 2014; tariffs are effective as of May 5, 2014.

Sincerely,

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June 16, 2014

<u>Advice No. 4655</u> (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Establishment of the Energy Data Request Memorandum Account (EDRMA)

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 in Attachment A.

Purpose

In compliance with Decision (D.) 14-05-016, this filing updates Preliminary Statement, Part VI, Regulatory Accounts – Memorandum, to establish the Energy Data Request Memorandum Account (EDRMA,) to record the incremental costs associated with implementing the programs in this decision, as authorized in Ordering Paragraph (OP) 13.

Background

On May 5, 2014, the Commission issued D.14-05-016 which adopted rules that provide access to energy usage and usage-related data while protecting the privacy of personal data. D.14-05-016 creates a data request and release process whereby entities can request energy usage and usage-related data from utilities and receive action on the request and resolution of disputes over access to data. In addition, D.14-05-016 orders utilities to post, on a quarterly basis, customer usage data that meets specified aggregation standards. D.14-05-016 authorizes the utilities to establish a memorandum account to record costs associated with the implementation of the utilities' energy usage data access programs.

Specifically, D.14-05-016 requires that incremental capital and expense related costs for implementing the energy usage data access programs should be tracked and recorded in a memorandum account effective as of the date of the issuance of this decision.

Furthermore, D.14-05-016, in Finding of Fact (FOF) 87 and OP 13, details how costs are to be recovered by utilities as described below.

FOF 87:

Since the costs of providing data access are uncertain and could be substantial, it is reasonable to authorize PG&E, SCE, SDG&E and SoCalGas to establish a memorandum account to record the incremental costs associated with providing access to energy usage data and to subsequently seek recovery of those costs through application or General Rate Case.

OP 13:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, Southern California Gas Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company are authorized to establish a memorandum account to record the incremental costs associated with implementing the programs in this decision. The memorandum account shall be effective as of the date of the issuance of this decision. The utility is authorized to seek recovery of costs booked to this memorandum account via an application or in a general rate case proceeding and should demonstrate that the costs are reasonable and incremental to current revenue requirements. In addition, ongoing costs found reasonable and incremental will be reflected in revenue requirements following the utility's next general rate case proceeding.

Establishment of the EDRMA

In compliance with D.14-05-016, SoCalGas establishes the EDRMA to record actual incremental expenses and capital-related costs (i.e., such as depreciation, taxes, and return) associated with the development and implementation of the data request and release process to provide access to the utility's energy usage and usage-related data. The EDRMA is effective May 5, 2014, the date of issuance of the decision. The disposition of this account will be addressed in SoCalGas' next General Rate Case proceeding or other applicable proceeding.

Protest

Anyone may protest this AL 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 AL, which is July 7, 2014. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is given below.

CPUC Energy Division Attention: 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 (<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 on July 17, 2014, which is 30 calendar days from the date filed, with the tariffs to become effective on May 5, 2014, the date of issuance of D.14-05-016.

Notice

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in Phase 3 of R.08-12-009, Smart Grid Technologies. 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 UT	ILITY		
MUST BE COMPLE	ETED BY UTILITY (A	ttach additional pages as needed)		
Company name/CPUC Utility No. SOL	THERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904G)		
Utility type:	Contact Person: Sid Newsom			
\Box ELC \boxtimes GAS	Phone #: (213) 244	-2846		
$\square PLC \qquad \square HEAT \qquad \square WATER$				
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)				
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas				
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat W	VATER = Water			
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4655				
Subject of AL Establishment of Energy	gy Data Request Mo	emorandum Account		
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AL filing type: 🗌 Monthly 🗌 Quarter	ly 🗌 Annual 🖂 On	e-Time 🗌 Other		
If AL filed in compliance with a Comm				
D.14-05-016				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected	ed AL? If so, identi	fy the prior AL No		
-		drawn or rejected AL ¹ : N/A		
Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: <u>No</u>				
Resolution Required? 🗌 Yes 🖾 No		Tier Designation: 🗌 1 🛛 2 🗍 3		
Requested effective date: <u>5/5/14 Tariff;</u> No. of tariff sheets: <u>5</u>				
Estimated system annual revenue effect	ct: (%): <u>N/A</u>			
Estimated system average rate effect (%): <u>N/A</u>			
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>Preliminary Statement Part VI, TOCs</u>				
Service affected and changes proposed ¹ See Advice Letter				
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>None</u>				
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:				
		outhern California Gas Company		
Attention: Tariff Unit		Attention: Sid Newsom		
		55 West 5 th Street, GT14D6		
San Francisco, CA 94102		Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011		
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS DESCRIPTION AND LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS

Sheet 1

A. GENERAL

Memorandum accounts are special accounts authorized by the Commission for the purpose of tracking certain costs and revenues. Please refer to each individual memorandum account description for the specific accounting treatment applicable to each account.

B. LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS

PCB Expense Account (PCBEA) Research Development and Demonstration Expense Account (RDDEA) Curtailment Violation Penalty Account (CVPA) Economic Practicality Shortfall Memorandum Account (EPSMA) Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) Vernon Avoided Distribution Cost Memorandum Account (VADCMA) Vernon Negotiated Core Contract Memorandum Account (VNCCMA) Research Royalty Memorandum Account (RRMA) Intervenor Award Memorandum Account (IAMA) Z Factor Account (ZFA) Self-Generation Program Memorandum Account (SGPMA) FERC Settlement Proceeds Memorandum Account (FSPMA) Gain/Loss On Sale Memorandum Account (GLOSMA) Affiliate Transfer Fee Account (ATFA) Firm Access and Storage Rights Memorandum Account (FASRMA) System Reliability Memorandum Account (SRMA) Fire Hazard Prevention Memorandum Account (FHPMA) California Solar Initiative Thermal Program Memorandum Account (CSITPMA) Honor Rancho Storage Memorandum Account (HRSMA) Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account (WEMA) Honor Rancho Cost Recovery Memorandum Account (HRCRMA) Natural Gas Appliance Testing Memorandum Account (NGATMA) Energy Savings Assistance Programs Memorandum Account (ESAPMA) General Rate Case Memorandum Account (GRCMA) Pipeline Safety and Reliability Memorandum Account (PSRMA) Aliso Canyon Memorandum Account (ACMA) Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program Memorandum Account (AMOPMA) Energy Data Request Memorandum Account (EDRMA)

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CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 50422-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS ENERGY DATA REQUEST MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (EDRMA)

1. Purpose

The EDRMA is an interest-bearing memorandum account that is recorded on the Utility's financial statements. The purpose of the EDRMA is to record the incremental costs associated in complying with Commission Decision (D.) 14-05-016 which adopts rules that provide access to energy usage and usage-related data to local government entities, researchers, and state and federal agencies by creating a data request and release process. In D.14-05-016, the Commission directs SoCalGas to file this advice letter to create a memorandum account to record actual incremental expenses and capital-related costs associated with the development and implementation of the energy usage data request and release process. The EDRMA is effective May 5, 2014, the date of issuance of the decision.

2. <u>Applicability</u>

This account shall apply to all gas customers except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.

3. <u>Rates</u>

See Disposition Section.

4. Accounting Procedures

SoCalGas shall maintain the EDRMA by recording entries at the end of each month as follows, net of FF&U, where applicable:

- a) A debit entry equal to the actual incremental costs and capital-related costs (i.e., depreciation, taxes and return) associated with the development and implementation of the energy usage data request and release process;
- b) An entry equal to the amortization of the EDRMA balance as authorized by the Commission; and
- c) An entry equal to the interest on the average balance in the account during the month, calculated in the manner described in the Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

5. Disposition

The disposition of this account will be addressed in SoCalGas' next General Rate Case proceeding or other applicable proceeding. Pursuant to D.14-05-016, SoCalGas is required to demonstrate the reasonableness of costs recorded in the EDRMA for recovery in rates. Upon Commission approval, SoCalGas will amortize the EDRMA balance in rates.

ISSUED BY Lee Schavrien Senior Vice President (TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC) SUBMITTED Jun 16, 2014 EFFECTIVE May 5, 2014 RESOLUTION NO. N N

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