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Advice Letters 4756-G, 4756-G-A and 4756-G-B

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SUBJECT: Establishment of Preliminary Statement Part V -- Balancing Accounts, Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program Balancing Account

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letters 4756-G, 4756-G-A and 4756-G-B are effective as of December 14, 2014, per Resolution E-4723 Ordering Paragraphs.

Sincerely,

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<u>Advice No. 4756-A</u> (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Partial Supplement - Establishment of Preliminary Statement Part V – Balancing Accounts, Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program Balancing Account and Modification of Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program (G-AMOP) and Rule No. 14 in compliance with D.14-12-078

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) this partial supplement to Advice No. (AL) 4756 requesting revisions to both Schedule G-AMOP and Rule No. 14, as described below, applicable throughout its service territory as shown on Attachment A.

<u>Purpose</u>

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraphs 21 and 25 of Decision (D.) 14-12-078, this partial supplement includes revisions to Schedule No. G-AMOP and Rule No. 14 to provide that SoCalGas shall collect the monthly charge from residential customers who opt-out of the program for a period of three years from the date the customer chooses to opt-out and shall implement bi-monthly (every two months) meter reading bill plan for customers who elect the Advanced Meter Opt-Out option.

Background

In D.10-04-027, the Commission approved SoCalGas' Advanced Meter Program. In D.14-02-019, the Commission approved the interim fees for residential customers selecting the opt-out option proposed in Application (A.) 12-15-016.¹ Moreover, D.14-02-019 also ordered SoCalGas to establish a new two-way memorandum account to track revenues and costs associated with providing the Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program.

¹ The interim fees were subject to adjustment upon conclusion of the second phase of the consolidated proceedings, A.11-03-014, A.11-03-015, and A.11-07-020.

In D.14-12-078, the Commission adopted permanent opt-out fees for residential customers of SoCalGas who do not wish to have an Advanced Meter. D.14-12-078 further granted SoCalGas authority to recover actual costs associated with providing the opt-out option up to a cap.² D.14-12-078 authorized SoCalGas to transfer the amounts from its Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program Memorandum Account (AMOPMA), originally adopted in D.14-02-019, to the Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program Balancing Account (AMOPBA) for recovery.

In compliance with Decision (D.) 14-12-078, AL 4756, filed on February 10, 2015, requested the establishment of an AMOPBA under Preliminary Statement Part V and eliminated the AMOPMA.

Finally, D.14-12-078 directed that the collection of monthly charges from residential opt-out customers be limited to three years from the date they choose to opt-out and that the opt-out program provide a bi-monthly manual meter read with an estimated bill every other month.

Tariff Revisions

Schedule No. G-AMOP

Pursuant to OP 21 of D.14-12-078, SoCalGas revises G-AMOP to provide that SoCalGas shall collect the monthly charge from residential opt-out customers who opt-out of the Advanced Meter Program for a period of three years from the date the customer chooses to opt-out.³

Pursuant to OP 25 of D.14-12-078, SoCalGas revises G-AMOP to provide that customers who elect service under the Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program will have their meters read bi-monthly (every two months).⁴

<u>Rule No. 14</u>

Pursuant to D.14-12-078, SoCalGas revises Rule No. 14 (Meter Reading) to further clarify that the residential opt-out customers will receive their regular meter reads on a bi-monthly basis.

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

² SoCalGas' cap is \$4.5 million.

³ As SoCalGas is still in the deployment phase of its Advanced Meter Program, the three year period for the collection of monthly charge will begin when a customer becomes ready to be billed under the Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program.

⁴ As customers enroll in SoCalGas' Opt-Out Program they will be transitioned to the bi-monthly meter read option over a period of a couple of months depending on the time in which they enroll and their billing cycle schedule.

should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be made in writing and received within 20 days of the date of this Advice Letter, which is June 22, 2015. 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 Attention: 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, as ordered in D.14-12-078, is classified as Tier 1 (effective pending staff approval). SoCalGas respectfully requests that this advice letter be approved effective December 18, 2014, which is the effective date of D.14-12-078.

Notice

A copy of this AL is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in A.08-09-023, SoCalGas' AMI, A.12-05-016, AMI Opt-Out Program, and A.11-03-014, A.11-03-015, A.11-07-020, various applications related to smart meters.

Address change requests to the GO 96-B should be directed by electronic mail to <u>tariffs@socalgas.com</u> 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 <u>process_office@cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

Ron van der Leeden Director Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

	ENERGY UT	
MUST BE COMPLE	<u>ETED BY UTILITY (A</u>	Attach additional pages as needed)
Company name/CPUC Utility No. SOL	THERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904G)
Utility type:	Contact Person: <u>Si</u>	id Newsom
\Box ELC \boxtimes GAS	Phone #: (213) 2 <u>44</u>	-2846
PLC HEAT WATER	E-mail: SNewsom	@semprautilities.com
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY T	YPE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas		
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat W	VATER = Water	
Advice Letter (AL) #: <u>4756-A</u>		
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Accounts, Advanced Meter Opt-Out Pro	ogram Balancing Ad	ccount and Modification of Advanced Meter Opt-
Out Program (G-AMOP) and Rule No.	14 in compliance wi	th D.14-12-078
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):	Metering	
AL filing type: Monthly Quarter	ly 🗌 Annual 🖂 On	e-Time 🗌 Other
If AL filed in compliance with a Comm	ission order, indicat	te relevant Decision/Resolution #:
D.14-12-078		
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected	ed AL? If so. identi	fy the prior AL <u>No</u>
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Does AL request confidential treatmen	t? If so, provide exp	lanation: <u>No</u>
Resolution Required? 🗌 Yes 🖂 No		Tier Designation: 🛛 1 🗌 2 🗌 3
Requested effective date: <u>12/18/14</u>		No. of tariff sheets: <u>7</u>
Estimated system annual revenue effe	ct: (%): <u>N/A</u>	
Estimated system average rate effect (%):N/A	
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Protests and all other correspondence this filing, unless otherwise authorize		are due no later than 20 days after the date of on, and shall be sent to:
CPUC, Energy Division	•	Southern California Gas Company
Attention: Tariff Unit		Attention: Sid Newsom
505 Van Ness Ave.,	5	555 West 5 th Street, GT14D6
San Francisco, CA 94102		Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov		SNewsom@semprautilities.com
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 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle 1}$ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A Advice No. 4756-A

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 51577-G	Schedule No. G-AMOP, RESIDENTIAL ADVANCED METER OPT-OUT PROGRAM, Sheet 1	Original 50168-G
Revised 51578-G	Schedule No. G-AMOP, RESIDENTIAL ADVANCED METER OPT-OUT PROGRAM, Sheet 2	Original 50168-G Original 50169-G
Revised 51579-G Revised 51580-G	Rule No. 14, METER READING, Sheet 1 Rule No. 14, METER READING, Sheet 2	Revised 42614-G Revised 46061-G Revised 42614-G
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Schedule No. G-AMOP RESIDENTIAL ADVANCED METER OPT-OUT PROGRAM

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable, in conjunction with any other applicable schedule, to all residential customers who do not wish to have a wireless, communicating meter, known as an Advanced Meter, installed at their premises (hereafter, "Opt-Out Customers"). Under this program, customers may receive service using an analog meter(s).

TERRITORY

Applicable throughout the service territory.

RATES

Customers who elect this option will be charged as follows:

Customers who take service on the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program will pay an initial fee and a monthly charge for analog meter service.

CARE Customers: Initial Fee: \$10.00 Monthly Charge: \$5.00/month

Customers who are *not* taking service on the CARE program will pay an initial fee and a monthly charge for analog meter service.

Non-CARE Customers: Initial Fee: \$75.00 Monthly Charge: \$10.00/month

Customers will not be charged the initial fee or monthly charge until such time as the customer elects the opt-out option by so notifying SoCalGas after receipt of such notification that: (1) an Advanced Meter is scheduled to be installed but prior to such installation; or (2) after installation, that the customer no longer wants Advanced Meter service, after which the Advanced Meter will be removed. The monthly charge will be applicable for a period of three years from the date the residential customer enrolls in the Residential Advanced Meter Opt-Out Program.

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51578-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO. 50168-G 50169-G

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Senior Vice President

Rule No. 14 METER READING

A. Meter Reading Schedule

Meters shall be read as nearly as possible at regular intervals. The regular billing period for residential service shall be one month. The regular billing period for all other classes of service shall be one month unless credit relations or collection difficulties make shorter periods advisable. In such cases the billing period may be reduced to two weeks or to one week at the Utility's discretion. For residential customers who have opted-out of the Advanced Meter Program their regular meter reads will occur bi-monthly as directed by D.14-12-078.

B. Reading of Separate Meters Not Combined

For billing purposes, each meter upon the customer's premises will be considered separately and readings of two or more meters will not be combined except as follows:

- 1. The combinations of meter readings are specifically provided for in rate schedules.
- 2. The maintenance of adequate service and/or the Utility's operating convenience requires the installation of two or more meters upon the customer's premises. (The applicability of this paragraph will depend upon the metering that would be utilized for new customers with similar service requirements.)

C. Estimated Bills

- 1. If, for reasons beyond the Utility's control, the meter serving the customer cannot be read on the scheduled reading date or accurate usage data are not available, the Utility will bill the customer for estimated consumption during the billing period, and make any necessary corrections when a reading is obtained. Estimated consumption for this purpose will be calculated considering the customer's prior usage, the Utility's experience with other customers of the same class in that area, and the general characteristics of the customer's operations. Adjustments for any under-estimate or over-estimate of a customer's consumption will be reflected on the first regularly scheduled bill rendered and based on an actual reading following the period of inaccessibility. Access to the meter, sufficient to permit the Utility to obtain an accurate read, shall be provided by the customer as a pre-requisite to the Utility making any adjustment of gas billed on an estimated basis.
- 2. If estimated bills do not result from inaccessible roads, the customer, the customer's agent, other occupant, animal or physical condition of the property preventing access to the Utility's facilities on the customer's premises, other causes within control of the customer, or a natural or man-made disaster such as fire, earthquake, flood, or severe storms, the issuance of estimated bills shall be considered "billing error" for the purposes of applying Rule No. 16.

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C. Estimated Bills (Continued)

- 3. If, for reasons within the Utility's control, the meter cannot be read or accurate usage data are not available, the Utility will bill the customer for estimated consumption during the billing period, and make any necessary corrections when a reading is obtained in accordance with Rule No. 16 C. Such estimated bills shall be considered "billing error" for the purpose of applying Rule No. 16. Estimated consumption for this purpose will be calculated as described above.
- 4. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Meter Installation If the Utility is unable to gain access to install an electronic meter reading device, the Utility may bill the customer for estimated consumption in accordance with C.1 and C.2.

D. Bills for Less Than 27 or More Than 33 Days

Except as otherwise provided in certain rate schedules and bills utilizing daily allowance billing, all bills, including opening and closing bills, for gas service rendered for a period of less than 27 days or more than 33 days will be computed in accordance with the applicable rate schedule and shall be prorated on the basis of the number of days service has been rendered to the number of days in an average month which shall be taken as 30 days. Proration will include the size of any rate blocks and recurring fixed monthly charges as stated in the rate schedule(s). Service establishment charges shall not be prorated.

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