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August 5, 2015

**Advice Letter: 4835-G**

Southern California Gas Company  
Attention: Sid Newsom  
555 West Fifth Street, GT14D6  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

**SUBJECT: Revision to Rule No. 30, Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas**

Dear Mr. Newsom:

Advice Letter 4835-G is effective as of August 9, 2015.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



A  Sempra Energy utility

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Advice No. 4835

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revision to Rule No. 30, Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) proposed revisions to its Rule No. 30, Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

**Purpose**

SoCalGas requests authorization to revise Rule No. 30 to clarify how Backbone Transportation Service (BTS) nominations are confirmed during Cycle 4 when total nominations exceed system capacity.

**Background**

In Decision (D.) 09-11-006, the Commission adopted SoCalGas' 2009 BCAP Phase Two Settlement Agreement.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to D.09-11-006 and SoCalGas Rule No. 41, SoCalGas is required to prepare an Annual Report of system reliability issues and hold an annual Customer Forum concerning Operational Flow Orders (OFOs) and minimum flow requirements.<sup>2</sup> Rule No. 41 further directs SoCalGas to submit any tariff changes proposed in the Forum and agreed-to by the Utility for Commission approval by Advice Letter (AL) no later than 60 days after conclusion of each Customer Forum. SoCalGas posted the Annual Report on its Electronic Bulletin Board ([scgenvoy.sempra.com](http://scgenvoy.sempra.com)) on April 27, 2015, and held the Customer Forum on May 11, 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix A of the June 2, 2009 Joint Motion of the Settlement Parties for Adoption of Settlement Agreement and Suspension of Hearing Schedule for Phase Two Issues.

<sup>2</sup> See SoCalGas Rule No. 41, Section 21.

### **Tariff Modification**

SoCalGas Rule No. 30 provides the general terms and conditions applicable whenever the Utility System Operator transports customer-owned gas over its system. Section D of Rule No. 30 describes the Operational Requirements that apply to customers, and Section D.3 specifically addresses Backbone Transmission Capacity, including how Receipt Point and Backbone Transmission Zone capacities will be determined and how customer nominations will be scheduled and confirmed.

In its Annual Report, SoCalGas presented a minor clarification to Rule No. 30 to better describe how BTS nominations are confirmed during Cycle 4 (i.e., Intraday 2) when total nominations exceed system capacity. This clarification to Rule No. 30 would have no effect on the current scheduling process. The proposed clarification was also included in the presentation made at the Customer Forum.

The clarification to Rule No. 30, Section D.3, as included in Attachment A, is shown in redline as follows:

Each day, the Utility will use the following rules to confirm nominations to the Receipt Point and Backbone Transmission Zone maximum operating capacities. The Utility will also use the following rules to confirm nominations to the system capacity limitation as defined in Section F for OFO events during the Intraday 1 cycle and Intraday 2 cycles; and during the Intraday 2 cycle when an OFO event is not called and nominations exceed system capacity.

### **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 30, 2015. 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 ([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  
555 West Fifth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
Facsimile No. (213) 244-4957  
E-mail: [snewsom@SempraUtilities.com](mailto:snewsom@SempraUtilities.com)

**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 GO 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing be approved on August 9, 2015, which is 30 calendar days from the date filed.

**Notice**

A copy of this AL is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service lists in A.14-12-017, A.14-06-021, and A.13-12-013. Address change requests to the GO 96-B should be directed by electronic mail to [tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto: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](mailto:Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov).

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Ronald van der Leeden  
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

Phone #: (213) 244-2846

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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) #: 4835

Subject of AL: Revision to Rule No. 30, Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Capacity

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other

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

D.09-11-006

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: 8/9/2015

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: Rule No. 30 and TOC's

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

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San Francisco, CA 94102

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

Southern California Gas Company

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<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A  
Advice No. 4835

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 51746-G	Rule No. 30, TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED GAS, Sheet 4	Revised 49388-G*
Revised 51747-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 51388-G
Revised 51748-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 51745-G

TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED GAS

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D. Operational Requirements (Continued)

3. Backbone Transmission Capacity (Continued)

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Confirmation Order:

- Nominations using Firm Primary backbone transportation rights will be first; pro-rated if over-nominated\*.
- Nominations using Firm Alternate backbone transportation rights within the associated transmission zone will be second (“Firm Alternate Within-the-Zone”); pro-rated if over-nominated.
- Nominations using Firm Alternate backbone transportation rights outside the associated transmission zone will be third (“Firm Alternate Outside-the-Zone”); pro-rated if over-nominated.
- Nominations using Interruptible backbone transportation rights will be fourth, pro-rated if over-nominated.
- Southern Transmission Receipt Points will not be reduced in any cycle below 110% of the Southern System minimum flowing supply requirement established by the Gas Control Department.

Bumping Rules:

- Firm Primary rights can “bump” any Firm Alternate scheduled quantities through the Evening Cycle.
- Firm Alternate Within-the-Zone rights can “bump” Firm Alternate Outside-the-Zone scheduled quantities through the Evening Cycle.
- Firm Primary and any Firm Alternate can “bump” interruptible scheduled quantities through the Intraday 1 Cycle subject to the NAESB elapsed pro-rata rules.
- Bumping will not be allowed in the Intraday 2 Cycle.

\* If the available firm capacity at a particular receipt point or within a particular transmission zone is less than the firm capacity figures stated in Schedule No. G-BTS, scheduling of firm backbone transportation capacity nominations will be pro rata within each scheduling cycle. Any nominations of firm backbone transportation rights acquired through the addition of Displacement Backbone Transmission Capacity facilities will be reduced pro rata to zero at the applicable receipt point or within the applicable transmission zone prior to other firm backbone transportation rights nominations being reduced.

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