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Advice Letter 4884-G

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SUBJECT: Update of Public Purpose Program Surcharge Rates Effective January 1, 2016

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4884-G is effective as of January 1, 2016.

Sincerely,

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October 30, 2015

Advice No. 4884 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Update of Public Purpose Program Surcharge Rates Effective January 1, 2016

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 on Attachment A.

<u>Purpose</u>

This advice letter submits updated Public Purpose Program (PPP) surcharge rates to be effective January 1, 2016. As described below, the PPP surcharge rates are based on the adopted volumes and allocation changes pursuant to Decision (D.) 14-06-007 in SoCalGas' 2013 Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (TCAP).

Background

This filing is being made in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 22 of D.04-08-010, in Rulemaking (R.) 02-10-001, to update on an annual basis SoCalGas' surcharge rates to fund PPP programs, as authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 1002. AB 1002 directs the Commission to establish a gas surcharge annually to fund certain natural gas-related public purpose programs: energy efficiency, low-income assistance programs such as California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA), and Research and Development (R&D). Revenues collected from the surcharge are remitted to the State Board of Equalization (BOE), and are ultimately appropriated back to the utilities or other entities designated by the Commission to administer public purpose programs.

The Commission issued D.04-08-010 that addressed both the Phase 1 surcharge implementation issues and Phase 2 administration of public purpose R&D. Pursuant to OP 10, SoCalGas is using the surcharge formula adopted in the decision for calculating the gas PPP surcharge rates. SoCalGas is using information provided by the Commission's Energy Division for calculating the gas surcharge rate as it relates to (1) the Commission and BOE administrative costs, (2) SoCalGas' portion of the statewide R&D budget, and (3) a three-year average of the interstate pipeline volumes from 2012 through 2014 to be used in computation of the surcharge rates as directed in D.04-08-010. With the approval of SoCalGas' 2013 TCAP, SoCalGas is using the adopted TCAP volumes in calculating 2016 surcharge rates for the customer classes as shown in the table below.

Billing Determinants	Volumes (Mth)				
	For Allocating	For Allocating			
	Non-CARE Costs	CARE Costs			
Residential	2,334,550	1,737,687			
G10-Commerical and Industrial	973,424	969,903			
Nonresidential Air Conditioning	825	825			
Gas Engine	16,774	16,774			
Subtotal Core	3,325,573	2,725,189			
G30-Commerical and Industrial	1,536,362	1,536,362			
Total	4,861,935	4,261,551			

Also, with D.09-11-006, SoCalGas eliminated the allocation of R&D costs to customer classes that do not pay the Schedule No. G-PPPS rate and updated the Equal Percent Marginal Cost allocator to Equal Percent Authorized Margin.

Revised Schedule No. G-PPPS

Schedule No. G-PPPS, as shown in Attachment A, updates the PPP surcharge rates for the costs detailed in the table below. SoCalGas' projection of program costs for 2016 reflects the estimated 2016 CARE customer subsidy costs and funding authorized in D.14-08-030¹ since a decision is currently pending for Application (A.) 14-11-011, Approval of Low-Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2015-2017.

The non-low income components of the PPP surcharge rates reflect the 2016 R&D budget of \$11.8 million, forecasted \$2 million R&D funding undercollection compared to

¹ D.14-08-030 is the Phase II decision approving the budget augmentation for the 2012-2014 program cycle for ESA and CARE. The decision also approves 2015 bridge funding equal to the modified 2014 budget and allows the carryover to 2015 of any unspent funds at the end of 2014.

the prior year's authorized budget level, and the 2016 energy efficiency funding as authorized in D.14-10-046.

	\$000					
	CARE Costs		Costs	Adr	min Costs	Total
2016 Program Budgets						
ESAP		\$	132,417.2			\$ 132,417.2
CARE	\$134,285.4					\$ 134,285.4
EE		\$	85,571.8			\$ 85,571.8
RDD		\$	11,757.0			\$ 11,757.0
Administration costs						
CARE	\$ 16,364.5					\$ 16,364.5
BOE				\$	435.5	\$ 435.5
CPUC				\$	-	\$ -
Balancing Account Amortization -						
(Over) / under collection						
DSMBA		\$	-			\$ -
DAPBA		\$	-			\$ -
CAREA	\$ (50,622.4)					\$ (50,622.4)
RDDGSA (excluding interest)		\$	1,997.1			\$ 1,997.1
Total PPP Costs	\$100,027.5	\$	231,743.1	\$	435.5	\$ 332,206.1

Proposed 2016 PPP Revenue Requirement

The PPP rates are listed for CARE and Non-CARE customers by major customer class, and reflect changes to the CARE and R&D components of the gas PPP surcharge. The 2016 PPP surcharge revenue requirement is lower by \$31.4 million (or -8.6 percent) compared to the 2015 PPP surcharge revenue requirement, which is primarily due to an increase in the amortization of an overcollected balance for the California Alternate Rates for Energy Account (CAREA) and decreased forecasted CARE subsidies.

D.14-08-030 authorizes recovery for the additional funding approved for the 2012-2014 program cycle for ESA and CARE of \$35 million and the recovery of the \$3 million carryback for the 2009-2011 ESA program cycle. In Advice No. 4704, SoCalGas proposed to defer recovery to 2016 in order to minimize the rate impact associated with increased revenue requirements in 2015. However, SoCalGas is not including the \$38 million additional funding in its revenue requirements for inclusion in 2016 PPP rates, but is deferring the recovery of this funding until a final decision is adopted by the Commission for A.14-11-011. The impact of the updated PPP surcharge rates, by major customer class, is shown on Attachment B.

The comparison of the current PPP revenue requirement to the proposed 2016 PPP revenue requirement, as shown in the table above, is detailed in Attachment C.

Summary of the authorized allocation methods used for each of the programs:

<u>Program</u>	Allocation Method
Energy Efficiency	Direct Benefits Allocation
CARE	Equal Cents Per Therm
ESA	Direct Benefits Allocation
R&D	Equal Percent of Authorized Margin

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 received within 20 days of the date this advice letter was filed with the Commission which is November 19, 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 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

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. This filing is consistent with D.04-08-010 and, therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing be approved on December 1, 2015, which is more than 30 days after the date filed, for implementation and inclusion in rates effective on January 1, 2016.

<u>Notice</u>

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the

Commission's service lists in A.12-08-010, A.12-07-003, A.11-05-018, A.08-07-022, A.08-05-025, and A.08-02-001. 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.

Work papers have been provided to the Energy Division pursuant to D.04-08-010. Copies of the work papers can be made available to other parties upon request by contacting the address in the Protest section above.

> Ronald van der Leeden Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY							
MUST BE COMPLE	ETED BY UTILITY (A	ttach additional pages as needed)					
Company name/CPUC Utility No. SOL	THERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904-G)					
Utility type:	Contact Person: Sid Newsom						
\Box ELC \boxtimes GAS	Phone #: (213) 244-2846						
	· · · · ·	@semprautilities.com					
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY T		(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)					
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas							
	T = Heat WATER = Water						
Advice Letter (AL) #: 4884							
Subject of AL: <u>Update of Public Pur</u>	pose Program Surch	narge Rates Effective					
January 1, 2015		0					
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):	Preliminary State	ment					
AL filing type: Monthly Quarter	•						
If AL filed in compliance with a Comm	-						
D04-08-010 and D09-11-006							
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected	ed AL? If so, identi	fy the prior AL <u>No</u>					
		drawn or rejected AL ¹ : <u>N/A</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: 1/1/16 (Tarif	ffs) 12/1/15 (AL)	No. of tariff sheets: <u>4</u>					
Estimated system annual revenue effe	ct: (%): <u>N/A</u>						
Estimated system average rate effect (%): <u>N/A</u>						
When rates are affected by AL, include (residential, small commercial, large C	attachment in AL s /I, agricultural, ligh	showing average rate effects on customer classes ting).					
Tariff schedules affected: <u>Prelimina</u>	<u>ry Statement – Par</u>	t II, Schedule G-PPPS and TOCs					
Service affected and changes proposed ¹	: N/A						
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>None</u>							
Protests and all other correspondence this filing, unless otherwise authorize	e regarding this AL d by the Commissio	are due no later than 20 days after the date of on, and shall be sent to:					
CPUC, Energy Division	U	outhern California Gas Company					
Attention: Tariff Unit	A	Attention: Sid Newsom					
505 Van Ness Ave.		55 West Fifth Street, GT14D6					
San Francisco, CA 94102		Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011					
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov		newsom@semprautilities.com					
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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A Advice No. 4884

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 52008-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 10	Revised 50855-G
Revised 52009-G	Schedule No. G-PPPS, PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS SURCHARGE, Sheet 1	Revised 50856-G
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY Revised CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

CAL, P.U.C. SHEET NO.

52008-G 50855-G

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TAX SURCHARGE TO FUND PUI	· · · · ·	15	
Schedule G-PPPS		ırcharge	
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Customer Served Under the Following Rate Schedules	CARE Customer***	Non-CARE Customer	
Tonowing Rate Schedules	(¢/therm)	(¢/therm)	
Core	(¢/ therm)	(¢/ therm)	
Residential	7.607	9.955	
Commercial/Industrial	4.779	7.127	
Gas Air Conditioning	7.794	10.142	
Gas Engine	N/A	7.518	
Natural Gas Vehicle	N/A	2.347	
Noncore			
Commercial/Industrial	N/A	2.811	
<u>RANSPORTED GAS MUNICIPA</u> <u>Schedule G-MSUR</u> Outside the City of Los Angele	es		
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(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY) ADVICE LETTER NO. 4884 DECISION NO. 10H8

ISSUED BY Dan Skopec Vice President **Regulatory Affairs**

(TO BE II	NSERTED BY CAL. PUC)
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Schedule No. G-PPPS <u>PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS SURCHARGE</u>

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all gas sales and transportation services rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission. Customers will have a gas public purpose program (PPP) surcharge as a separate line item on their bills unless they are exempt* (e.g. Electric Generation including cogeneration, Enhanced Oil Recovery, Wholesale service, and consumption of natural gas which California is prohibited from taxing under the United States Constitution or the California Constitution, as referenced in Section 896 of the Public Utilities Code. (See also the California Energy Resources Surcharge Regulation Sections 2315 and 2316 as identifying exempt customers.) California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) customers will receive the surcharge excluding CARE program costs along with applicable customers receiving sales for street lighting.

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TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by Utility.

<u>RATES</u>

	PPP Su	PPP Surcharge**					
	For all service, p	For all service, per meter, per month					
Customer Served Under the							
Following Rate Schedules	CARE Customer***	Non-CARE Customer					
	(¢/therm)	(¢/therm)					
Core							
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Gas Engine	N/A	7.518					
Natural Gas Vehicle	N/A	2.347					
Noncore							
Commercial/Industrial	N/A	2.811					

* Commission Resolution G-3303, dated December 21, 2000, references Sections 896, 897, and 898 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1002 regarding consumers of natural gas who are exempt from the tax surcharge. Section 896 states "Consumption means the use or employment of natural gas. Consumption does not include the use or employment of natural gas to generate power for sale or use of gas for enhanced oil recovery, natural gas utilized in cogeneration technology projects to produce electricity, or natural gas that is produced in California and transported on a proprietary pipeline. Consumption does not include the consumption of natural gas which this state is prohibited from taxing under the United States Constitution or the California Constitution." Section 897 states "Nothing in this article impairs the rights and obligations of parties to contracts approved by the Commission, as the rights and obligations were interpreted as of January 1, 1998." Section 898 is in reference to a municipality, district, or

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Attachment B Advice No. 4884

SUMMARY OF PPP SURCHARGE RATES

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY SCG PPPS Update Filing for 1-1-2016 Rates

	Customer		CAR	E Customers				Non-CAF	RE Customers	
_	Class	1/1/2015	1/1/2016	\$/th Change	% Change	_	1/1/2015	1/1/2016	\$/th Change	% Change
		\$/th	\$/th	\$/th	%		\$/th	\$/th	\$/th	%
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)		(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
9	Core									
1.	Residential	\$0.07526	\$0.07607	\$0.00081	1%		\$0.10738	\$0.09955	(\$0.00783)	-7%
2.	Commercial/Industrial	\$0.04572	\$0.04779	\$0.00208	5%		\$0.07784	\$0.07127	(\$0.00657)	-8%
3.	Gas Air Conditioning	\$0.07449	\$0.07794	\$0.00345	5%		\$0.10661	\$0.10142	(\$0.00520)	-5%
	0									
4.	Gas Engine	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$0.08154	\$0.07518	(\$0.00636)	-8%
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5.	Natural Gas Vehicle	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$0.03212	\$0.02347	(\$0.00865)	-27%
]	Noncore									
6.	Commercial/Industrial	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$0.03656	\$0.02811	(\$0.00845)	-23%
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		1/1/2015	1/1/2016	Rev Change	% Change
		\$000	\$000	\$000	%
7.	Total PPP Revenue	\$363,588	\$332,206	(\$31,382)	(9%)

Attachment C Advice No. 4884

ESTIMATED REVENUE REQUIREMENT/RATE CHANGE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY SCG PPPS Update Filing for 1-1-2016 Rates

	Current \$000			Proposed \$000			Revenue Requirement Incr/(Decr) \$000		
	<u>CARE</u>	Non-CARE	<u>Total</u>	<u>CARE</u>	Non-CARE	<u>Total</u>	<u>CARE</u>	Non-CARE	<u>Total</u>
ESAP ^{1/}		132,417	132,417		132,417	132,417	-	-	-
CARE ^{1/}	146,419		146,419	134,285		134,285	(12,134)	-	(12,134)
EE ^{2/}		83 <i>,</i> 570	83,570		85,572	85,572	-	2,002	2,002
RDD		11,712	11,712		11,757	11,757	-	45	45
DSMBA ^{2/}		(1,800)	(1,800)		-	-	-	1,800	1,800
DAPBA CAREA	(27,057)	-	- (27,057)	(50,622)	-	- (50,622)	- (23,566)	-	- (23,566)
RDDGSA	(27,007)	1,507	1,507	(30,022)	1,997	1,997	-	490	(23,500) 490
CARE Admin	16,367		16,367	16,365		16,365	(2)	-	(2)
BOE Admin		429	429		435	435	-	7	7
CPUC Admin		25	25		-	-		(25)	(25)
Total 1/1/15 Change	\$ 135,729	\$ 227,859	\$ 363,588	\$ 100,027	\$ 232,179	\$ 332,206	\$ (35,702)	\$ 4,320 \$	\$ (31,382)

^{1/} A decision for Application (A.) 14-11-011, Approval of Low-Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2015-2017 is pending. 2016 ESAP and CARE revenue requirement based on 2015 bridge funding pursuant to Decision (D.) 14-08-030.

^{2/} 2016 EE revenue requirement pursuant to D.14-10-046, including Statewide Marketing, Education, and Outreach funding pursuant to D.15-08-033.