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Advice Letter 4926-G

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# SUBJECT: Modifications of SoCalGas' Rule No. 01, Definitions, to Accommodate Postcards

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4926-G is effective as of March 13, 2016.

Sincerely,

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February 12, 2016

Advice No. 4926 (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# Subject: Modification of SoCalGas' Rule No. 01, Definitions, to Accommodate Postcards

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) revisions to its Rule No. 01, Definitions, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown in Attachment A.

## <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this Advice Letter filing is to modify the definition of "Mailed" in SoCalGas' Rule No. 01 to allow the use of postcards.

### **Background**

The definition of "Mailed" in SoCalGas' Rule No. 01 is as follows:

Notice or other communication to the customer will be considered "mailed" when received into the customer's electronic mail box via electronic data interchange or when it is enclosed in a sealed envelope, properly addressed, and deposited in any authorized United States Postal Service receptacle, postage prepaid.

The current definition indicates "mailed" involves an envelope, which does not include the use of postcards. In many instances, postcards may be an effective alternative which provides customers general notices or other communications that are non-confidential and do not include customer-specific information.

# Tariff Changes

SoCalGas has added the following sentence to the definition of "Mailed" to its Rule No. 01:

Postcards may be utilized to convey information that is not confidential and will be considered "mailed" when it is properly addressed and deposited in any authorized United States Postal Service receptacle, postage prepaid.

The above changes are included, herein, in Attachment A.

# **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 March 3, 2016. 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: 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 G 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing be approved March 13, 2016, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed.

# <u>Notice</u>

A copy of this AL is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list. 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.

Ronald van der Leeden 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. SOU	THERN CALIFO	RNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904G)
Utility type:	Contact Person: <u>Si</u>	d Newsom
$\Box$ ELC $\boxtimes$ GAS	Phone #: (213) 244	-2846
$\square$ PLC $\square$ HEAT $\square$ WATER		@semprautilities.com
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY		(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)
	IFL	(Date Flied/ Received Stamp by CF CC)
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = HeatW	VATER = Water	
Advice Letter (AL) #: <u>4926</u>		
Subject of AL: <u>Modification of SoCalGa</u>	s' Rule No. 01, Defi	nitions, to Accommodate Postcards
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):		
AL filing type: Monthly Quarter	lv 🗌 Annual 🖂 On	e-Time 🗌 Other
If AL filed in compliance with a Comm	-	
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Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected	ed AL? If so, identif	fy the prior AL <u>No</u>
Summarize differences between the AL	and the prior with	drawn or rejected AL <sup>1</sup> : <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: 3/13/16		No. of tariff sheets: <u>3</u>
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Estimated system annual revenue effect		
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When rates are affected by AL, include (residential, small commercial, large C		showing average rate effects on customer classes iting).
Tariff schedules affected: Rule No. 01 a	and TOC's	
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup>	: N/A	
Pending advice letters that revise the s	ame tariff sheets:	N/A
		are due no later than 20 days after the date of
this filing, unless otherwise authorize	v	
CPUC, Energy Division Attention: Tariff Unit		Southern California Gas Company Attention: Sid Newsom
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San Francisco, CA 94102		Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov		SNewsom@semprautilities.com
	]	Tariffs@socalgas.com

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

### ATTACHMENT A Advice No. 4926

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
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52359-G 51167-G CAL. P.U.C. SHEET NO.

Sheet 9

### Rule No. 01 DEFINITIONS

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- Life-Support Device: Medical device using Utility-supplied natural gas for its operation that is regularly required to sustain, restore, or supplant a vital function of a person residing in a residential unit. Term does not include apparatus or appliances used in a hospital or medical clinic, nor does it include therapeutic devices such as pool or tank heaters, saunas, or hot tubs.
- Loaning Transaction: Utility advances or loans natural gas which is returned by service user delivering back to Utility an equivalent or greater natural gas quantity at the time(s) and locations(s) specified in the Hub Transaction.
- Log On ID: Identification code issued to an EBB User and used to authenticate identity, privileges and to establish communication and initiate interaction with the Utility's EBB.
- Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance (LIRA) Program: See California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program above.
- Mailed: Notice or other communication to the customer will be considered "mailed" when received into the customer's electronic mail box via electronic data interchange or when it is enclosed in a sealed envelope, properly addressed, and deposited in any authorized United States Postal Service receptacle, postage prepaid. Postcards may be utilized to convey information that is not confidential and will be considered "mailed" when it is properly addressed and deposited in any authorized United States Postal Service receptacle, postage prepaid.
- Main Extension: Length of main and its related facilities required to transport natural gas from the existing facilities to the point of connection with the service piping.
- Marketer: Third party which accesses one or more interstate or intrastate pipeline systems for the purpose of transporting natural gas to Utility System on Marketer's own behalf or on the behalf of designated end-use customers.
- Master-Metered Service: Service whereby the Utility installs a meter to register the consumption of two or more occupancies.
- Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ): Maximum daily quantity of natural gas that can be nominated for delivery to a customer's premises not served by an automated meter when the Utility institutes an excess nominations period. For noncore customers and core customers not served under core aggregation this is based on the equipment at the customer's facility. For CTAs the maximum daily quantity is equal to their DCQ.
- Mcf/d: Thousands of cubic feet per day. Measure quantifies the amount of gas being consumed or transported on a daily basis.

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