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Advice Letter 4936-G

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SUBJECT: Establishment of Assembly Bill 802 Memorandum Account (AB802MA)

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 4936-G is effective as of April 13, 2016.

Sincerely,

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

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Establishment of Assembly Bill 802 Memorandum Account (AB802MA)

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby requests California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approval of modifications to its Preliminary Statement, Part VI, Memorandum Accounts, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

Purpose

In compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 802, this filing establishes SoCalGas' AB 802 Memorandum Account (AB802MA). The purpose of the AB802MA is to record incremental costs and capital-related costs (i.e., depreciation, taxes, and return) associated with implementing the requirements of AB 802 to maintain and provide energy usage data to building owners and/or their agents.

Background

AB 802 was approved by California Governor Jerry Brown and filed with the Secretary of State on October 8, 2015. Pursuant to Section 5 of AB 802¹, beginning January 1, 2017, the utilities will be required to provide aggregated energy usage data for at least the most recent 12 complete months for buildings they provide service for upon the request of the building owner and/or its agents. AB 802 also requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to adopt reporting regulations of energy data usage for the purpose of benchmarking building energy performance using ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager or other tools.

In addition, Section 5 of AB 802 also allows for recovery of costs related to: 1) developing and maintaining systems to fully implement AB 802 requirements; 2) maintaining and

¹ Section 5 of AB 802 adds Section 25402.10 to the California Public Resources Code (Cal Pub. Res. Code).

providing energy usage data in compliance with CEC data specifications; and 3) any other subsequent reporting requirements. Section 5 of AB 802 states:

The reasonable costs of an electrical or gas corporation in delivering electrical or gas usage data pursuant to this section or other information as required under state or federal law or by an order of the commission shall be recoverable in rates evaluated and approved by the Public Utilities Commission.²

Establishment of the AB802MA

Pursuant to Section 5 of AB 802, SoCalGas herein requests to establish the AB802MA, provided in Attachment A, in order to record incremental costs related to the implementation of AB 802. The disposition of the account balance and cost recovery mechanism for the AB802MA will be addressed in SoCalGas' next General Rate Case proceeding or other applicable proceeding.

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 must be received within 20 days of the date of this Advice Letter which is April 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
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 (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
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² Cal Pub. Res. Code Section 25402.10(g)

Effective Date

This filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and is classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this advice letter be approved April 13, 2016, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed.

Notice

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in Rulemaking 13-11-005. 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.

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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

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

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Subject of AL: Establishment of the Assembly Bill 802 Memorandum Account (AB802MA)

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Memorandum Account

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

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

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 AL¹: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No _____

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: 4/13/16

No. of tariff sheets: 6

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: Preliminary Statement VI and TOCs

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

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:

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505 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, CA 94102
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Southern California Gas Company
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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

ATTACHMENT A
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 52428-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS, DESCRIPTION AND LISTING OF MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS, Sheet 1	Revised 51752-G
Original 52429-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS, ASSEMBLY BILL 802 MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (AB802MA)	
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Original 52433-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 52218-G

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)
- Curtailement 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)
- Energy Data Request Memorandum Account (EDRMA)
- Residential Disconnect Memorandum Account (RDMA)
- Greenhouse Gas Memorandum Account (GHGMA)
- General Rate Case Memorandum Account 2016 (GRCMA2016)
- Deductible Tax Repairs Benefits Memorandum Account (DTRBMA)
- Operational Flow Cost Memorandum Account (OFCMA)
- Assembly Bill 802 Memorandum Account (AB802MA)

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS
ASSEMBLY BILL 802 MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (AB802MA)

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1. Purpose

The AB802MA is an interest-bearing memorandum account that is recorded on the Utility's financial statements. The purpose of the AB802MA is to record the incremental costs associated with implementing the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 802 to maintain and provide energy usage data to building owners and/or their agents.

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2. Applicability

The AB802MA shall apply to gas customers except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.

3. Rates

See Disposition section below.

4. Accounting Procedures

SoCalGas maintains the AB802MA by making monthly entries, net of applicable FF&U, as follows:

- a) A debit entry to record actual incremental costs and capital-related costs (i.e., depreciation, taxes, return) associated with AB 802 compliance,
- b) An entry equal to the amortization of the account balance as authorized by the Commission, and
- c) An entry equal to interest on the average of the balance in the account during the month, calculated in the manner described in 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. Upon Commission approval, SoCalGas will amortize the AB802MA balance in rates.

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