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**Advice Letter 5136**

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**Subject: Revisions to Backbone Transportation Service Rights  
Assignment Form**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5136 is effective as of June 8, 2017.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



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May 9, 2017

Advice No. 5136  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revisions to Backbone Transportation Service Rights Assignment Form**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) proposed revisions to its Sample Forms – Contracts, Backbone Transportation Service Rights Assignment Form (Form No. 6825), applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

**Purpose**

SoCalGas requests authorization to revise Form No. 6825 to replace the October 1 fixed year with a fill-in option for the year when the Open Season Step 2 Bidding process for allocation of firm Backbone Transportation Capacity rights begins.

**Background**

On April 1, 2008, the CPUC approved Advice No. (AL) 3834, which added the new Firm Access Rights Assignment Form (Form No. 6825) that would allow the assignment or transfer of the end-use customer's maximum bidding rights to another party.<sup>1</sup> On July 1, 2011, the CPUC approved Advice No. (AL) 4240, which included the Firm Access Rights Assignment Form being renamed to the Backbone Transportation Service Rights Assignment Form (Form No. 6825).<sup>2</sup> On June 24, 2014, the CPUC approved AL 4647, which included updating the reference to the fixed date of "October 1, 2011" with "October 1, 2014" in Form No. 6825, which is the actual date when the Open Season Step 2 Bidding process for allocation of firm Backbone Transportation Capacity rights began during the 2014 Open Season.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> AL 3834 was filed on February 25, 2008 and effective on March 26, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> In compliance with Decision 11-04-032, AL 4240 was filed on May 6, 2011 and effective on December 1, 2012.

<sup>3</sup> AL 4647 was filed on May 20, 2014 and effective June 19, 2014.

**Proposed Revision to Form No. 6825**

SoCalGas respectfully requests approval to replace the October 1 fixed year with a fill-in option for the year when for the date when the Open Season Step 2 Bidding process for allocation of firm Backbone Transportation Capacity rights, as shown in Attachment A.

The first sentence in the second paragraph of Form No. 6825 is revised, as follows:

I agree to assign all of my BTS Bidding Rights ("BTS Rights") for the Open Season Step 2 Bidding process for allocation of firm Backbone Transportation Capacity rights that will begin on October 1, ~~2014~~ to the Assignee.

I agree to assign all of my BTS Bidding Rights ("BTS Rights") for the Open Season Step 2 Bidding process for allocation of firm Backbone Transportation Capacity rights that will begin on October 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to the Assignee.

SoCalGas believes that the proposed revision to Form No. 6825 will benefit the customer by not having to keep up-to-date on the triennial revisions and eliminate the need to file an Advice Letter every three years to update the fixed year for the date when the Open Season Step 2 Bidding process for allocation of firm Backbone Transportation Capacity rights begins.

**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 of this advice letter, which is May 29, 2017. 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](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)). A copy of the protest shall 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: Ray B. Ortiz  
Tariff Manager - GT14D6  
555 West Fifth Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
Facsimile No.: (213) 244-4957  
E-Mail: [ROrtiz@semprautilities.com](mailto:ROrtiz@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 General Order (GO) 96-B. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this filing be approved on June 8, 2017, which is 30 calendar days after the date filed.

**Notice**

A copy of this advice is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list for A.10-03-028. Address change requests to the GO 96-B should be directed by electronic mail to [tariffs@socialgas.com](mailto:tariffs@socialgas.com) or call 213-244-2837. 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: Ray B. Ortiz

Phone #: (213) 244-3837

E-mail: [ROrtiz@semprautilities.com](mailto:ROrtiz@semprautilities.com)

### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric    GAS = Gas  
PLC = Pipeline    HEAT = Heat    WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 5136

Subject of AL: Revisions to Backbone Transportation Service Rights Assignment Form

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Storage, Contracts, Forms

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

None

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: 6/8/17

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: Sample Form 6825 – BTS Rights Assignment Form and TOCs

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  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Ave.,  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
[EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

Southern California Gas Company  
Attention: Ray B. Ortiz  
555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, GT14D6  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011  
[ROrtiz@semprautilities.com](mailto:ROrtiz@semprautilities.com)  
[Tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto:Tariffs@socalgas.com)

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

ATTACHMENT A  
Advice No. 5136

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 53997-G	SAMPLE FORMS - CONTRACTS, BACKBONE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (BTS) RIGHTS ASSIGNMENT FORM, Form No. 6825 (5/2017)	Revised 50353-G
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Revised 53999-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 53963-G

SAMPLE FORMS - CONTRACTS  
BACKBONE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (BTS) RIGHTS ASSIGNMENT FORM  
Form No. 6825 (5/2017)

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(See Attached Form)

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)  
ADVICE LETTER NO. 5136  
DECISION NO.

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

(TO BE INSERTED BY CAL. PUC)  
DATE FILED May 9, 2017  
EFFECTIVE Jun 8, 2017  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_



# Backbone Transportation Service (BTS) Rights Assignment Form

Customer Name:  
(Assignor) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company name)

SoCalGas BAID Account Numbers:  
(if available)


I, Assignor, hereby assign my bidding rights and any resulting Backbone Transportation Service (“BTS”) rights to the third party identified below (“Assignee”) as described below.  
**(Applicable only to Step 2 eligible end-use customers.)**

I agree to assign all of my BTS Bidding Rights (“BTS Rights”) for the Open Season Step 2 Bidding process for allocation of firm Backbone Transportation Capacity rights that will begin on October 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to the Assignee. This assignment is for this Open Season and for the rights conveyed in the Open Season for its stated three-year period. By assigning my bidding rights, I understand that I am giving up my rights to participate in the Open Season Step 2 rounds of bidding and to any BTS resulting from the bidding. Any BTS obtained through the use of my assigned bidding rights will belong solely to, and be under the control of, the Assignee. This assignment contains no obligation for Assignee to use these rights for my benefit. However, it is my intent that the assignment and any subsequent BTS will be used by the entity designated to supply gas on my behalf. I will clarify with the Assignee the use for my benefit, if any, of the BTS in a separate agreement or understanding. SoCalGas provides no right or remedy for me to re-acquire any rights awarded during the Step 2 process to Assignee. I understand that Assignee must meet all of the terms and conditions for acquiring BTS including contractual and credit obligations to obtain BTS through the Step 2 process.

This assignment may be revoked by Assignor at any time upon written notice to SoCalGas provided it is received by SoCalGas no later than 10 days prior to the beginning of Step 2 of the Open Season by contacting:

Southern California Gas Company  
555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Attn: Capacity Products, M.L. 20C3  
FAX No. (213) 244-3897

Assignee (Company Name): _____ By its Authorized Representative: _____ Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____
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Assignor (Customer Name): \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Official: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type or Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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