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**Advice Letter 5209-G**

Ronald van der Leeden  
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Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

**SUBJECT: October 2017 Buy-Back Rates**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5209-G is effective as of October 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



**Ronald van der Leeden**  
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October 31, 2017

Advice No. 5209  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: October 2017 Buy-Back Rates**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

**Purpose**

This routine monthly filing updates the Buy-Back Rates in Schedule No. G-IMB for October 2017.

**Background**

As authorized in Schedule No. G-IMB - Transportation Imbalance Service, the Buy-Back Rates are established effective the last day of each month.

The Buy-Back Rates will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by the Utility during the month the imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in Schedule No. G-CP, during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

**Information**

During the month of October, 50% of the Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, is lower than the lowest incremental cost of gas. Therefore, the Buy-Back Rates for October 2017 are being revised accordingly. The work paper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment B.

The new rates are reflected in the attached Schedule No. G-IMB tariff sheets. Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the October 2017 Standby Procurement Charges will be filed by a separate Advice Letter at least one day prior to November 25, 2017.

### **Protest**

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the California Public Utilities 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 November 20, 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

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: 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 this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B and therefore respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective October 31, 2017, to coincide with SoCalGas' Adjusted Core Procurement Charge filing in Advice No. 5191, dated September 29, 2017.

**Notice**

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed by electronic mail to [Tariffs@socialgas.com](mailto:Tariffs@socialgas.com) or call 213-244-2837.

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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

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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) #: 5209

Subject of AL: October 2017 Buy-Back Rates

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Preliminary Statement, Core, Compliance

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other

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

D.89-11-060 and D.90-09-089, et al.

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No. N/A

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: 10/31/17

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, Part II; Schedule G-IMB, and TOC's

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: 5187, 5190, and 5206

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

ATTACHMENT A  
Advice No. 5209

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 54385-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 6	Revised 54378-G
Revised 54386-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 7	Revised 54317-G
Revised 54387-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 2	Revised 54379-G
Revised 54388-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 3	Revised 54319-G
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Revised 54390-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 54381-G

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
 PART II  
 SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES

Sheet 6

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WHOLESALE (Continued)

Schedule GT-TLS (ECOGAS)

GT-12CA, Class-Average Volumetric Rate Option	
Volumetric Charge .....	1.464¢
GT-12RS, Reservation Rate Option	
Reservation Rate, per therm per day .....	0.608¢
Usage Charge, per therm .....	0.521¢
Volumetric Transportation Charge for Non-Bypass Customers .....	1.683¢
Volumetric Transportation Charge for Bypass Customers .....	1.976¢

PROCUREMENT CHARGE

Schedule G-CP

Non-Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	31.931¢
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm .....	31.931¢
Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	31.931¢
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm .....	31.931¢
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	31.723¢

IMBALANCE SERVICE

Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

August 2017 .....	62.076¢	D
September 2017 .....	53.571¢	T
October 2017 .....	TBD*	T

Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)

August 2017 .....	62.134¢	D
September 2017 .....	53.629¢	T
October 2017 .....	TBD*	T

Wholesale Standby (SP-W)

August 2017 .....	62.134¢	D
September 2017 .....	53.629¢	T
October 2017 .....	TBD*	T

\*To be determined (TBD). Pursuant to Resolution G-3316, the Standby Charges will be filed by a separate advice letter at least one day prior to November 25.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
PART II  
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES

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IMBALANCE SERVICE (Continued)

Buy-Back Rate

Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)

August 2017 .....	17.503¢	D
September 2017 .....	16.764¢	R
October 2017 .....	15.862¢	

Wholesale (BR-W)

August 2017 .....	17.450¢	D
September 2017 .....	16.714¢	
October 2017 .....	15.814¢	R

STORAGE SERVICE

Schedule G-BSS (Basic Storage Service)

Reservation Charges

Annual Inventory, per decatherm reserved .....	21.400¢/year
Annual Withdrawal, per decatherm/day reserved .....	\$11.584/year
Daily Injection, per decatherm/day reserved .....	9.425¢/day

In-Kind Energy Charge for quantity delivered for injection during the year

Rate, percent reduction .....	2.400%
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The In-Kind Energy Charge shall be adjusted as necessary on the basis of a three-year rolling average of actual fuel use.

Schedule G-AUC (Auction Storage Service)

Reservation Charges

Annual Inventory, per decatherm reserved .....	(1)
Annual Withdrawal, per decatherm/day reserved .....	(1)
Daily Injection, per decatherm/day reserved .....	(1)

(1) Charge shall be equal to the awarded price bid by the customer.

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Schedule No. G-IMB  
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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RATES (Continued)

Standby Procurement Charge

This charge is applied to customer's cumulative negative transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 8 percent tolerance band. The Standby Procurement Charge is posted at least one day in advance of each corresponding imbalance trading period for noncore/wholesale and core transport agents (CTAs). It is calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border beginning on the first day of the month that the imbalance is created to five days prior to the start of each corresponding imbalance trading period plus a Brokerage Fee of 0.266¢ per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and 0.208¢ per therm for core retail service. The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from "Natural Gas Intelligence's (NGI's) Daily Gas Price Index – Southern California Border Average" and "SNL Energy's Daily Indices – SoCal Border."

Core Retail Service:

SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm

August 2017 .....	62.076¢	D
September 2017 .....	53.571¢	T
October 2017 .....	TBD*	T

Noncore Retail Service:

SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm

August 2017 .....	62.134¢	D
September 2017 .....	53.629¢	T
October 2017 .....	TBD*	T

Wholesale Service:

SP-W Standby Rate per therm

August 2017 .....	62.134¢	D
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TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 3

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RATES (Continued)

Buy-Back Rate

This rate is applied to customer's cumulative positive transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 8 percent tolerance band. The Buy-Back Rate is established effective the last day of each month and will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by the Utility during the month the excess imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in Schedule No. G-CP, during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

Retail Service:

BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm

August 2017 .....	17.503¢	D
September 2017 .....	16.764¢	
October 2017 .....	15.862¢	R

Wholesale Service:

BR-W Buy-Back Rate, per therm

August 2017 .....	17.450¢	D
September 2017 .....	16.714¢	
October 2017 .....	15.814¢	R

If the incremental cost of gas is the basis for the Standby or Buy-Back Rates, the Utility will provide CPUC the necessary work papers for such cost. Such documentation will be provided under confidentiality pursuant to General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code.

Daily Balancing Standby Rates

When a Stage 5 Low Operational Flow Order (Low OFO) or Emergency Flow Order (EFO) is declared, quantities not in compliance with the daily imbalance tolerance are purchased at the daily balancing standby rate. When a curtailment is declared, quantities determined by the Utility to be in violation of curtailment are charged (not purchased) at the daily balancing standby rate. There will be no commodity transfer to the curtailed customer in return for receiving this charge.

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**ADVICE NO. 5209**

**RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER  
BASED ON ADVICE NO. 5191  
ADJUSTED CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**Adjusted Core Procurement Charge:**

**Retail G-CPA:** **31.723** ¢ per therm  
( WACOG: 31.181 ¢ + Franchise and Uncollectibles:  
0.542 ¢ or [ 1.7370% \* 31.181 ¢ ] )

**Wholesale G-CPA:** **31.628** ¢ per therm  
( WACOG: 31.181 ¢ + Franchise:  
0.447 ¢ or [ 1.4339% \* 31.181 ¢ ] )

**GIMB Buy-Back Rates**

**BR-R** = 50% of Retail G-CPA:  
50% \* 31.723 cents/therm = **15.862** cents/therm

**BR-W** = 50% of Wholesale G-CPA:  
50% \* 31.628 cents/therm = **15.814** cents/therm