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January 30, 2018

**Advice Letter 5218-G**

San Diego Gas & Electric  
Attention: Megan Caulson  
Regulatory Tariff Manager  
8330 Century Park Court, Room 32C  
San Diego, CA 92123-1548

**SUBJECT: Compressor Station Fuel and Power Balancing Account Clean-Up Filing**

Dear Ms. Caulson:

Advice Letter 5218-G is effective as of January 23, 2018.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



Ronald van der Leeden  
Director  
Regulatory Affairs

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November 17, 2017

Advice No. 5218  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Compressor Station Fuel and Power Balancing Account Clean-Up Filing**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its tariffs, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

### **Purpose**

This clean-up filing requests Commission approval to update Preliminary Statement – Part V – Balancing Accounts – Compressor Station Fuel and Power Balancing Account (CFPBA) to reflect the approved tariff language from Advice No. (AL) 5000.

### **Background**

On July 25, 2016, SoCalGas filed AL 4996, Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (TCAP) Tariff Implementation - Decision (D.) 16-06-039, which included revisions to the CFPBA tariff.<sup>1</sup> On July 29, 2016, SoCalGas filed AL 5000, Modification of the Regulatory Accounts in Compliance with Decision (D.) 16-06-054, which also included revisions to the CFPBA tariff.<sup>2</sup>

SoCalGas discovered that the tariff language approved in AL 5000 is not reflected in its current CFPBA Preliminary Statement. The current version of the CFPBA Preliminary Statement only reflects the approved changes from AL 4996. Since AL 5000 was filed just four days after AL 4996, the version of the CFPBA updated in AL 5000 did not include changes proposed in AL 4996 as AL 4996 was not approved by the Commission as of July 29, 2016, the date SoCalGas filed AL 5000. Including the CFPBA tariff

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<sup>1</sup> AL 4996 was approved on August 23, 2016 and effective September 1, 2016.

<sup>2</sup> AL 5000 was approved on August 28, 2016 and effective August 23, 2016.

language from AL 5000 into the CFPBA tariff is necessary to reflect a complete and accurate tariff based on Commission approved changes.

### **Requested CFPBA Tariff Revisions**

As shown on Attachment A, SoCalGas requests to:

- Replace “TY” with “Test Year (TY)” in the Purpose section;
- Add “Pursuant to D.16-06-054, TY 2016 GRC, the CFPBA was extended to record costs for electricity used in storage operations” to the end of the Purpose section; and
- Add “A debit entry equal to the cost of electricity used in storage operations” and “An entry to amortize the CFPBA” to the Accounting Procedures section.

A redlined version identifying the revisions is included in Attachment B.

This filing will not increase or decrease in any rate or charge, conflict with any other rate schedule or rules, or cause the withdrawal of service.

### **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 December 7, 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 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B and therefore respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective December 17, 2017, which is 30 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 lists in A.14-12-017, SoCalGas/SDG&E 2016 Phase 1 TCAP, and A.14-11-004, SoCalGas' TY 2016 GRC. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed by electronic mail to [tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto:tariffs@socalgas.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) #: 5218

Subject of AL: Compressor Station Fuel and Power Balancing Account Clean-Up Filing

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Preliminary Statement, Balancing 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. 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: N/A

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Tier Designation:  1  2  3

Requested effective date: 12/17/17

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated system average rate effect (%): \_\_\_\_\_

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 V and TOCs

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: See Advice Letter

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

ATTACHMENT A  
Advice No. 5218

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 54460-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART V - BALANCING ACCOUNTS, COMPRESSOR STATION FUEL AND POWER BALANCING ACCOUNT (CFPBA)	Revised 52888-G
Revised 54461-G Revised 54462-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 54451-G Revised 54377-G

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART V - BALANCING ACCOUNTS  
COMPRESSOR STATION FUEL AND POWER BALANCING ACCOUNT (CFPBA)

1. Purpose

The CFPBA is an interest bearing balancing account recorded on SoCalGas' financial statements. Pursuant to Decision (D.) 08-07-046, Test Year (TY) 2008 General Rate Case (GRC), effective January 1, 2008, the CFPBA will record actual costs for electricity used in the operation of SoCalGas' compressor stations. D.16-06-039, Phase 1 of SoCalGas' 2016 Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (TCAP), authorizes SoCalGas to sell an equivalent gas compressor fuel volume in order to pay for electricity costs of the electric compressors in SoCalGas' storage fields. Pursuant to D.16-06-054, TY 2016 GRC, the CFPBA was extended to record costs for electricity used in storage operations.

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2. Applicability

See Disposition section.

3. Rates

The balance in the CFPBA will be included in gas rates upon Commission approval.

4. Accounting Procedures

SoCalGas maintains this account by making monthly entries as follows:

- a) A debit entry equal to compressor station electricity expenses;
- b) A debit entry equal to the cost of electricity used in storage operations;
- c) A credit entry to record the revenues associated with the sale of an equivalent gas compressor fuel volume to pay for electricity costs;
- d) An entry to amortize the CFPBA; and
- e) 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.

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5. Disposition

In each annual October regulatory account balance update filing, SoCalGas will amortize the projected year-end CFPBA balance effective January 1 of the following year. The projected year-end balance will be allocated in rates on a Cold-Year Throughput (CYTP) basis.

(TO BE INSERTED BY UTILITY)  
 ADVICE LETTER NO. 5218  
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ISSUED BY  
**Dan Skopec**  
 Vice President  
 Regulatory Affairs

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**ATTACHMENT B**

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**Preliminary Statement – Part V – Balancing Accounts  
Compressor Station Fuel and Power Balancing Account  
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