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March 8, 2018

**Advice Letter 5235-G**

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**SUBJECT: Update of CPUC Reimbursement Account User Fees in Compliance with Resolution M-4832**

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

Advice Letter 5235-G is effective as of January 1, 2018.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



**Ronald van der Leeden**  
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December 20, 2017

Advice No. 5235  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Update of CPUC Reimbursement Account User Fees in  
Compliance with Resolution M-4832**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) revisions to SoCalGas' tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A, to be effective January 1, 2018.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to update utility reimbursement account user fees, in compliance with CPUC Resolution (Res.) M-4832.

**Background**

Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code includes:

The commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421).

On December 18, 2017, the Commission issued Res. M-4832 updating the reimbursement account user fees, effective January 1, 2018, from 0.139 to 0.166 cents/therm for gas corporations. Accordingly, SoCalGas is submitting revisions to Preliminary Statement Part II, Summary of Rates and Charges, and Schedule

No. G-SRF, Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account, to comply with the Res. M-4832.

### **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 this Advice Letter, which is January 9, 2018. 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

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. Because the Ordering Paragraph of Res. M-4832 specifies that the new user fees provided for in Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code become effective January 1, 2018, SoCalGas requests that the revised tariffs included herein concurrently become effective on January 1, 2018, subject to the Energy Division's determination that the filing complies with Resolution M-4832.

**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@socalgas.com](mailto:tariffs@socalgas.com) or call 213-244-2837.

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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

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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) #: 5235

Subject of AL: Update of CPUC Reimbursement Account User Fees in Compliance with Resolution M-4832

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Preliminary Statement, Procurement

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other

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

Resolution M-4832

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: 1/1/18

No. of tariff sheets: 4

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 No. G-SRF, and TOCs

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

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: \_\_\_\_\_

**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. 5235

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 54550-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 10	Revised 53561-G
Revised 54551-G	Schedule No. G-SRF, SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES, REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT, Sheet 1	Revised 53562-G
Revised 54552-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 54520-G
Revised 54553-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 54548-G

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
 PART II  
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES

Sheet 10

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TAX SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS

<u>Schedule G-PPPS</u>	<u>Tax Surcharge</u>	
	<u>For all service, per meter, per month</u>	
<u>Customer Served Under the</u> <u>Following Rate Schedules</u>	<u>CARE Customer***</u>	<u>Non-CARE Customer</u>
	<u>(¢/therm)</u>	<u>(¢/therm)</u>
Core		
Residential	6.977	9.402
Commercial/Industrial	3.990	6.416
Gas Air Conditioning	7.254	9.680
Gas Engine	N/A	6.150
Natural Gas Vehicle	N/A	2.425
Noncore		
Commercial/Industrial	N/A	2.834

SURCHARGE TO FUND PUC UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

<u>Schedule G-SRF</u>	
Surcharge, per therm .....	0.166¢

TRANSPORTED GAS MUNICIPAL SURCHARGE

<u>Schedule G-MSUR</u>	
Outside the City of Los Angeles .....	1.4136%
Within the Cities of San Buenaventura (Ventura), Huntington Beach, Visalia and Bakersfield .....	2.4136%*
Within the City of Los Angeles .....	2.0000%

\* Includes 1% franchise fee surcharge for City of Ventura customers pursuant to D. 07-10-024, for City of Huntington Beach customers pursuant to Resolution G-3452, City of Visalia pursuant to Advice No. 4418, and City of Bakersfield pursuant to Advice No. 4569.

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**Dan Skopec**  
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Schedule No. G-SRF

Sheet 1

SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES  
 REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge applies to all gas sales and transportation services rendered under all tariff rate schedules authorized by the Commission, with the exception of (i) interdepartmental sales or transfers; (ii) sales or transportation services to electric, gas, or steam heat public utilities; and (iii) transportation services to electric generation facilities for wholesale sales to electric, gas or steam heat public utilities or the California Independent System Operator.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the Utility.

RATES

Surcharge\*

For all service, per therm ..... 0.166¢  
 per meter, per month

\* In 1983 the Legislature established the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund their regulation by the Commission (Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 401-443). The surcharge to recover the cost of that fee is ordered by the Commission under authority granted by the PU Code Section 433.

SPECIAL CONDITION

1. Report of Exempt Quantities:

- a. An electric generator that sells all or only a portion of its electricity production wholesale to an electric, gas, or steam public utility or the California Independent System Operator must provide a written report (Report of Exemption from SRF, Form No. 3090) of the exempt gas quantities to the Utility within three business days, unless prior to this date the Utility and Customer agree to an alternate receipt date, following the month in which gas was consumed in order to receive the exemption. If all gas quantities that are delivered to the electric generator will be exempt on a continuing basis, the electric generator may provide a prospectively effective Report of Exemption with a duration that shall not exceed twelve (12) calendar months.
- b. Customer is responsible for the accuracy of its reported exempt quantities.

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