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**Advice Letter 5437-G**

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**SUBJECT: Update of CPUC Reimbursement Account User Fees in Compliance with Resolution M-4839**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5437-G is effective as of April 1, 2019.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/  
Director, Energy Division



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Advice No. 5437  
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Update of CPUC Reimbursement Account User Fees in  
Compliance with Resolution M-4839**

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 April 1, 2019.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to update utility reimbursement account user fees, in compliance with CPUC Resolution (Res.) M-4839.

### **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 or subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as otherwise provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421) . . . .

On January 10, 2019, the Commission issued Res. M-4839 updating the reimbursement account user fees, effective April 1, 2019, from 0.166 to 0.247 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-4839.

### **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 April 4, 2019. 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-4839 specifies that the new user fees provided for in Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code become effective April 1, 2019, SoCalGas requests that the revised tariffs included herein concurrently become effective on April 1, 2019, subject to the Energy Division's determination that the submittal complies with Res. M-4839.

**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 via e-mail to [tariffs@socalgas.com](mailto:tariffs@socalgas.com) or call 213-244-2837.

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Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments



# ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

## ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.:

Utility type:

ELC       GAS       WATER  
 PLC       HEAT

Contact Person:

Phone #:  
E-mail:  
E-mail Disposition Notice to:

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #:

Tier Designation:

Subject of AL:

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL Type:  Monthly     Quarterly     Annual     One-Time     Other:

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

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL:

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

Confidential treatment requested?  Yes     No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required?  Yes     No

Requested effective date:

No. of tariff sheets:

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:

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

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

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

**Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:**

CPUC, Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
Email: [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

Name:  
Title:  
Utility Name:  
Address:  
City:  
State: Zip:  
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
Email:

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Title:  
Utility Name:  
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ATTACHMENT A  
Advice No. 5437

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 56070-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 10	Revised 55584-G
Revised 56071-G	Schedule No. G-SRF, SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES, REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT, Sheet 1	Revised 54551-G
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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	7.558	10.060
Commercial/Industrial	5.384	7.887
Gas Air Conditioning	9.938	12.441
Gas Engine	N/A	7.573
Natural Gas Vehicle	N/A	2.503
Noncore		
Commercial/Industrial	N/A	3.058

SURCHARGE TO FUND PUC UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

<u>Schedule G-SRF</u>	
Surcharge, per therm .....	0.247¢

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, Bakersfield, and Long Beach .....	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, City of Bakersfield pursuant to Advice No. 4569, and City of Long Beach pursuant to Advice No. 5392.

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 DECISION NO.

ISSUED BY  
**Dan Skopec**  
 Vice President  
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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 ..... 0.247¢  
 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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