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April 16, 2019

**Advice Letter 5441-G**

Ronald van der Leeden  
Director, Regulatory Affairs  
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**SUBJECT: February 2019 Standby Procurement Charges**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 5441-G is effective as of March 22, 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph  
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/  
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March 22, 2019

Advice No. 5441  
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: February 2019 Standby Procurement Charges**

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

**Purpose**

This routine monthly submittal updates the Standby Procurement Charges in Schedule No. G-IMB for February 2019.

**Background**

Resolution G-3316, dated May 24, 2001, and Advice No. (AL) 4133, submitted on July 2, 2010 and effective on August 1, 2010, revised the Schedule No. G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge for negative monthly transportation imbalances that exceed the 8% tolerance band. AL 5179, submitted on August 28, 2017 and effective October 1, 2017, revised the Schedule No. G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge by replacing the "InterContinental Daily Indices – SoCal Border" with "SNL Energy's Daily Indices – SoCal Border." The Standby Procurement Charges are:

1. Calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border for the 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 "NGL's Daily Gas Price Index - Southern California Border Average" and "SNL Energy's Daily Indices - SoCal Border."

2. Calculated for a period that begins from the first day of the “flow month” (the month that the imbalance is incurred) and ends five days prior to the start of the imbalance trading period.
3. Posted at least one day in advance of the imbalance trading period.

**Information**

For the “flow month” of February 2019 (covering the period February 1, 2019 to March 20, 2019), the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border is \$1.34395 per therm. The resultant Standby Procurement Charges, calculated in the manner set forth above, are \$2.01859 per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and \$2.01801 per therm for core retail service. The work paper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment B.

**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 April 11, 2019. 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 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 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. SoCalGas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets submitted herein be made effective March 22, 2019, the date submitted, in order to comply with the Resolution G-3316 requirement that the rates be posted at least one day in advance of the start of the imbalance trading period, which is March 25, 2019.

**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)

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ATTACHMENT A  
Advice No. 5441

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 56074-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 6	Revised 56036-G
Revised 56075-G	Schedule No. G-IMB, TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE, Sheet 2	Revised 55995-G
Revised 56076-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 56050-G
Revised 56077-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 56051-G

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
PART II  
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES  
(Continued)

Sheet 6

WHOLESALE (Continued)

### Schedule GT-TLS (ECOGAS)

GT-12CA, Class-Average Volumetric Rate Option	
Volumetric Charge .....	2.131¢
GT-12RS, Reservation Rate Option	
Reservation Rate, per therm per day .....	0.709¢
Usage Charge, per therm .....	1.080¢
Volumetric Transportation Charge for Non-Bypass Customers .....	2.450¢
Volumetric Transportation Charge for Bypass Customers .....	2.876¢

PROCUREMENT CHARGE

### Schedule G-CP

Non-Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	41.230¢
Non-Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm .....	41.230¢
Residential Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	41.230¢
Residential Cross-Over Rate, per therm .....	41.230¢
Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, per therm .....	40.916¢

## IMBALANCE SERVICE

### Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)	
December 2018 .....	128.083¢
January 2019 .....	201.801¢
February 2019 .....	201.801¢
Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)	
December 2018 .....	128.141¢
January 2019 .....	201.859¢
February 2019 .....	201.859¢
Wholesale Standby (SP-W)	
December 2018 .....	128.141¢
January 2019 .....	201.859¢
February 2019 .....	201.859¢

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Schedule No. G-IMB  
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

Sheet 2

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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

December 2018 .....	128.083¢
January 2019 .....	201.801¢
February 2019 .....	201.801¢

Noncore Retail Service:

SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm

December 2018 .....	128.141¢
January 2019 .....	201.859¢
February 2019 .....	201.859¢

Wholesale Service:

SP-W Standby Rate per therm

December 2018 .....	128.141¢
January 2019 .....	201.859¢
February 2019 .....	201.859¢

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**ADVICE NO. 5441**

**RATE CALCULATION WORK PAPER  
SCHEDULE NO. G-IMB STANDBY PROCUREMENT CHARGE SUBMITTAL  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2019**

**G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge Calculation**

The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from  
“NGI’s Daily Gas Price Index - Southern California Border Average”  
and “SNL Energy Daily Indices - SoCal Border.”

The highest daily border price index for the period was on February 8, 2019

**02/08/19 NGI’s Daily Gas Price Index (NDGPI) = \$1.44100 per therm**

**02/08/19 SNL Energy Daily Indices (SNLDI) = \$1.24690 per therm**

**Highest Daily Border Price Index (HDBPI) = (NDGPI + SNLDI) / 2**

**HDBPI = \$1.34395 per therm**

**SP-CR (Core Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Core Brokerage Fee**

**SP-CR = 150% x \$1.34395 + \$0.00208 = \$2.01801**

**SP-NR (Noncore Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee**

**SP-NR = 150% x \$1.34395 + \$0.00266 = \$2.01859**

**SP-W (Wholesale) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee**

**SP-W = 150% x \$1.34395 + \$0.00266 = \$2.01859**