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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Modification of Core Fixed Cost Account and Integrated Transmission Balancing Account – Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (TCAP)

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

Purpose

This submission complies with the Nonstandard Disposition Letter approving Advice Letter (AL or ALs) 5609 and 5609-A by modifying SoCalGas' Preliminary Statement Part V, Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA) and Integrated Transmission Balancing Account (ITBA), to track the undercollection that will accrue from deferring the Schedule No. G-10 increase that was otherwise scheduled to be implemented on May 1, 2020 as part of SoCalGas' implementation of its final TCAP Decision (D.) 20-02-045.

Background

On March 30, 2020, SoCalGas submitted AL 5609 in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 23 of D.20-02-045, *Decision Addressing San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company Triennial Cost Allocation Proceeding Application*. The revisions included in AL 5609 presented the tariff changes necessary to implement D.20-02-045, with the tariff changes requested to be effective May 1, 2020, which was the first of the month following anticipated approval of the AL.

On April 3, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting actions taken by governmental authorities, SoCalGas sent a letter to CPUC Executive Director Stebbins pursuant to Rule 16.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure seeking an extension of time to comply with D.20-02-045 with respect to the rate increase that would

otherwise occur for small business customers, who generally take service under Schedule No. G-10.

While recognizing the extension request was not the appropriate procedural vehicle for the request, Executive Director Stebbins nonetheless approved the request through September 1, 2020, and directed SoCalGas to seek relief through a Petition for Modification (PFM) of D.20-02-045 to be filed by May 15, 2020. In compliance with that approval, SoCalGas submitted AL 5609-A as a partial supplement to seek the approved rate implementation deferral for small business customers and to describe the interim accounting treatment for the resulting undercollection, subject to the aforementioned PFM.

In AL 5609-A, SoCalGas stated it would track the undercollection by calculating the difference between the revenue requirement in rates effective April 1, 2020 and the 2020 TCAP authorized revenue requirement for the Core Commercial and Industrial (Core CI) customer class. While the majority of the undercollection would be recorded in SoCalGas' CFCA, the authorized revenue requirement for the Core CI customer class includes an allocation for local transmission costs which would otherwise be recorded in SoCalGas' ITBA. Since the ITBA is amortized in rates to both core and noncore customer classes, SoCalGas proposed in AL 5609-A to true-up the ITBA for any undercollection attributed to local transmission costs by transferring the undercollection to the CFCA so that the ITBA, and therefore noncore rates, would not be impacted by any undercollection.

On April 29, 2020, the Commission's Energy Division issued a Nonstandard Disposition Letter approving ALs 5609 and 5609-A, but directing SoCalGas to track the undercollection resulting from the rate implementation deferral separately in a new subaccount in SoCalGas' CFCA, and to true-up SoCalGas' ITBA for any undercollection attributed to local transmission costs by transferring the undercollection to the new subaccount under the CFCA.

Proposed Modifications

Attachment A includes modifications to SoCalGas' CFCA and ITBA in compliance with the Nonstandard Disposition Letter approving ALs 5609 and 5609-A. SoCalGas' CFCA is modified to create a "Core CI Class Subaccount," which will track the difference between the revenue requirement in rates effective April 1, 2020 and the 2020 TCAP authorized revenue requirement for the Core CI customer class, as well as to transfer a portion of the ITBA related to local transmission costs. The ITBA is modified to transfer the undercollection for local transmission costs attributed to the deferred rate implementation to the CFCA.

Protests

Anyone may protest this AL 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 AL, which is June 16, 2020. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is given below.

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). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shelter at home orders, SoCalGas is currently unable to receive protests or comments to this AL via U.S. mail or fax. Please submit protests or comments to this AL via e-mail to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or e-mailed to the Commission.

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Effective Date

SoCalGas believes that this submittal is subject to Energy Division disposition, and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal become effective for service on May 1, 2020, the effective date of the rates approved by ALs 5609 and 5609-A.

Notice

A copy of this AL is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in A.18-07-024. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via e-mail to 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 via e-mail at Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov.

/s/ Ronald van der Leeden

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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 proposed¹:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

¹Discuss 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:

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART V - BALANCING ACCOUNTS
CORE FIXED COST ACCOUNT (CFCA)

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5. Accounting Procedures – non-NGV Core Subaccount (Continued)

- j. An entry to amortize the previous year’s subaccount balance;
- k. A credit entry equal to the core’s allocation excluding the NGV customer class of the SMF charged to California Producers;
- l. A credit entry equal to any refunds received from vendors related to AMI module failures; and
- m. An entry equal to interest on the average balance in the subaccount during the month, calculated in the manner described in Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

6. Accounting Procedures – Core CI Class Subaccount

- a. A debit entry equal to the seasonalized monthly amount of the annual revenue requirement as authorized in SoCalGas’ 2020 TCAP for the Core Commercial and Industrial customer class;
- b. A credit entry equal to the seasonalized monthly amount of the annual revenue requirement in rates effective April 1, 2020 for the Core Commercial and Industrial customer class;
- c. A debit entry to transfer the undercollection from the ITBA associated with local transmission costs; and
- d. An entry equal to interest on the average balance in the subaccount during the month, calculated in the manner described in Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

7. Accounting Procedures – GAF Subaccount

SoCalGas shall maintain the GAF Subaccount by recording entries at the end of each month, net of FF&U, as follows:

- a. A debit entry equal to actual funds provided to customers for paying their gas bills;
- b. A credit entry equal to funds to be used in providing customers with assistance in paying their gas bills; and
- c. An entry equal to interest on the average balance in the subaccount during the month, calculated in the manner described in Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

8. Disposition

In each annual October regulatory account balance update filing, SoCalGas will amortize the projected year-end CFCA balance (excluding the Core CI Class Subaccount) effective January 1 of the following year. The projected year-end balance for the non-NGV Core Subaccount will be allocated to all non-NGV core customer classes on an Equal Cents Per Therm (ECPT) basis. The NGV Class Subaccount will be allocated only to the NGV customer class. The disposition of the Core CI Class Subaccount will be addressed in the Petition For Modification in Application 18-07-024, SoCalGas 2020 TCAP.

For the GAF Subaccount, the disposition of any unspent funds will be addressed in SoCalGas’ next annual regulatory account update filing or other appropriate filing.

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CORE FIXED COST ACCOUNT (CFCA)

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9. True-up Mechanism

D.16-10-004 authorizes SoCalGas the following rate trigger mechanism detailed below to determine whether a true-up of rates will be made for the unamortized portion of the CFCA balance (total of all subaccounts).

- SoCalGas will total the authorized margin recorded in the CFCA for the last four months of the year and compare 10% of the total amount to the unamortized portion of the CFCA balance.
- If the unamortized portion of the CFCA balance is greater than 10% of the total amount SoCalGas will submit an advice letter proposing to update rates for the unamortized portion of the CFCA balance.
- SoCalGas will submit a Tier 2 advice letter by February 28th of the following year requesting the rate update to be effective April 1. Rates will be updated to reflect recovery or refund of the unamortized portion of the CFCA balance over the remaining nine months of the year.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART V - BALANCING ACCOUNTS
INTEGRATED TRANSMISSION BALANCING ACCOUNT (ITBA)

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1. Purpose

The ITBA is an interest-bearing balancing account that is recorded on the Utility's financial statements pursuant to D.06-04-033, D.06-12-031, Resolution G-3407, and D.11-04-032. The purpose of the ITBA is to record the difference between the authorized transmission system revenue requirements and the corresponding transmission revenues that are not reflected in the Backbone Transmission Balancing Account (BTBA). In addition, pursuant to D.13-05-010, SoCalGas' TY 2012 General Rate Case, the ITBA is authorized to record costs associated with the testing, management, removal, and disposal of PCBs existing in SoCalGas' natural gas system, including capital-related costs. Under the prior arbitration agreement with Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern), which Transwestern terminated on December 31, 2009, Transwestern reimbursed SoCalGas for 86% of PCB clean-up costs.

As approved in Advice No. 5609-A, SoCalGas deferred implementation of the rate increase for customers who take service under Schedule No. G-10 effective May 1, 2020. The undercollection resulting from the rate implementation deferral will be recorded in the Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA) and the ITBA will be trued-up for any undercollection attributed to local transmission costs by transferring the undercollection to the CFCA during the period from May 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

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2. Applicability

The ITBA shall apply to all gas customers.

3. Rates

The projected year-end ITBA balance will be applied to gas rates as described in item 5 below.

4. Accounting Procedures

SoCalGas shall maintain the ITBA by recording entries at the end of each month, net of FF&U, as follows:

- a. A debit entry equal to the seasonalized monthly amount of the authorized transmission revenue requirement which excludes the BTS revenue requirement;
- b. A credit entry equal to the recorded transmission revenues;
- c. A debit entry equal to recorded operating and maintenance (O&M) costs and capital-related costs (i.e., depreciation, return, taxes) related to the testing, management, removal, and disposal of PCBs existing in SoCalGas' natural gas system;
- d. A credit entry equal to any reimbursement of PCB clean-up costs paid by Transwestern;

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INTEGRATED TRANSMISSION BALANCING ACCOUNT (ITBA)

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4. Accounting Procedures (Continued)

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- e. A credit entry to transfer the undercollection for local transmission costs attributed to the deferred rate implementation to the CFCA;
- f. An entry to amortize the previous year's balance; and
- g. 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

Under System Integration, the projected year-end balance in the ITBA shall be combined with the projected year-end balance in SDG&E's ITBA and re-allocated between the utilities based on cold year throughput. SoCalGas' allocation of the ITBA balances shall be amortized in the following year's rates as proposed in SoCalGas' annual October regulatory account balance update filing.

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