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505 Van Ness Avenue  
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**Southern California Gas Company**  
**GAS (Corp ID 904)**  
**Status of Advice Letter 5789G**  
**As of April 22, 2021**

Subject: Update to Operation and Maintenance (O&M) fees within Tariff Rate Schedule No. G-CPS,  
California Producer Service

Division Assigned: Energy

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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

Subject: Your Advice Letter Filing

The Energy Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has processed your recent Advice Letter (AL) filing and is returning an AL status certificate for your records.

The AL status certificate indicates:

- Advice Letter Number
- Name of Filer
- CPUC Corporate ID number of Filer
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Energy Division's Tariff Unit by e-mail to  
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March 31, 2021

Advice No. 5789  
(U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Update to Operation and Maintenance (O&M) fees within Tariff Rate  
Schedule No. G-CPS, California Producer Service**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) proposed revisions to its Schedule No. G-CPS, California Producer Service, as shown in Attachment A.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this submittal is to revise the O&M fees related to California Producer Service to reflect an update to our current tariff hourly labor rates, overheads, and other costs used to calculate the overall O&M fees for each individual interconnector. Schedule No. G-CPS is applicable to all California Producers except those already contractually exempt.

**Background**

Schedule No. G-CPS was established in Advice No. (AL) 4177-A, pursuant to Resolution G-3489, Decision (D.) 07-08-029 and updated in D.10-09-001, to recover SoCalGas' costs associated with O&M, gas quality monitoring and enforcement, and system modifications from every California Producer. The California Producers are charged by SoCalGas for O&M fees relating to the metering equipment and facilities at the producer's interconnection with the SoCalGas system. The O&M fees are based on fixed and variable cost components.<sup>1</sup> Fixed cost fees have been established for standard scheduled maintenance activities<sup>2</sup> while variable costs include any site-specific costs incurred by SoCalGas that are not defined in the fixed cost category. The O&M costs are calculated yearly and based upon volumes from the prior year orifice meter reads per Mcf/Y and fixed instrument costs

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<sup>1</sup> D.07-08-029, at 55.

<sup>2</sup> D.07-08-029, Exhibit 7.

associated with each producer. The hourly labor rates, O&M fees, and gas quality monitoring and enforcement fees in the current Schedule No. G-CPS are based on costs at the time AL 5638 was submitted. As expected, these fees are to be revised from time to time to reflect changing labor rates, costs of equipment, and materials.

### **Proposed Revisions**

The revisions to O&M fees, provided in Schedule No. G-CPS (Sheet 1), include fully loaded hourly labor rates consistent with the current rates in SoCalGas' October 1, 2018 Agreement to Extend the March 1, 2012 Agreement & October 1, 2015 Extension Collective Bargaining Agreement between SoCalGas and the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, International Chemical Workers Union Council, UFCW, AFL-CIO, and labor overhead rates that reflect the average monthly rates in effect for 2021. A table of the rate and fee calculations included in Schedule No. G-CPS is provided as Attachment B and includes fully loaded labor rates for Field Labor, Overtime (Field Labor), Lab Technician, and Engineer rates. The O&M labor costs consist of the weighted average labor rate plus a fixed number of hours per month per interconnector. Further, instrument costs have been updated to reflect current costs for H<sub>2</sub>S Monitor, Moisture analyzer and Gas Chromatograph (items #4, #5 and #6, respectively, on the G-CPS Tariff). Due to the addition of another type of H<sub>2</sub>S Monitor now being used, item #4 was divided into parts A and B. H<sub>2</sub>S Monitor #4A represents the cost of a "Lead Acetate Tape" monitor; and, #4B represents the cost of a "Tunable Diode Laser" monitor.

### **Protests**

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 this advice letter was submitted to the Commission, which is April 20, 2021. 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

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

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Tariff Manager - GT14D6  
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Facsimile No.: (213) 244-4957  
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**Effective Date**

SoCalGas asserts 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. This submittal is consistent with Resolution G-3489, D.07-08-029, and D.10-09-001. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal be approved on May 1, 2021 which is 31 calendar days after the date submitted.

**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.04-08-018. 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. 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](mailto:Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov).

*/s/ Joseph Mock*  
Joseph Mock  
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. 5789

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 58716-G	Schedule No. G-CPS, CALIFORNIA PRODUCER SERVICE, Sheet 1	Revised 57681-G
Revised 58717-G	Schedule No. G-CPS, CALIFORNIA PRODUCER SERVICE, Sheet 2	Revised 57682-G
Revised 58718-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 58629-G
Revised 58719-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS	Revised 58689-G

Schedule No. G-CPS  
CALIFORNIA PRODUCER SERVICE

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to every California Producer as defined in Rule No. 01 (such producer referenced hereinafter as “California Producer” or “Interconnector”), except where contractually exempted. Exhibit A lists major equipment required of a California Producer.

TERRITORY

Applicable throughout the service territory.

FEES

All fees shall be based on the then current actual costs.

Summary of Rates and Fees

Hourly Labor Rates (Fully Loaded)

1. Field Labor .....	\$107.64	I
2. Overtime, Field Labor .....	\$144.30	
3. Lab Technician .....	\$107.83	
4. Engineer .....	\$161.30	I

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Fees (For Individual Interconnection)

1. Meter Set Assembly – Routine Maintenance, per month .....	\$2,233.00	I
2. Cost of Odorant per \$/MMcf .....	\$1.53	
3. Interconnection-Specific .....	Actual Costs	
4A. H <sub>2</sub> S Lead Acetate Tape Monitor, per month .....	\$161.00	R,T,N
4B. H <sub>2</sub> S Tunable Diode Laser Monitor, per month .....	\$62.00	N
5. Moisture analyzer, per month .....	\$83.00	I
6A. Conventional Gas Chromatograph, per month .....	\$1,277.00	
6B. Modular Gas Chromatograph, per month .....	\$884.00	
6C. Oxygen Analyzer, per month .....	\$68.00	I
7. Temporary Gas Chromatograph, per day .....	\$100*	
8. Replacement Parts .....	Actual Costs	
9. Visits Outside Normal Business Hours (Four-Hr. Min. Charge) .....	Overtime Labor Rate	
10. Non-Standard Work .....	Actual Costs	
11. Capital Costs .....	Actual Costs	

\* Plus Lab Technician labor to install, set up, commission, and un-install.

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Schedule No. G-CPS  
CALIFORNIA PRODUCER SERVICE

Sheet 2

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FEES (Continued)

Summary of Rates and Fees (Continued)

Gas Quality Monitoring and Enforcement Fees (For Individual Interconnection)

1. One-Time Fee .....	\$1,860
2. New Data Collection System, per month .....	\$ 538
3. PLC/RTU Modification .....	\$8,937
4. New PLC/RTU Installation .....	Actual Costs

System Modification Fees

1. System Modification Fee (SMF), of Interconnect Capacity, per month.....	\$0.00 per MMcfd
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Operation and Maintenance Fee Basis

Contained within the cost component are the following:

1. Meter Set Assembly – Routine Maintenance – The charge shown above represents all labor associated with tasks necessary for maintaining the meter, including, but not limited to, routine calibrations, inspections, and gas sampling. The calculation utilizes the fully loaded current labor rates, shown above, and includes 40 hours of unscheduled visits per calendar year.
2. Odorant – The fee, shown above, shall be included on a volumetric basis, and shall be derived from the previous year’s receipts at the meter, unless special circumstances (e.g., new production) warrant otherwise. The fee is based upon the actual cost of odorant and then current design odorant usage rate. The two vendors that are being used to calculate odorant costs are CP-Scentinel® and Odor-Tech-Arkema. An average cost between the two vendors is used to calculate the cost of Odorant. The cost of Odorant is \$1.53 per \$MMcf.
3. Interconnection-Specific – The actual interconnection-specific costs shall be charged back to individual meters. Typical interconnection-specific costs include telephone and communication expenses, replacement parts for existing equipment, permits for certain air districts, special calibration requirements, costs associated with providing CARB waivers, etc.
4. H<sub>2</sub>S Monitoring – Interconnections with lead acetate tape and tunable diode laser monitors shall pay an additional monthly base fee, shown above, for each monitor.

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**ATTACHMENT B**

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**Rate and Fee Calculations**

## Attachment B

<u>Hourly Labor Rates (Fully Loaded):</u>	AL5638 5/29/20	AL5789 5/1/21	Proposed Change
1) Field Labor	\$104.54	\$107.64	\$3.10
2) Overtime, Field Labor	\$138.49	\$144.30	\$5.80
3) Lab Technician	\$104.08	\$107.83	\$3.75
4) Engineer	\$155.19	\$161.30	\$6.11
<u>Operation and Maintenance (O&amp;M) Fees (For Individual Interconnection)</u>			
1. Meter Set Assembly – Routine Maintenance, per month	\$1,831	\$2,233	\$402
2. ODORANT			
2. Cost of Odorant per \$/MMcf	\$1.53	\$1.53	\$0
3. Interconnection-Specific	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	n/a
4. H2S Monitoring			
4A. H <sub>2</sub> S Lead Acetate Tape	\$194	\$161	(\$33)
4B. H <sub>2</sub> S Tunable Diode Laser	n/a	\$62	\$62
5. Moisture analyzer, per month	\$82	\$83	\$0.52
6. Gas Chromatograph			
6A. Gas Chromatograph, per month	\$1,198	\$1,277	\$79
6B. Modular Gas Chromatograph, per month	\$840	\$884	\$44
6C. Oxygen Analyzer, per month	\$51	\$68	\$17
7. Temporary Gas Chromatograph, per day	\$100.00*	\$100.00*	n/a
8. Replacement Parts	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	n/a
9. Visits Outside Normal Business Hours (Four-Hr. Min. Charge)	O/T Labor Rate	O/T Labor Rate	n/a
10. Non-Standard Work	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	n/a
11. Capital Costs	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	n/a
<u>Gas Quality Monitoring and Enforcement Fees (For Individual Interconnection)</u>			
1. One-Time Fee	\$1,860.00	\$1,860.00	\$0.00
2. New Data Collection System, per month	\$538.00	\$538.00	\$0.00
3. PLC/RTU Modification	\$8,937.00	\$8,937.00	\$0.00
4. New PLC/RTU Installation	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	n/a
<u>System Modification Fees</u>			
1. System Modification Fee (SMF) \$/month/mmcfd of interconnection capa	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00