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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Request for Approval of a Sixth Memorandum in Lieu of Contract  
between the System Operator and the Gas Acquisition Department for  
Services to Maintain Southern System Reliability**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) a Sixth Memorandum in Lieu of Contract (MILC) between SoCalGas' System Operator and SoCalGas' Utility Gas Procurement Department (Gas Acquisition) for gas supply to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System.<sup>1</sup> This proposed Sixth MILC is included as Attachment B. In addition, SoCalGas submits for approval related revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown in Attachment A.

**Background**

**Southern System Minimum Flow Requirements**

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 07-12-019, the SoCalGas System Operator is responsible for maintaining minimum flows on the SoCalGas Southern System, with the cost paid for by all customers.<sup>2</sup> SoCalGas needs a certain minimum amount (which can vary depending upon conditions) of flowing supplies on its Southern System for the system to operate

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<sup>1</sup> As the agreement is between two departments of the same legal entity, the terms are documented in a MILC rather than a traditional contract.

<sup>2</sup> D.07-12-019, mimeo., at 116 (Ordering Paragraph (OP) 15). The System Operator is "broadly defined to constitute the SoCalGas departments responsible for the operation of its transmission system, including storage, hub services, pooling services receipt point access, offsystem deliveries, and system reliability. The System Operator functions explicitly exclude the Gas Procurement Department which will not be involved in any of the system-related operational activities." D.07-12-019, mimeo., at 58.

effectively.<sup>3</sup> The amount of this minimum flow requirement is equal to the entire demand on the SoCalGas Southern System, which includes both core and noncore customer demand, less gas supply that is flowed from the Northern System to the South.<sup>4</sup> The process that the SoCalGas System Operator follows for purchasing supplies to maintain minimum flows on the Southern System is laid out in SoCalGas' Rule No. 41.

### **First MILC (November 2011-October 2012)**

On November 3, 2011, SoCalGas submitted Advice No. (AL) 4291 requesting approval of a First MILC between the System Operator and Gas Acquisition to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. Under the First MILC, Gas Acquisition agreed to deliver a specified volume of flowing supplies to the Southern System each day,<sup>5</sup> and in exchange for taking on this obligation, bundled core customers would not share the System Reliability Memorandum Account (SRMA) costs incurred by the System Operator to meet minimum flow requirements on the Southern System.

In Resolution G-3468, issued on July 12, 2012, the Commission approved the First MILC, subject to certain limited modifications.<sup>6</sup> On July 13, 2012, SoCalGas submitted a revised First MILC which included the modifications required by the Commission, and the First MILC became effective on that date. The term of the First MILC ran through October 31, 2012.

### **Second MILC (November 2012-October 2013)**

On August 17, 2012, SoCalGas submitted AL 4394 requesting approval of a Second MILC between the System Operator and Gas Acquisition to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. In Resolution G-3476, issued on March 26, 2013, the Commission approved the Second MILC, subject to the following limited modifications:

1. In order for core to be relieved of SRMA cost responsibility for a day on which SRMA costs are incurred, GA must supply bundled core's actual share of Southern System flow requirements specific to that gas day.
2. Consistent with the first modification, the percentages in the MILC set to represent core's share of the Southern System

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<sup>3</sup> Resolution G-3476, at 2.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution G-3476, at 2.

<sup>5</sup> From December 1, 2011, through March 31, 2012, this amount is the lower of either 50% of the Southern System Minimum Flow Requirement or 360 thousand dekatherms (Mdth), and from April 1, 2012, through October 31, 2012, this amount is the lower of either 35% of the Southern System Minimum Flow Requirement or 260 Mdth.

<sup>6</sup> These modifications changed the non-performance provision of the MILC and provided for a proportionate sharing of SRMA costs under certain circumstances. See Resolution G-3468, at 17-19.

minimum flow requirements are no longer needed and shall be eliminated.

3. The Tariff change requested as part of the MILC will be modified to be consistent with the requirement that core's actual Gas Day share will need to be determined and that this information will not be available at the end of each month.<sup>7</sup>

On March 29, 2013, SoCalGas submitted a revised Second MILC which included the modifications required by the Commission, effective on April 1, 2013.<sup>8</sup> The term of the Second MILC ran through October 31, 2013.

### **Third MILC (November 2013-October 2016)**

On June 28, 2013, SoCalGas submitted AL 4513 requesting approval of a Third MILC between the System Operator and Gas Acquisition to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. In Resolution G-3485, adopted on October 31, 2013, the Commission approved the Third MILC, subject to one limited modification. The evergreen provision was modified to limit the Third MILC to three one-year terms ending no later than October 31, 2016, unless otherwise terminated with 30 days' notice by SoCalGas or superseded in an intervening Southern System related CPUC decision or other proceeding.<sup>9</sup>

On November 1, 2013, SoCalGas submitted a revised Third MILC which included the modifications required by the Commission, effective on November 1, 2013. The term of the Third MILC runs through October 31, 2016.

### **Fourth MILC (November 2016-October 2018)**

On June 30, 2016, SoCalGas submitted AL 4979-A requesting approval of a Fourth MILC between the System Operator and Gas Acquisition to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System.<sup>10</sup> Unlike the Third MILC, which was approved for up to three one-year periods, the Fourth MILC includes a total of only two one-year periods and expires on October 31, 2018, which coincides with the expiration date of contracts that Gas Acquisition holds for interstate capacity for delivery to the Southern System. The Fourth MILC was approved by disposition letter dated July 27, 2016.

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<sup>7</sup> Resolution G-3476, at 2.

<sup>8</sup> Southern California Generation Coalition (SCGC) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submitted protests to AL 4394-A, contesting one provision in the revised Second MILC. On April 25, 2013, SoCalGas submitted a second supplemental submittal, AL 4394-B effective April 1, 2013, which removed the provision objected to by SCGC and SCE.

<sup>9</sup> Resolution G-3485 at 10, OP 2.

<sup>10</sup> AL 4979-A was submitted to provide additional clarification that was not included in AL 4979, which was originally submitted on June 24, 2016.

### **Fifth MILC (November 2018-October 2021)**

On September 14, 2018, SoCalGas submitted AL 5353 requesting approval of a Fifth MILC between the System Operator and Gas Acquisition to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. Unlike the Fourth MILC, which includes a total of only two one-year periods and expires on October 31, 2018, the Fifth MILC includes a total of three one-year periods and expires on October 31, 2021. The Fifth MILC was approved by disposition letter dated October 25, 2018.

### **Proposal**

To continue the benefits of the Southern System support arrangement established in the First through Fifth MILCs, SoCalGas is proposing a Sixth MILC to become effective when the Fifth MILC ends.

### **Term**

The Sixth MILC would become effective on November 1, 2021. The initial term of the Sixth MILC would end on October 31, 2022.

The Sixth MILC would continue for three one-year terms ending not later than October 31, 2024, unless cancelled in writing by SoCalGas at least 30 days prior to the second or third terms.<sup>11</sup>

SoCalGas is proposing to continue year-by-year "evergreening" of the Sixth MILC in order to avoid the uncertainty and gaps in coverage associated with an annual MILC advice submittal process. Evergreening on a year-to-year basis will ensure the continued availability of Southern System supply support from Gas Acquisition. Given that the Commission has already recognized the benefits of the MILC five times, including the evergreening provision in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth MILC, the Commission should continue to provide the certainty requested in the Sixth MILC.

### **Other Provisions**

The Sixth MILC (Attachment B) is substantively the same as the Fifth MILC. The SRMA credit mechanism would work the same as the process approved in Resolution G-3468 and G-3476, and the fee calculation and bundled core sharing percentage (40.4%) would also be the same.

Consistent with the Fifth MILC, the Sixth MILC provides that for bundled core to be relieved of SRMA cost responsibility for a day on which SRMA costs are incurred, Gas Acquisition must supply bundled core's *actual* share of Southern System flow requirements specific to that gas day.

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<sup>11</sup> SoCalGas would submit a Tier 1 advice letter to notify the Commission and interested parties of the cancellation.

SoCalGas urges the Commission to adopt the Sixth MILC for all of the reasons the Commission approved the First through Fifth MILCs. The arrangements proposed in the Sixth MILC are the same as those in the currently-effective Fifth MILC. SoCalGas does not wish to lose these substantial daily bundled core deliveries into the Southern System, and it believes that it would be in the strong interest of its customers to have this System Operator tool continue beyond October 31, 2021.

### **Related Tariff Changes**

SoCalGas is also proposing that the Preliminary Statements of the Purchased Gas Account (PGA) and the SRMA be updated to reflect the Sixth MILC. Currently, only the First MILC, Second MILC, Third MILC, Fourth MILC, and Fifth MILC are referenced in these tariffs.

### **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 October 12, 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

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)). 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 addresses shown below on the same date it is mailed or e-mailed to the Commission.

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**Effective Date**

SoCalGas believes this advice letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as a Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this advice letter be approved on October 22, 2021, which is 30 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 list A.15-07-014. 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*  
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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  
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ATTACHMENT A  
Advice No. 5867

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART V - BALANCING ACCOUNTS  
PURCHASED GAS ACCOUNT (PGA)

Sheet 1

The PGA is a balancing account. Effective April 1, 2008, the purpose of this account is to balance the recorded cost of gas for the Single Gas Portfolio to provide procurement service for both SoCalGas and SDG&E customers with the corresponding revenue from the sale of that gas. The Single Gas Portfolio, as adopted in Decision (D.) 07-12-019, is comprised of all gas purchases to serve the combined needs of SoCalGas and SDG&E. In addition, the PGA will record adjustments in compliance with Advice No. (AL) 4291-A, 4394-B, 4513-A, 4979-A, 5353, and 5867 and their respective Memorandum In Lieu of Contract (MILC) consistent with Resolution G-3468, Resolution G-3476, and Resolution G-3485, respectively.

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The Utility shall maintain the PGA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

1. A debit entry equal to the recorded gas cost in the Single Gas Portfolio Account during the month, which includes all gas and backbone transportation services purchased for SoCalGas and SDG&E's procurement customers. Costs associated with the Utility System Operator providing transportation imbalance services under Rule No. 30 and Schedule No. G-IMB to the Utility Gas Procurement Department will be included concurrent with the Utility Gas Procurement Department being relieved of its responsibility for minimum flow requirements. Gas purchases are net of costs allocated to company use fuel and unaccounted for gas. The Single Gas Portfolio also includes interstate and PG&E pipeline capacity costs, carrying cost of storage inventory and financial transactions, net of proceeds from secondary market transactions such as core parking, loaning, and backbone transportation services activities.
2. Credit entries equal to the procurement revenue, which includes recovery of backbone transportation services, from the sale of gas delivered to SoCalGas and SDG&E customers, including revenues associated with noncore and core aggregator Low OFO and EFO noncompliance charges under Rule No. 30 and Schedule No. G-IMB; and noncore standby and buyback services under Schedule No. G-IMB during the month, excluding the allowance for F&U.
3. A credit entry for supplier refunds received that are associated with interstate capacity costs previously recovered through core procurement rates pursuant to D.04-09-022.
4. An entry equal to amortization of the forecasted PGA balance, excluding the allowance for F&U.
5. A credit entry equal to the brokerage fee charged to core customers less the allowance for F&U.
6. A debit entry equal to 1/12 of the annual core brokerage fee revenue requirement.
7. A credit entry equal to the El Paso settlement proceeds received pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement approved by the FERC and CPUC (D.03-10-087). The first payment received will be reduced by the estimated net present value of refunds due to core subscription and core aggregation transportation (CAT) customers.

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PURCHASED GAS ACCOUNT (PGA)

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8. A credit entry equal to the settlement proceeds associated with the Sempra Settlement (Pipeline Cases) and the Price Indexing Cases Settlement pursuant to D.10-01-024. The settlement proceeds received shall be reduced by the amount allocable to core subscription, CAT customers and SDG&E's noncore procurement customers;
9. A credit entry equal to the FERC settlement proceeds associated with the 2000-2001 energy crisis. The settlement proceeds received shall be reduced by the amount allocable to core subscription, CAT customers and SDG&E's noncore procurement customers;
10. A credit entry for the assessment of G-IMB daily balancing standby charge as part of the curtailment noncompliance charge billed to customers pursuant to D.16-07-008 effective November 1, 2016;
11. An adjusting entry for an amount allocated to core customers as calculated per the terms and conditions of the MILCs in AL 4291-A, 4394-B, 4513-A, 4979-A, 5353, and 5867 (an offsetting amount will be recorded in the System Reliability Memorandum Account); and
12. An entry equal to the 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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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART VI - MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS Sheet 1  
SYSTEM RELIABILITY MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (SRMA)

The SRMA is an interest bearing account that is recorded on the Utility's financial statements. The purpose of this account is to record certain costs associated with the Utility System Operator's purchase and delivery of gas to sustain operational flows on the SoCalGas/SDG&E system. In addition, the SRMA will record adjustments in compliance with Advice No. (AL) 4291-A, 4394-B, 4513-A, 4979-A, 5353, and 5867 and their respective Memorandum In Lieu of Contract (MILC) consistent with Resolution G-3468, Resolution G-3476, and Resolution G-3485, respectively.

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Costs include the costs that are associated with the following:

- 1) Purchases and sales of gas on a spot basis;
- 2) Contracts related to Requests for Offers (RFO) or open season process consistent with System Operator needs and approved through the Expedited Advice Letter Process;
- 3) Other System Operator tools approved by the Commission through the regular advice letter process.

The Utility shall maintain the SRMA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry for the cost of gas delivered to various receipt points on the SoCalGas/SDG&E system, including any other O&M and incremental capital-related costs (e.g., depreciation, return on investment and related taxes) associated with any other tools approved by the Commission through a regular or expedited advice letter process as described above that were incurred for maintaining system reliability.
- b. A credit entry equal to the revenues from the sale of gas that was originally purchased for system reliability purposes as described in entry "a." which is no longer necessary and therefore made available for sale in the marketplace.
- c. An entry equal to amortization as authorized by the Commission.
- d. An adjusting entry for an amount allocated to core customers as calculated per the terms and conditions of the MILC in AL 4291-A, 4394-B, 4513-A, 4979-A, 5353, and 5867 (an offsetting amount will be recorded in the Purchased Gas Account).
- e. An entry equal to the interest on the average balance in the account during the month, calculated in the manner described in the Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

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Upon approval by the Commission of transactions recorded in the SRMA, SoCalGas will amortize the approved transactions in transportation rates effective January 1 of the following year. The transactions will be allocated on an Equal Cents Per Therm (ECPT) basis.

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**ATTACHMENT B**

**Advice No. 5867**

**Sixth Memorandum in Lieu of Contract**

## SIXTH MEMORANDUM IN LIEU OF CONTRACT

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), executes this Memorandum In Lieu of Contract (MILC) in order to document the activities and direct the manner in which the employees of SoCalGas, a public utility gas company regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC), shall conduct the relationship between the SoCalGas System Operator and the Gas Acquisition Department (GA) with respect to the System Operator's management of Southern System support as authorized by the CPUC.<sup>1</sup> This MILC is in lieu of the execution of any contract by SoCalGas with itself (between the operating and functional departments within SoCalGas) in implementing these activities in order to comply with regulatory requirements.

1. **Background.** On December 6, 2007, the CPUC approved SoCalGas' application providing for the transfer of the responsibility for managing minimum flow requirements for Southern System reliability to the System Operator (D.07-12-019).

**First MILC:** On November 3, 2011, SoCalGas submitted Advice No. (AL) 4291 requesting approval of a MILC between the System Operator and GA to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. That particular MILC had an end date of October 31, 2012. On July 12, 2012, the CPUC issued Resolution G-3468 approving the MILC as-submitted, subject to certain minor modifications. On July 13, 2012, SoCalGas executed a Revised MILC containing the modifications required by the CPUC, and SoCalGas submitted the Revised MILC to the CPUC on July 13, 2012, via AL 4291-A (effective upon filing).

**Second MILC:** On August 17, 2012, SoCalGas submitted AL 4394 requesting approval of a Second MILC between the System Operator and the SoCalGas GA to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. The Second MILC has an end date of October 31, 2013. On March 21, 2013, the Commission adopted Resolution G-3476 which approved AL 4394, also subject to certain limited modifications. SoCalGas executed a Revised Second MILC containing the modifications required by the CPUC, and SoCalGas submitted the Revised Second MILC to the CPUC on March 29, 2013, via AL 4394-A. In response to protests by certain interested parties, SoCalGas made further revisions to the Revised Second MILC, and submitted it to the CPUC on April 25, 2013, via AL 4394-B (effective upon filing).

**Third MILC:** On June 28, 2013, SoCalGas submitted AL 4513 requesting approval of a Third MILC between the System Operator and the SoCalGas GA to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. The Third MILC has an end date of October 31, 2016. On October 31, 2013, the Commission adopted Resolution G-3485 which approved AL 4513, also subject to certain limited modifications. SoCalGas executed a Revised Third MILC containing the modifications required by the CPUC, and SoCalGas submitted the Revised Third MILC to the CPUC on November 1, 2013, via AL 4513-A (effective upon filing).

**Fourth MILC:** On June 30, 2016, SoCalGas submitted AL 4979-A requesting approval of a Fourth MILC between the System Operator and the SoCalGas GA to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. The Fourth MILC has an end date of October 31, 2018. AL 4979-A was approved by disposition letter effective July 24, 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> The System Operator is sometimes referred to internally as the California Energy Hub or the Operational Hub.

**Fifth MILC:** On September 14, 2018, SoCalGas submitted AL 5353 requesting approval of a Fifth MILC between the System Operator and the SoCalGas GA to support SoCalGas' minimum flow requirements on its Southern System. The Fifth MILC has an end date of October 31, 2021. AL 5353 was approved by disposition letter dated October 25, 2018.

2. **Proposed Sixth MILC.** Under this Sixth MILC, the bundled core will be relieved of any System Reliability Memorandum Account (SRMA) costs incurred by the System Operator on days on which GA delivers the bundled core's actual share of the Southern System Minimum Flow Requirement to the Southern System. The bundled core's actual daily share will be the ratio of bundled core load on the Southern System and the total load on the Southern System after the necessary load information becomes available. GA will be responsible for a proportionate share of SRMA costs incurred by the System Operator on days on which GA does not deliver supplies to meet bundled core's daily share of the Southern System Minimum Flow Requirement. Similar to the Revised Third, Fourth, and Fifth MILC, this Sixth MILC will evergreen for three consecutive one-year terms, ending not later than October 31, 2024, unless cancelled by GA or the System Operator.
3. **Proposed Southern System Support Tool.** GA will deliver gas into the SoCalGas Citygate to support southern system minimum flowing supply requirement established by SoCalGas' Gas Control Department (see Section 6 of SoCalGas Rule No. 41) as follows:

**Period:** The commencement date for deliveries under this MILC is the later of: (1) November 1, 2021, or (2) the effective date of CPUC approval. The initial term of this MILC (Initial Term) shall continue for each day from the commencement date through and including October 31, 2022. This MILC shall continue for two subsequent one-year terms beginning on November 1, 2022 (Subsequent Term), and ending not later than October 31, 2024, unless and until cancelled in writing by either GA or the System Operator at least 30 days prior to the end of either the Initial Term or the next upcoming Subsequent Term (the Initial Term and Subsequent Term are collectively the "Term").

**Delivery Point:** All deliveries will be made into SoCalGas Citygate at GA's election from any of the following points: the El Paso Natural Gas Pipeline Blythe delivery point, the North Baja Pipeline Blythe delivery point, or at the TGN Pipeline Otay Mesa delivery point.

**Support Service:**

GA will deliver on each gas flow day (Gas Day) during the Term supplies equal to the estimated bundled core's share of daily Southern System Minimum Flow Requirement that is posted by SoCalGas' Gas Control at 6:00 a.m. on the SoCalGas ENVOY® electronic bulletin board for Cycle 1 of that Gas Day.

**Fee:** As compensation for providing these Southern System support services, GA's bundled core customers will receive a fee equal to the amount they are charged for Southern System support costs incurred by the System Operator during the Term.<sup>2</sup>

This fee will be calculated after the necessary daily flow information becomes available. The fee will be a credit to the Purchased Gas Account (PGA), and a corresponding debit to the SRMA, equal to the bundled core allocation.

Whenever, as required to maintain Southern System reliability, additional costs are incurred to deliver gas to Otay Mesa, and GA has not delivered sufficient supply to Otay Mesa to meet the bundled core's

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<sup>2</sup> 40.4% of SRMA costs would be allocated to bundled core customers, subject to the crediting provision of the Revised Second MILC.

daily share of required deliveries at Otay Mesa, GA's credit against SRMA costs will be proportionately reduced to reflect GA's share of the incremental costs associated with delivery at Otay Mesa instead of Blythe. This will be applied independent of whether the total quantity of supply required under the MILC has otherwise been met.

If for any reason, GA does not deliver the quantity required by this MILC, GA will be subject to a proportional allocation of any SRMA costs that are recorded for any such Gas Day, where GA's portion of the costs will be equal to the GA shortfall (GA's share of the minimum flow requirement minus GA's deliveries into the Southern System) divided by the total amount of supply purchased by the System Operator for that Gas Day.

**Provider of Last Resort:** GA will continue to act on a best-efforts basis to provide gas supplies based on the System Operator's request if called upon as a provider of last resort pursuant to Section 13 of SoCalGas Rule No. 41. As provided by Section 13 of Rule No. 41, GA will charge the System Operator the actual incremental costs incurred to provide these specific supplies, and these costs will be flowed through the SRMA. The fee described above will include a credit for the bundled core share of any provider of last resort costs incurred by GA at the request of the System Operator during the Term.

**Regulatory approval:** This arrangement will be submitted to the CPUC by Advice Letter and will not become effective until acceptable CPUC approval has been received by SoCalGas. In the event the CPUC does not approve this MILC, or imposes terms unacceptable to SoCalGas, this arrangement will be null and void.

Based upon the foregoing, this MILC sets forth the commitment and guidelines by which the employees of SoCalGas will conduct themselves in interactions associated with the Southern System support activities. All such activity will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of SoCalGas' tariffs, and other relevant rules and regulations.

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