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	Pursuant to Decision (D.) 23-05-006

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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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June 19, 2023

<u>Advice No. 6151-G</u> (U 904 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Establishment of the Concurrent Application System Balancing Account (CASBA), Pursuant to Decision (D.) 23-05-006

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) revisions to its Preliminary Statement Part V, Balancing Accounts, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

<u>Purpose</u>

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 4 (a) of D. 23-05-006, this Advice Letter (AL) establishes the Concurrent Application System Balancing Account (CASBA) to record and recover Concurrent Application process System (CAS) Phase I development costs.

Background

On May 18, 2023, the Commission issued D.23-05-006, which implements a process for the creation of a low-income customer CAS as required by Senate Bill (SB) 1208. This decision directs, among other things, SoCalGas, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) (collectively, the IOUs) each to establish a new two-way balancing account to record IOU-specific costs associated with CAS development.¹

Establishment of the CASBA

Pursuant to OP 4 (a) of D.23-05-006, SoCalGas establishes the CASBA. The CASBA shall record costs associated with Phase I development of the CAS development, as required by SB 1208.

¹ D.23-05-006, OP 4(a).

Because the cost estimate is unknown at this time, the budget will be the total costs in executing the CAS development contract in addition to Phase I development related costs.² Approval of the Tier 3 AL mentioned above, and corresponding CAS development contract will constitute approval of the IOUs' budget and related revenue requirement, and the recovery of those costs recorded in the two-way balancing account.³

Common CAS costs shall be recovered in the following proportions: 30 percent paid for by PG&E, 30 percent paid for by SCE, 25 percent paid for by SoCalGas, and 15 percent paid for by SDG&E. For utilities that are both electric and gas, allocation among the utility electric and gas portions shall be based on the percentage of electric and gas customers.⁴

Gas costs may be recovered through transportation rates from all customers on an equal cents per therm basis.⁵

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 submitted electronically and must be received within 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter, which is July 9, 2023. Protests should be submitted to the attention of the Energy Division Tariff Unit at:

E-mail: <u>EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</u>

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this Advice Letter should also be sent electronically to the attention of:

Attn: Gary Lenart Regulatory Tariff Manager E-mail: <u>GLenart@socalgas.com</u> E-mail: Tariffs@socalgas.com

Effective Date

OP 4 (a) of D.23-05-006 directs SoCalGas to submit this AL as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal be approved and made effective June 19, 2023, the date of this AL submission.

² *Id.*, OP 2.

³ *Id.*, at 18.

⁴ *Id.*, OP 4 (b).

⁵ *Id.,* OP 4 (c).

Notice

A copy of this Advice Letter is being sent to SoCalGas' General Order (GO) 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in A.19-11-003. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via e-mail to <u>Tariffs@socalgas.com</u> or call 213-244-2424. For changes to all other service lists, please contact the Commission's Process Office at 415-703-2021 or via e-mail at <u>Process_office@cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

<u>/s/ Joseph Mock</u> Joseph Mock Director – Regulatory Affairs

Attachments



California Public Utilities Commission

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:					
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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 ^{1:}						
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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: <u>EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</u>	Name: Title: Utility Name: Address: City: State: Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx: Email:
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART V - BALANCING ACCOUNTS DESCRIPTION AND LISTING OF BALANCING ACCOUNTS

Sheet 1

A. GENERAL

Balancing accounts are those regulatory accounts where authorized expenses are compared with revenues from rates designed to recover those expenses. The resulting under or overcollection, plus interest calculated in the manner described in Preliminary Statement, Part I, is recorded on the Utility's financial statements as an asset or liability, which is owed from or due to the ratepayers. Balances in balancing accounts are to be amortized in rates.

B. LISTING OF BALANCING ACCOUNTS

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B. LISTING OF BALANCING ACCOUNTS (Continued)

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT - PART V - BALANCING ACCOUNTS CONCURRENT APPLICATION SYSTEM BALANCING ACCOUNT (CASBA)

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1. Purpose

The CASBA is a two-way balancing account recorded on SoCalGas' financial statements. Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1208, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 23-05-006 for the implementation of the Low-Income Customer Assistance Program Concurrent Application System (CAS) and authorized the establishment of a two-way balancing account to record CAS development costs.

The Commission implemented a phase approach for the development of the CAS: Phase 1 will focus on the implementation of the minimum requirements of SB 1208 which should ensure that, at a minimum, SoCalGas' CARE and ESA programs are integrated into the CAS; and Phase 2 will consider what other low-income energy programs can and should be integrated into CAS as well as non-energy programs.

The purpose of the CASBA is to record all costs and the authorized revenue requirement in rates associated with the Phase 1 development of the CAS as discussed in D.23-05-006 which includes both shared costs and costs specifically incurred by SoCalGas. D.23-05-006 designates Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) as the lead IOU and fiscal sponsor in the development and implementation of Phase 1 of the CAS. As a result, PG&E will incur costs for among other things the Request for Proposal (RFP) and contract funding which will be shared among the IOUs, for which SoCalGas' allocation of these shared costs will be 25%.

2. Applicability

The CASBA shall apply to all gas customers except those specifically excluded by the Commission.

3. <u>Rates</u>

See Disposition section below.

4. Accounting Procedures

SoCalGas will maintain the CASBA by making entries, net of Franchise Fees and Uncollectibles (FF&U) as applicable, at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry equal to SoCalGas' allocation of shared costs for the development of CAS;
- b. A debit entry equal to operating & maintenance (O&M) costs and capital-related costs (i.e., depreciation, taxes, and return) on capital assets associated with the development of CAS;

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- c. A credit entry equal to one-twelfth of the revenue requirement authorized in rates;
- d. An entry to amortize the balance; and
- e. An entry equal to the interest on the average balance in the account during the month, calculated in the manner described in Preliminary Statement, Part I, J.

5. Disposition

D.23-05-006 requires the IOUs to jointly submit a Tier 3 advice letter (AL) for the proposed budgets for the development of the CAS. Commission approval of this AL will constitute approval of the IOUs budget and related revenue requirement and recovery of costs recorded in the CASBA. Upon approval of the AL, the annual revenue requirement will be incorporated in gas transportation rates through its annual Consolidated Year End advice letter filing. In its annual October regulatory account balance update filing, SoCalGas may amortize the projected year-end CASBA balance effective January 1 of the following year. The authorized revenue requirement and projected year-end balance for the CASBA will be amortized in gas transportation rates and allocated on an Equal Cents Per Therm (ECPT) basis.*

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See D.23-05-006, Ordering Paragraph (OP) 4 (c).

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