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Advice Letter 6236-G-A

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SUBJECT: Revision to Schedule No. G-BTS Pursuant to Decision (D.) 11-04-032

Dear Mr. Mock:

SoCalGas Advice Letter 6236-G-A is effective as of January 1, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leuwam Tesfai".

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Advice No. 6236-G-A
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: SUPPLEMENTAL: Revision to Schedule No. G-BTS Pursuant to Decision (D.) 11-04-032

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) revision to its tariff Schedule No. G-BTS (Backbone Transportation Service), applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment A.

Purpose

This submittal is made in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) No. 12 of D.11-04-032, to revise Schedule No. G-BTS to change the In-Kind Energy Charge from 0.190% to 0.240%, effective January 1, 2024.

This submittal replaces Advice No. (AL) 6236-G, submitted on December 26, 2023, in its entirety. The purpose of this submittal is to rectify a typographical error.

Background

In OP No. 12 of D.11-04-032, the Commission directed San Diego Gas & Electric Company and SoCalGas to:

[E]stablish an in-kind fuel factor, initially set at 0.22% of the total volume of natural gas to be delivered at the receipt point and updated quarterly based on the fuel factor determined from the prior quarter data.

To comply with D.11-04-032, SoCalGas submitted Advice No. (AL) 4240 to revise Schedule No. G-BTS to incorporate the In-Kind Energy Charge of 0.22% effective October 1, 2011.¹ AL 4240 was approved by the Energy Division on July 1, 2011. On November 30, 2011, SoCalGas submitted AL 4304 to revise Schedule G-BTS to decrease the In-Kind Energy Charge from 0.22% (effective during the fourth quarter 2011) to 0.174% for the first quarter 2012. Due to a time lag of approximately 25 days in obtaining operations data and at least 30 days needed to obtain Commission approval, SoCalGas used the most recent three-month operations data available (August 1, 2011, through October 31, 2011) to calculate the In-Kind Energy Charge for the first quarter 2012.

AL 4304 was approved by the Energy Division on December 28, 2011, with the revision to Schedule No. G-BTS made effective January 1, 2012. All of SoCalGas' subsequent ALs to update the In-Kind Energy Charge used this same methodology up until the May 29, 2015 third quarter submittal.

On May 29, 2015, in order to reduce the current quarter to quarter rate volatility experienced, SoCalGas submitted AL 4814 to modify its current In-kind rate methodology to implement a new rate adjustment limit. SoCalGas proposed that, beginning with the scheduled July 1, 2015 rate adjustment, the "adjustment" factor for cumulative over/under-deliveries be limited to 25% of the latest lagged quarter's actual fuel consumption. This modification stabilizes the rate and prevents large over-collections followed by large under-collections.

AL 4814 was approved by the Energy Division on June 29, 2015, effective July 1, 2015, with the new limit revision in place to adjust its Schedule No. G-BTS tariff. All of SoCalGas' subsequent ALs to update the In-Kind Energy Charge will now use this methodology.

Requested Change

Consistent with the methodology used in the AL 4814, and based on September 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 operations data, SoCalGas proposes that the In-Kind Energy Charge for the 1st quarter 2024 be revised from 0.190% to 0.240%. The backup calculations for this new proposed In-Kind Energy Charge are shown on Attachment B.

¹ The term "In-Kind Energy Charge" used in SoCalGas Schedule No. G-BTS is synonymous with the term "in-kind fuel factor" used in D.11-04-032.

Protest

SoCalGas asks that the Commission, pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, General Rule 7.5.1, maintain the original protest and comment period designated in Advice No. 6236-G and not reopen the protest period.

Effective Date

SoCalGas believes this AL is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Therefore, SoCalGas respectfully requests that this submittal be effective on January 1, 2024, which is five calendar days from the date of this AL submission.

Notice

A copy of this AL is being sent to SoCalGas' GO 96-B service list and the Commission's service list in A.10-03-028, Firm Access Rights Update Proceeding. Address change requests to the GO 96-B service list should be directed via e-mail to Tariffs@socalgas.com 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 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 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:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Name:
Title:
Utility Name:
Address:
City: State:
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email:

Name:
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ATTACHMENT A
Advice No. 6236-G-A

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 61404-G	Schedule No. G-BTS, BACKBONE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, Sheet 4	Revised 61107-G
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Revised 61406-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS, Sheet 1	Revised 61400-G

Schedule No. G-BTS
BACKBONE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Sheet 4

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RATES (Continued)

BILLING CALCULATION

Monthly Reservation Charge:

The Monthly Reservation Charge is payable each month regardless of the quantity of gas scheduled during the billing period. The Reservation Charge for each billing period shall be calculated using the applicable reservation rate and the DCQ as specified in Customer's Backbone Transportation Service Contract (BTSC).

Monthly Reservation Charge = Applicable Reservation Rate * DCQ * number of days in the billing period (or, if less than one month, number of days in term of contract).

Monthly Volumetric Charge:

The Monthly Volumetric Charge for each billing period shall be calculated using the applicable volumetric rate multiplied by the scheduled quantities on the Customer's BTSC.

Monthly Volumetric Charge = Applicable Volumetric Rate * Quantities of Gas Scheduled during the billing period.

In-Kind Energy Charges:

Customers transporting gas over the backbone transmission system shall deliver each day for each billing period at the receipt point an additional in-kind quantity of natural gas equal to a percent of the total quantity delivered at the receipt point. The quantity received by the Utility at the receipt point shall equal the quantity delivered by the Utility to the delivery point divided by (1 - x) where x is the decimal equivalent of the backbone transmission system in-kind fuel factor percentage.

Rate, percent reduction 0.240%

Any applicable volumetric charges shall be charged on scheduled volumes net of shrinkage.

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Attachment B - In-Kind Energy Charge Calculation

Application Rate : Jan 1st 2024 through Mar 31st 2024

	Transmission Compression Fuel Usage (Mcf)		Official MCS Receipts * (Mcf)	
Previous 3 Month Totals:	527,381		221,668,351	
In-Kind Charge, %	= $\frac{\text{Actual Fuel}}{\text{Total Receipts}^*}$	=	$\frac{527,381}{221,668,351}$	= 0.238%
			Under	Under Collect Adj.
Under Adjustment **	$\frac{\text{(Fuel Collections vs Fuel Usage)}}{\text{Total Receipts}^*}$	=	$\frac{(3,529)}{221,668,351}$	= 0.002%
In-Kind Energy Update Charge for 1st Qtr 2024		=	0.24%	

* Total Quantity Received by the Utility at all of its Receipt Points.

** Adjustment limit is Lessor of : ABS Cumulative Fuel Over/(under) Collections [-3,529] OR, 25% of previous 3 months actual fuel consumption [131,845]