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June 17, 2009

**Advice Letter 3989**

Ronald van der Leeden, Director  
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**Subject: April 2009 Standby Procurement Charges**

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 3989 is effective May 21, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division



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May 21, 2009

Advice No. 3989  
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: April 2009 Standby Procurement Charges**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby submits for filing revisions to its tariff schedules, applicable throughout its service territory, as shown on Attachment B.

**Purpose**

This routine monthly filing updates the Standby Procurement Charges in Schedule No. G-IMB for April 2009.

**Background**

Resolution G-3316, dated May 24, 2001, revised the Schedule No. G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge for negative monthly transportation imbalances that exceed the 10% tolerance band. The Standby Procurement Charges are:

1. Calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border for the period plus a Brokerage Fee of 0.266¢ per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and 0.188¢ per therm for core retail service. The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from "NGI's Daily Gas Price Index - Southern California Border Average" and "Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey - SoCal Gas Midpoint."
2. Calculated for a period that begins from the first day of the "flow month" (the month that the imbalance is incurred) and ends five days prior to the start of the imbalance trading period.
3. Posted at least one day in advance of the imbalance trading period.

**Information**

For the "flow month" of April 2009 (covering the period April 1, 2009, to May 20, 2009), the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border is \$0.41400 per therm. The resultant Standby Procurement Charges, calculated in the manner set forth above, are \$0.62366 per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and \$0.62288 per therm for core retail service. The workpaper showing details of the calculation of these rates is incorporated herein as Attachment C.

**Protest**

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the California Public Utilities 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. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

CPUC Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
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Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Maria Salinas ([mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)) and Honesto Gatchalian ([jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov)) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest shall also be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered 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 Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to GO 96-B. SoCalGas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective May 21, 2009, the date filed, in order to comply with the Resolution G-3316 requirement that the rates be posted at least one day in advance of the start of the imbalance trading period, which is May 25, 2009.

**Notice**

A copy of this advice letter is being sent to the parties listed on Attachment A.

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Ronald van der Leeden  
Director  
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Attachments

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (U 904G)**

Utility type:

ELC     GAS  
 PLC     HEAT     WATER

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### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric                      GAS = Gas  
PLC = Pipeline                     HEAT = Heat    WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 3989

Subject of AL: April 2009 Standby Procurement Charges

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Preliminary Statement; Standby Service; Procurement

AL filing type:  Monthly     Quarterly     Annual     One-Time     Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

G-3316

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: No

Resolution Required?     Yes     No

Tier Designation:     1     2     3

Requested effective date: May 21, 2009

No. of tariff sheets: 4

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

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: Preliminary Statement, Part II; Schedule G-IMB; and TOCs

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: 3984

**Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:**

**CPUC, Energy Division**

**Attention: Tariff Unit**

**505 Van Ness Ave.,**

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**Southern California Gas Company**

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<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**Advice No. 3989**

**(See Attached Service List)**

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ATTACHMENT B  
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Revised 44717-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 7	Revised 44646-G
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
PART II  
SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES

Sheet 7

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IMBALANCE SERVICE

Standby Procurement Charge

Core Retail Standby (SP-CR)

February 2009 .....	61.426¢
March 2009 .....	50.963¢
April 2009 .....	62.288¢

Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)

February 2009 .....	61.504¢
March 2009 .....	51.041¢
April 2009 .....	62.366¢

Wholesale Standby (SP-W)

February 2009 .....	61.504¢
March 2009 .....	51.041¢
April 2009 .....	62.366¢

Buy-Back Rate

Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)

February 2009 .....	18.540¢
March 2009 .....	17.506¢
April 2009 .....	15.169¢

Wholesale (BR-W)

February 2009 .....	18.496¢
March 2009 .....	17.465¢
April 2009 .....	15.132¢

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Schedule No. G-IMB  
TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

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RATES

Imbalance quantities remaining at the end of the designated imbalance trading period and which are outside of the 10% tolerance band will be billed at the Standby Procurement Charge or purchased by the Utility at the Buy-Back Rate. Any Standby Procurement Charge or purchases at the Buy-Back Rate of core imbalances created by the Utility Gas Procurement Department will be managed within the Utility System Operator's Operational Hub Services. Such core imbalances will be disposed of, with the net revenues from the core imbalance charges flowing back through the Noncore Fixed Cost Account (NFCA).

Standby Procurement Charge

This charge is applied to customer's cumulative negative transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 10 percent tolerance band. The Standby Procurement Charge is posted at least one day in advance of each corresponding imbalance trading period for noncore/wholesale and core transport agents (CTAs). It is calculated at 150% of the highest daily border price index at the Southern California border beginning on the first day of the month that the imbalance is created to five days prior to the start of each corresponding imbalance trading period plus a Brokerage Fee of 0.266¢ per therm for noncore retail service and all wholesale service, and 0.188¢ per therm for core retail service. The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from "NGI's Daily Gas Price Index – Southern California Border Average" and "Gas Daily's Daily Price Survey – SoCal gas, Midpoint."

Core Retail Service:

SP-CR Standby Rate, per therm

February 2009 .....	61.426¢
March 2009 .....	50.963¢
April 2009 .....	62.288¢

Noncore Retail Service:

SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm

February 2009.....	61.504¢
March 2009 .....	51.041¢
April 2009 .....	62.366¢

Wholesale Service:

SP-W Standby Rate per therm

February 2009 .....	61.504¢
March 2009 .....	51.041¢
April 2009 .....	62.366¢

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**ATTACHMENT C**

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**RATE CALCULATION WORKPAPER  
SCHEDULE NO. G-IMB STANDBY PROCUREMENT CHARGE FILING  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 2009**

**G-IMB Standby Procurement Charge Calculation**

The highest daily border price index is an average of the highest prices from  
“NGI’s Daily Gas Price Index - Southern California Border Average” and  
“Gas Daily’s Daily Price Survey - SoCal Gas Midpoint.”

The highest daily border price index for the period was on May 13, 2009

**05/13/09 NGI’s Daily Gas Price Index (NDGPI) = \$0.4140 per therm**

**05/13/09 Gas Daily’s Daily Price Survey (GDDPS) = \$0.4140 per therm**

**Highest Daily Border Price Index (HDBPI) = (NDGPI + GDDPS) / 2**

**HDBPI = \$0.41400 per therm**

**SP-CR (Core Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Core Brokerage Fee**

**SP-CR = 150% x \$0.41400 + \$0.00188 = \$0.62288**

**SP-NR (Noncore Retail) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee**

**SP-NR = 150% x \$0.41400 + \$0.00266 = \$0.62366**

**SP-W (Wholesale) = 150% x HDBPI + Noncore Brokerage Fee**

**SP-W = 150% x \$0.41400 + \$0.00266 = \$0.62366**