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Advice Letter 3996

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Subject: May 2009 Standby Procurement Charges

Dear Mr. van der Leeden:

Advice Letter 3996 is effective June 23, 2009.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director
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Advice No. 3996
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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: May 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 May 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 May 2009 (covering the period May 1, 2009, to June 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
San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Maria Salinas (mas@cpuc.ca.gov) and Honesto Gatchalian (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.

Attn: Sid Newsom
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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 June 23, 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 June 25, 2009.

Notice

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

Ronald van der Leeden
Director
Rates, Revenues, and Tariffs

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

Contact Person: Sid Newsom

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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) #: 3996

Subject of AL: May 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 AL¹: N/A

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

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: June 23, 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 proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: 3989 and 3990

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:

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Attention: Tariff Unit

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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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 44789-G	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART II, SUMMARY OF RATES AND CHARGES, Sheet 7	Revised 44721-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)

March 2009	50.963¢
April 2009	62.288¢
May 2009	62.288¢

Noncore Retail Standby (SP-NR)

March 2009	51.041¢
April 2009	62.366¢
May 2009	62.366¢

Wholesale Standby (SP-W)

March 2009	51.041¢
April 2009	62.366¢
May 2009	62.366¢

Buy-Back Rate

Core and Noncore Retail (BR-R)

March 2009	17.506¢
April 2009	15.169¢
May 2009	13.369¢

Wholesale (BR-W)

March 2009	17.465¢
April 2009	15.132¢
May 2009	13.337¢

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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

March 2009	50.963¢
April 2009	62.288¢
May 2009	62.288¢

Noncore Retail Service:

SP-NR Standby Rate, per therm

March 2009	51.041¢
April 2009	62.366¢
May 2009	62.366¢

Wholesale Service:

SP-W Standby Rate per therm

March 2009	51.041¢
April 2009	62.366¢
May 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 MAY 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