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**ADVICE LETTER 1897-G**  
(U902-G)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**SUBJECT: OCTOBER 2009 BUYBACK RATE**

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) hereby submits for approval the following revisions to its gas tariffs as shown in the enclosed Attachment A.

**PURPOSE**

This monthly filing updates the Buy-Back Rate in SDG&E Schedule G-IMB, Transportation Imbalance Service, for October 2009.

**DISCUSSION**

Pursuant to Schedule G-IMB, as modified by SDG&E Advice Letter 1745-G<sup>1</sup>, the Buy-Back Rate is established effective the last day of each month. The Buy-Back Rates will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by Utility during the month the imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in SoCalGas Schedule No. G-CP<sup>2</sup>, during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

Schedule G-IMB has been revised to reflect a Buyback Rate of \$0.19746 per therm, effective October 31, 2009, which is 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge under SoCalGas Schedule No. G-CP. The workpaper detailing the calculation of this rate is included herein as Attachment B. Additionally, SDG&E will file the Standby Procurement Rate, by separate advice letter, at least one day prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

SDG&E 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. SDG&E respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective October 31, 2009, the last day of the month.

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<sup>1</sup> SDG&E AL 1745-G was approved by letter from the Energy Division dated March 3, 2008. Modifications to Schedule G-IMB were approved effective April 1, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> The SoCalGas Adjusted Core Procurement Charge is revised to reflect SDG&E's authorized franchise fees and uncollectibles.

**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 must be received within 20 days of the date this Advice Letter was filed with the Commission. 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 Honesto Gatchalian ([inj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:inj@cpuc.ca.gov)) and Maria Salinas ([mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should 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: Megan Caulson  
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San Diego, CA 92123-1548  
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**NOTICE**

A copy of this filing has been served on the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, by either providing them a copy electronically or by mailing them a copy hereof, properly stamped and addressed.

Address changes should be directed to SDG&E Tariffs by facsimile at (858) 654-1788 or by e-mail at [SDG&ETariffs@semprautilities.com](mailto:SDG&ETariffs@semprautilities.com).

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# 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. **SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC (U 902)**

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) #: 1897-G

Subject of AL: October 2009 Buyback Rate

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Gas Procurement, Cross-Over

AL filing type:  Monthly     Quarterly     Annual     One-Time     Other

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

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL N/A

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:

Resolution Required?     Yes     No

Tier Designation:     1     2     3

Requested effective date: 10/31/09

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: See Table of Contents

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

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

**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.,**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**mas@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov**

**San Diego Gas & Electric**

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**8330 Century Park Ct, Room 32C**

**San Diego, CA 92123**

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

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ADVICE LETTER 1897-G

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San Diego, California

Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 17802-G

Canceling Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 17798-G

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

Sheet 3

II. STATEMENT OF RATES

**SCHEDULE GP-SUR**

\$ per Therm

Gas Franchise Fee Surcharge (outside City of San Diego)	0.00820
Gas Franchise Fee Surcharge (City of San Diego)	0.01218

C. TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

UNIT CHARGE

RATES

**SCHEDULE G-IMB:**

Core Retail Service:

Standby Procurement Rate (SP-CR):

August 2009	\$/therm	0.56888
September 2009	\$/therm	0.66938

Noncore Retail Service

Standby Procurement Rate (SP-NR):

August 2009	\$/therm	0.56888
September 2009	\$/therm	0.66938

Buyback Rate:

August 2009	\$/therm	0.19597
September 2009	\$/therm	0.14820
October 2009	\$/therm	0.19746

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**SCHEDULE G-IMB**

TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE

RATES (Continued)

Buy-Back Rate

This rate is applied to customer's cumulative positive transportation imbalance (confirmed transportation deliveries less actual usage) exceeding the 10 percent tolerance band. The Buy-Back Rate is established effective the last day of each month and will be the lower of 1) the lowest incremental cost of gas purchased by Utility during the month the excess imbalance was incurred; or 2) 50% of the applicable Adjusted Core Procurement Charge, G-CPA, set forth in SoCalGas Schedule No. G-CP, during the month such excess imbalance was incurred.

Retail Service:

BR-R Buy-Back Rate, per therm

August 2009	\$/therm	0.19597
September 2009	\$/therm	0.14820
October 2009	\$/therm	0.19746

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If the incremental cost of gas is the basis for the Standby or Buy-Back Rates, Utility will provide CPUC the necessary work papers for such cost. Such documentation will be provided under confidentiality pursuant to General Order 66-C and Section 583 of the Public Utilities Code.

Daily Balancing Standby Rates

During the winter operating period from November through March, customers are required to deliver (flowing supply and firm storage withdrawal) at a minimum of 50% of burn during a five-day period. Volumes not in compliance with the 50% five-day minimum delivery requirement are purchased at the daily balancing standby rate. The daily balancing standby rate is calculated as 150% of the highest Southern California Border price during the five-day period as published in "NGI's *Daily Gas Price Index*" including authorized franchise fees and, for retail customers, uncollectible expenses (F&U) and an authorized brokerage fee. Authorized F&U will not be added to any daily stand-by balancing charge for the Utility Gas Procurement Department to the extent it is collected elsewhere.

When the Utility System Operator's total inventory in storage declines to the "peak day minimum + 20 Bcf trigger", the minimum daily delivery requirement increases to 70%. The five-day period no longer applies. The daily balancing standby rate is 150% of the highest Southern California Border price per NGI's *Daily Gas Price Index* for the day (including F&U and brokerage fee) and is applied to each day's deliveries which are less than the 70% delivery requirement. Authorized F&U will not be added to any daily stand-by balancing charge for the Utility Gas Procurement Department to the extent it is collected elsewhere.

When the Utility System Operator's total inventory in storage declines to the "peak day minimum + 5 Bcf trigger", the minimum delivery requirement increases to 90% daily. Similar to the 70% regime, the five-day period no longer applies. The daily balancing standby rate is 150% of the highest Southern California Border price per NGI's *Daily Gas Price Index* for the day (including F&U and brokerage fee) and is applied to each day's deliveries which are less than the 90% delivery requirement. Authorized F&U will not be added to any daily stand-by balancing charge for the Utility Gas Procurement Department to the extent it is collected elsewhere.

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**SDG&E ADVICE LETTER 1897-G  
ATTACHMENT B  
BUYBACK RATE CALCULATION  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2009**

**Adjusted Core Procurement Charge**

**SoCalGas Retail G-CPA:     \$ 0.39463 per therm**

( WACOG: \$0.38793 + Franchise and Uncollectibles: \$0.00670 or [1.7262% \* \$0.38793] )

**Adjusted G-CPA:             \$ 0.39491 per therm**

( WACOG: \$0.38793 + SDG&E Franchise and Uncollectibles: \$0.00698 or [1.8000% \* \$0.38793] )

**G-IMB Buy-Back Rate**

**BUYBACK = 50% of Adjusted G-CPA:**

50% \* \$0.39491 per therm = **\$0.19746** per therm