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**ADVICE LETTER 1729-G**  
(U 902-G)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**SUBJECT: UPDATE OF PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM GAS SURCHARGE RATES  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008**

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) hereby transmits for filing the following changes to its gas tariffs, as shown on Attachment A.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to submit updated Public Purpose Programs (PPP) gas surcharge rates to be effective January 1, 2008.

**BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 22 of D.04-08-010 in Rulemaking (R.) 02-10-001, SDG&E is updating its gas surcharge rates to fund PPP, as authorized by Assembly Bill (AB) 1002. AB 1002 directs the Commission to establish a gas surcharge annually to fund certain natural gas related public purpose programs such as low-income customer assistance, energy efficiency, and research and development (R&D). Revenues collected from the surcharge are remitted to the State Board of Equalization (BOE), and are ultimately appropriated back to utilities or other entities designated by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to administer PPP.

On August 19, 2004, the Commission issued D.04-08-010 that addressed both the Phase 1 implementation issues on the gas surcharge rulemaking and Phase 2 administration of public purpose R&D. Pursuant to OP 10, SDG&E is using the surcharge formula adopted in the decision for calculating the gas PPP surcharge rates. SDG&E is using information provided by the Energy Division for calculating the gas surcharge rates as it relates to (1) the Commission and BOE administrative costs, (2) SDG&E's portion of the 2008 statewide R&D budget, and (3) reflects SDG&E's non-exempt interstate pipeline gas volumes as being zero. Furthermore, since SDG&E's Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (BCAP) decision is more than three-years old, SDG&E is using the three-year average for its available billed gas volumes in calculating the gas surcharge rates for the customer classes.

2008 Gas PPP Assumptions

The low income components of the PPP surcharge rates reflect SDG&E's projections of the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) balancing account as of December 31, 2007, CARE customer consumption, and CARE administration expenses of \$2.75 million adopted in D.06-12-038. The allocation of the CARE administrative expenses to the gas department is \$826,073. PPP surcharge rates also reflect the gas portion of SDG&E's Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) budget in the amount of \$6.65 million, adopted in D.06-12-038.<sup>1</sup>

The non-low income cost components reflect SDG&E's share of the 2008 R&D budget of \$1.07 million provided by the Energy Division and the Energy Efficiency (EE) budget of \$7.4 million adopted in D.05-09-043 and D.05-11-011,<sup>2</sup> which includes the Evaluation, Measurement and Verification budget for 2008 of \$0.6 million.

In \$(000)	2008 Program Budgets	Administration Costs	Balancing Accounts	Total
LIEE	\$6,651.4			\$6,651.4
CARE	13,289.2	826.1	(1,721.3)	12,394.0
EE	7,448.9			7,448.9
R&D	1,075.9			1,075.9
BOE		21.3		21.3
CPUC	0	0	0	0
Total PPP Costs	\$28,465.4	\$847.4	(1,721.3)	\$27,591.5

Tariff Changes

The revised Schedule G-PPPS, as shown in Attachment A, updates the PPP rates for CARE and Non-CARE customers by major customer class, and reflect changes to the CARE, LIEE, R&D and EE component of the gas PPP surcharge as noted above. The available bill gas volumes in calculating the gas surcharge rates are shown below.

Billing Determinant Volumes, Mth

	<u>non-CARE costs</u>	<u>CARE costs</u>
Residential	327,216	278,690
Core C&I	161,292	161,292
NGV	9,383	9,383
Subtotal Core	497,891	449,365
Noncore C&I	35,824	35,824
<b>Total</b>	<b>533,715</b>	<b>485,189</b>

As shown in Attachment B, the 2008 PPP surcharge revenue requirement is slightly higher by \$0.1 million compared to 2007 primarily due to the increased funding for the EE and R&D programs and partially offset by the amortization of the overcollection in the CARE balancing account. The impact of the updated PPP rates, by customer class, is shown on Attachment B.

<sup>1</sup> The authorized LIEE budget is allocated 50% gas and 50% electric pursuant to Advice Letter (AL) 1468-E/1361-G approved by the Commission on February 20, 2003.

<sup>2</sup> AL 1754-E/1575-G provided the funding levels and funding allocations among the IOUs for Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification.

**PROTEST**

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 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 Honesto Gatchalian ([ini@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:ini@cpuc.ca.gov)) and Maria Salinas ([mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)) of the Energy Division. It is also requested that a copy of the protest 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: Todd Cahill  
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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

SDG&E believes this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B. This filing is consistent with D.04-08-010 and therefore SDG&E respectfully requests that this filing be approved on November 29, 2007, which is 30 days after the date filed, for implementation and inclusion in rates effective January 1, 2008.

**NOTICE**

A copy of this filing has been served on the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including interested parties in R.02-10-001, by providing them a copy hereof either electronically or via the U.S. mail, properly stamped and addressed. Workpapers supporting this filing have been provided to the Commission's Energy Division. Copies of the workpapers will be made available to other parties upon request by contacting SDG&E at the address in the protest section above.

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:

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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) #: 1729-GSubject of AL: Update of Public Purpose Program Gas Surcharge Rates Effective January 1, 2008Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Gas PPP, ComplianceAL filing type: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☒ Annual ☐ One-Time ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

D.04-08-010Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL NoSummarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required? ☐ Yes ☒ NoTier Designation: ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3Requested effective date: 1/1/08No. of tariff sheets: 3Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): \$0.1Estimated system average rate effect (%): 0.3%

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: Schedule G-PPPS and TOCsService affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: none**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****Attention: Todd Cahill****8330 Century Park Ct, Room 32C****San Diego, CA 92123****tcahill@semprautilities.com**<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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ATTACHMENT  
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Revised 16572-G	TABLE OF CONTENTS, Sheet 4	Revised 16569-G



San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
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Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 16570-G  
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**SCHEDULE G-PPPS**  
**PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS SURCHARGE**

Sheet 1

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all gas sales and transportation services rendered under all tariff-rate schedules authorized by the Commission. Customers will have a surcharge as a separate line item on their bills unless they are exempt 1/ (e.g. electric generation including cogeneration and consumption of natural gas which California is prohibited from taxing under the United States Constitution or the California Constitution, as referenced in Section 896 of the Public Utilities (PU) Code. See also the California Energy Resources Surcharge Regulation Sections 2315 and 2316 as identifying exempt customers).

**TERRITORY**

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by Utility.

**RATES**

<u>Customer Class</u>	PPP Surcharge 2/ (For all service, per meter, per month)	
	<u>CARE Customer</u> 3/ (¢/therm)	<u>Non-CARE Customer</u> (¢/therm)
Core		
Residential	2.448 I	5.002 R
Commercial/Industrial	3.244 I	5.798 I
Natural Gas Vehicles	N/A	2.831 R
Noncore		
Commercial/Industrial	N/A	6.074. I

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

1. **General Description**

The public purpose program (PPP) surcharge is shown on a customer's bill as a separate line item. The surcharge is authorized to recover the cost of public purpose programs such as low-income assistance, energy efficiency, and public interest research and development. The Utility remits surcharge payments quarterly to the State Board of Equalization (BOE) by the last day of the month following a calendar quarter. The BOE deposits the payments in the Gas Consumption Surcharge Fund (Fund) with the State Treasurer. Utility public purpose programs are financed through monies appropriated to the Utility from the Fund by the Commission.

1/ Commission Resolution G-3303, dated December 21, 2000, references Sections 896, 897, and 898 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1002 regarding consumers of natural gas who are exempt from the tax surcharge. Section 896 states "Consumption means the use or employment of natural gas. Consumption does not include the use or employment of natural gas to generate power for sale or use of gas for enhanced oil recovery, natural gas utilized in cogeneration technology projects to produce electricity, or natural gas that is produced in California and transported on a proprietary pipeline. Consumption does not include the consumption of natural gas which this state is prohibited from taxing under the United States Constitution or the California Constitution." Section 897 states "Nothing in this article impairs the rights and obligations of parties to contracts approved by the Commission, as the rights and obligations were interpreted as of January 1, 1998." Section 898 is in reference to a municipality, district, or public agency but also references Section 890. Subdivision (e) of Section 890 states in part "The Commission shall determine the total volume of retail natural gas transported within the service territory of a utility gas provider, that is not subject to exemption pursuant to Section 896, for the purpose of establishing the surcharge rate."

2/ AB 1002 of September 30, 2000 authorized the Commission to establish a gas PPP surcharge. Resolution G-3303 established PPP surcharge rates effective January 1, 2001. The surcharge rates were removed from utility energy rates and added as line items to applicable billings effective July 1, 2001.

3/ Low-income customers who qualify for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) receive a 20% discount on rate and pay all of the PPP costs except CARE.

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	<u>Revised</u>	Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	<u>16571-G</u>
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**Attachment B**  
**SUMMARY OF PPP SURCHARGE RATES**  
**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**ESTIMATED PPP Surcharge Update for 1/1/2008**

Customer Class		CARE Customers			Non-CARE Customers		
		2007	2008	% Change	2007	2008	% Change
		¢/th	¢/th	%	¢/th	¢/th	%
	( a )	( b )	( c )	( d )	( e )	( f )	( g )
<b><u>Core</u></b>							
1.	Residential	2.381	2.448	2.8%	5.090	5.002	-1.7%
2.	Commercial/Industrial	2.974	3.244	9.1%	5.683	5.798	2.0%
3.	Natural Gas Vehicle	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.000	2.831	-5.6%
<b><u>Noncore</u></b>							
4.	Commercial/Industrial	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.997	6.074	1.3%
		2007	2008	Rev Change	% change		
		M\$	M\$	M\$	%		
5.	System Total Revenue	27,498	27,591	93	0.3%		

Note: Present rates reflect gas rates filed in AL 1649-G effective January 1, 2007