

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**ENERGY DIVISION**

**RESOLUTION G-3251  
MARCH 4, 1999**

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION G-3251. SEMPRA ENERGY, ON BEHALF OF SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC REQUESTS APPROVAL TO REVISE ITS SCHEDULE G-IMB - TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE TO INCLUDE A PROCESSING FEE OF \$14.14 TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESSING OF IMBALANCE TRADES SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE USING THE IMBALANCE CORRECTION AGREEMENT. APPROVED.**

**BY ADVICE LETTER NO. G-1107-G-A, FILED SEPTEMBER 1, 1998.**

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**SUMMARY**

1. On September 1, 1998, Sempra Energy on behalf of San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) filed Advice Letter 1107-G-A, which replaced Advice Letter 1107-G in its entirety. In this supplemental Advice Letter, SDG&E requests approval to revise its Schedule G-IMB - *Transportation Imbalance Service*, to modify its imbalance rules to be consistent with those of Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas). SDG&E further requests a processing fee of \$14.14 be charged to cover costs associated with processing the imbalance correction agreements submitted by facsimile.
2. No protests were filed.
3. Advice Letter 1107-G-A is approved.

**BACKGROUND**

1. On May 27, 1998, the Commission approved SDG&E's Advice Letter 1089-G in which SDG&E had requested authority to revise its gas tariffs to reflect a pass-through to its customers of changes in the imbalance rules. SDG&E's rule changes are similar to those approved for SoCalGas in Decision (D). 97-11-070.

2. On July 20, 1998, SDG&E filed Advice Letter 1107-G to revise its Schedule G-IMB - *Transportation Imbalance Service*, to modify its imbalance rules to be consistent with those of SoCalGas. SDG&E stated that SoCalGas was currently charging a processing fee of \$15.00 according to its imbalance rules. Subsequent to the filing of Advice Letter 1107-G, SDG&E discovered that the amount stated for SoCalGas was actually a "placeholder" amount and that the actual processing fee SoCalGas was charging was \$13.73.

3. On September 1, 1998, SDG&E filed supplemental Advice Letter 1107-G-A, to replace Advice Letter 1107-G in its entirety. SDG&E requests a processing fee of \$14.14 be charged to cover costs associated with processing the imbalance correction agreements submitted by facsimile. SDG&E states that the charge is based on the cost to provide the service.

4. SDG&E attached a worksheet showing the derivation of the \$14.14 processing fee in Attachment B to A.L. 1107-G-A.

**NOTICE**

1. SDG&E has made public notification of this filing by publication in the Commission's calendar and mailing copies of Advice Letter No. 1107-G-A in accordance with Section III-G of General Order (GO) 96-A.

**PROTESTS**

1. The Commission Energy Division received no protests to Advice Letter 1107-G-A.

**DISCUSSION**

1. SDG&E Advice Letter No. 1107-G-A is reasonable. A processing fee to be charged to cover costs associated with processing the imbalance

correction agreements is consistent with the one granted by the Commission to SoCalGas in D.97-11-070.

2. The detailed cost information on gas imbalance trade transactions provided in the Worksheet attached to Advice Letter No. 1107-G-A is reasonable.

### **COMMENTS**

This is an uncontested matter in which the Resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PUCODE Section 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

### **FINDINGS**

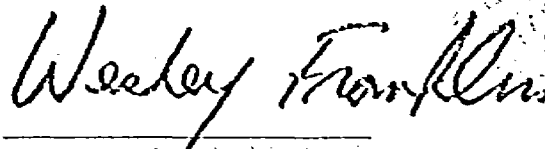
1. On September 1, 1998, Sempra Energy filed Advice Letter No. 1107-G-A which requested a processing fee of \$14.14 be added to Schedule G-IMB - *Transportation Imbalance Service* to cover costs associated with processing the imbalance transaction correction agreements submitted by facsimile.
2. SDG&E included a worksheet which included detailed information for the costs of the Gas Imbalance Trade Transactions submitted by facsimile.
3. The request should be approved.

### **THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) is authorized to revise its Schedule G-IMB - *Transportation Imbalance Service*, to implement an imbalance transaction processing fee for each transaction submitted by facsimile of \$14.14 effective today.
2. Advice Letter 1107-G-A shall be marked to show that it was approved by Commission Resolution G-3251 effective today.
3. This resolution is effective today.

March 4, 1999

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on March 4, 1999. The following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:



WESLEY M. FRANKLIN  
Executive Director

RICHARD A. BILAS  
President

HENRY M. DUQUE  
JOSIAH L. NEEPER  
Commissioner