

# **SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASES**

### **TRIENNIAL COST ALLOCATION PROCEEDING (TCAP)**

#### **APPLICATION NO. A.11-11-002**

On November 1, 2011, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E®) filed its TCAP Application No. A.11-11-002 (Application) with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to revise its rates for natural gas transportation service, effective January 1, 2013.

In this Application, SDG&E proposes to establish and revise gas rates to reflect the updated allocation of the Utility's costs of providing service among its customer classes. These are costs that have been previously authorized by the Commission for recovery in rates, except where noted. This Application also includes updating SDG&E's forecasts of natural gas demand, balancing accounts, and gas prices for the three-year TCAP period (2013-2015) and includes a Transition Adjustment which will reduce the initial impact of moving towards fully cost-based rates. The adjustments will then be phased out over time, at which time rates will be fully cost based. Finally, the Application also proposes to continue balancing account treatment for noncore transportation revenues, continue storage allocations adopted in the prior cost allocation proceeding through this proposed TCAP period, and implement a proposed customer charge for residential customers. The Commission will consider whether these proposals are just and reasonable and should be adopted when it establishes new rates for SDG&E.

### **EFFECT ON GAS RATES AND BILLS**

In this Application, SDG&E proposes an increase in overall transportation revenues of \$0.3 million, or 0.1%. This overall increase would only apply to the transportation component of a total gas bill and is primarily due to updated balancing accounts. A phasing-out of the Transition Adjustments over the TCAP period will additionally affect some rates in 2014 and 2015. A summary of the proposed rates for the various customer classes for 2013-2015 are shown below:

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**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**Illustrative Change in Class Average Rates Due to**  
**Proposed TCAP Effective January 1, 2013**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Present Rates (¢/therm)</b>	<b>Proposed Rates for 2013 (¢/therm)</b>	<b>¢/th Change (¢/therm)</b>	<b>% Change Rates</b>
Residential (Core)*	66.4	70.8	4.4	6.6
Average Residential Bill \$/month	\$38.70	\$38.94	\$0.24	0.6
Commercial/Industrial (Core)*	24.0	21.5	-2.5	-10.2
Noncore Distribution Level Service**				
Commercial/Industrial	14.5	16.0	1.5	10.4
Electric Generation	2.9	3.0	0.1	1.1
Transmission Level Service***	1.6	1.4	-0.2	-12.2
Backbone Transmission Service****	11.0	15.4	4.4	40.4

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**Illustrative Change in Class Average Rates Due to**  
**Proposed TCAP Effective January 1, 2014**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Proposed Rates for 2013 (¢/therm)</b>	<b>Proposed Rates for 2014 (¢/therm)</b>	<b>¢/th Change (¢/therm)</b>	<b>% Change Rates</b>
Residential (Core)*	70.8	74.3	3.5	5.0
Average Residential Bill \$/month	\$38.94	\$40.09	\$1.15	3.0
Commercial/Industrial (Core)*	21.5	15.6	-5.9	-27.5
Noncore Distribution Level Service**				
Commercial/Industrial	16.0	17.1	1.1	7.4
Electric Generation	3.0	3.2	0.2	8.9
Transmission Level Service***	1.4	1.4	0.0	-2.6
Backbone Transmission Service****	15.4	15.4	0.0	0.0

**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**Illustrative Change in Class Average Rates Due to**  
**Proposed TCAP Effective January 1, 2015**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Proposed Rates for 2014 (¢/therm)</b>	<b>Proposed Rates for 2015 (¢/therm)</b>	<b>¢/th Change (¢/therm)</b>	<b>% Change Rates</b>
<b>Residential (Core)*</b>	74.3	74.3	0.0	0.0
Average Residential Bill \$/month	\$40.09	\$40.09	\$0.00	0.0
<b>Commercial/Industrial (Core)*</b>	15.6	15.6	0.0	0.0
<b>Noncore Distribution Level Service**</b>				
Commercial/Industrial	17.1	18.3	1.2	6.9
Electric Generation	3.2	3.5	0.3	8.5
<b>Transmission Level Service***</b>	1.4	1.3	-0.1	-2.8
<b>Backbone Transmission Service****</b>	15.4	15.4	0.0	0.0

\* Core customers generally use smaller quantities of gas and the Utility purchases their gas.

\*\* Noncore customers are generally large gas users who purchase their own natural gas supplies for SDG&E to transport.

\*\*\* Transmission Level Service is for noncore service on the Local Transmission System from the SoCalGas Citygate.

\*\*\*\* Backbone Transmission Service are rights that customers may purchase to transport gas over the backbone system to the SoCalGas Citygate. Core customers who purchase gas supplies from SDG&E will have this charge included in the gas commodity rate. Customers that do not purchase gas supplies from SDG&E may purchase these rights directly from SoCalGas.

**A typical monthly bill for a residential customer using 33 therms per month will increase from \$38.70 at present rates to \$38.94 in 2013, \$40.09 in 2014, and remain at that level for 2015. This represents a 3.6% increase over the three year TCAP period.<sup>(1)</sup>**

(1) These monthly bill estimates include charges for transportation, Public Purpose Program Surcharges, natural gas commodity, and Backbone Transmission Service.

***The impact on each customer and each customer class could vary depending on individual usage and the Commission's final decision.***

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## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may request additional information or obtain a copy of the application and related exhibits by writing to: Greg Healy, Case Manager, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, 555 West Fifth St., GT14D6, Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011. SDG&E will provide a copy of this application including the public testimony, upon request. SDG&E's TCAP application and attachments may be inspected at the CPUC's Central Files Office, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. A copy of this application may be inspected at the following SDG&E business offices:

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