



April 15, 2008

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the City Manager to implement Gas Rate Schedules 1 through 5, 7, 9, and special conditions and incentives in Exhibits A and B. (Citywide)

**DISCUSSION**

The Long Beach Gas and Oil Department (LBGO) periodically reviews its gas utility rates and submits recommendations to the City Council to reflect similar rates charged by the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and other surrounding gas utilities pursuant to Long Beach Municipal Code Section 15.36.100 and City Charter Section 1502. The various components of a customer's gas bill include a daily service charge, a transmission charge, and a Cost of Gas charge. The daily service and transmission charges are compared against the other gas utilities' rates. The Cost of Gas component fluctuates monthly as it is a pass-through of LBGO's actual monthly cost of gas commodity. SoCalGas recently revised some of its service and transmission charges applicable to many of its customer categories.

After completing a detailed rate analysis, City staff recommends revising certain gas charges for all residential and non-residential customers, effective for service received beginning May 1, 2008. The current difference in rates between LBGO and those charged by SoCalGas are minor, with LBGO's rates slightly lower than those of SoCalGas.

The proposed rate changes impact the transmission rates of certain customer categories but do not impact the service charge or commodity portions of the gas rates. The commodity charges for all classifications will continue to reflect the actual fluctuating market price of natural gas paid by the City.

The proposed gas rate adjustments result in slight changes in all rate categories, as reflected in the attached table (Attachment 1). These changes mirror those rates implemented by SoCalGas and approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.

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In addition to adjustments in the gas rate schedules, Exhibits A and B concerning special conditions and incentives are included under this Resolution to be readopted. There are no changes to Exhibits A and B.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on March 20, 2008 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on March 24, 2008.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on April 15, 2008 in order to implement the gas rate changes effective for service received on or after May 1, 2008. The rate changes are intended to establish Long Beach gas utility service charges and transmission rates comparable with those of other like utilities pursuant to Section 1502 of the Long Beach City Charter.

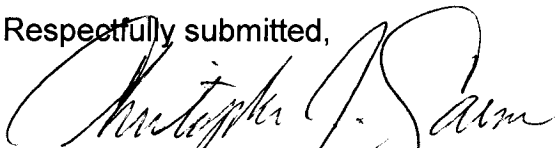
FISCAL IMPACT

Approximately \$628,000 in additional annual revenues to the Gas Fund is anticipated from the revised transmission charges. An exact amount is unknown since the amount of revenue received from these charges is dependent upon the demand for natural gas during the fiscal year.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF LONG BEACH GAS AND OIL

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GAS RATE REVISIONS - 050108.DOC

Attachments

APPROVED:

  
for \_\_\_\_\_  
PATRICK J. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

**PROPOSED GAS RATE CHANGES**

<b>GAS CUSTOMER CATEGORY</b>	<b>AVERAGE GAS BILL (CURRENT RATES)</b>	<b>AVERAGE GAS BILL (PROPOSED RATES)</b>	<b>MONTHLY INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>	<b>AVERAGE BILL % INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>	<b>ESTIMATED REVENUE IMPACT</b>
Residential	\$ 40.14	\$ 40.53	\$ 0.39	0.97%	\$ 628,092
Small Commercial/ Industrial	\$ 167.12	\$ 168.39	\$ 1.27	0.76%	\$ 65,134
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 2,375.81	\$ 2,373.12	\$ (2.69)	-0.11%	\$ (53,103)
Large Commercial/ Industrial	\$ 40,939.40	\$ 41,083.46	\$ 144.06	0.35%	\$ 11,616
CNG/Natural Gas Vehicles*	\$ 3,407.72	\$ 3,389.60	\$ (18.12)	-0.53%	\$ (1,078)
Electric Generation	\$ 11,311.61	\$ 10,676.17	\$ (635.44)	-5.62%	\$ (46,159)
Transport Only Customers	\$ 5,312.55	\$ 5,404.82	\$ 92.27	1.74%	\$ 23,512

\*Customer base is primarily fleet vehicle refueling

**SCHEDULE 1**

**RESIDENTIAL**

Applicable to residential service of natural gas for cooking, water heating, space heating and other residential uses, as set forth in Section 15.36.020 of the Municipal Code.

**RATES:**

**Residential**

- **Daily Service Charge per Meter** \$0.1644
  
- **Baseline Rate (per therm)**  
Applicable to all usage at or below daily baseline therm allowances under Special Condition (1) \$0.2919
  
- **Non-Baseline Rate (per therm)**  
Applicable to all usage at or below daily baseline therm allowances under Special Condition (1) \$0.4753
  
- **Cost of Gas (per therm)**  
Applicable to all usage Core Commodity Charge

**USE PRIORITY:**

Service under this schedule shall be limited to residential customers who have priority in the use of gas over customers served under any of the other rate schedules at times when there is insufficient gas to supply the demands of all customers.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) Applicable only to specific volumes of residential cooking, water heating, space heating and other residential uses. Based on the end use for (A) single-family and individually metered dwelling units and (B) master metered multi-family dwelling units, a Daily Baseline Therm Allowance (Baseline Allowance), will be applied. Usage falling at or below the Baseline Allowance will be charged at the Baseline Rate. Usage in excess of the Baseline Allowance will be billed at the Non-Baseline Rate.

Billing Codes	End Use for Residence	Daily Baseline Therm Allowance	
		(A) Single Family and Individually-Metered Dwelling Units (Per Unit)	(B) Master-Metered Multi-Family Dwelling Units (Per Unit)
1	Space Heating Only		
	· Summer (5/1 through 10/31)	0.473	0.000
	· Winter (11/1 through 4/30)	1.691	1.210
2	Cooking & Water Heating		
	· Summer (5/1 through 10/31)	0.473	0.477
	· Winter (11/1 through 4/30)	1.691	0.477
3	Basic Plus Space Heating		
	· Summer (5/1 through 10/31)	0.473	0.473
	· Winter (11/1 through 4/30)	1.691	1.691
4	Cooking & Space Heating		
	· Summer (5/1 through 10/31)	0.473	0.088
	· Winter (11/1 through 4/30)	1.691	1.299
5	Cooking Only		
	· Summer (5/1 through 10/31)	0.473	0.089
	· Winter (11/1 through 4/30)	1.691	0.089
6	Water Heating		
	· Summer (5/1 through 10/31)	0.473	0.388
	· Winter (11/1 through 4/30)	1.691	0.388
7	Water & Space Heating		
	· Summer (5/1 through 10/31)	0.473	0.395
	· Winter (11/1 through 4/30)	1.691	1.601
8	<Intentionally Omitted>		
9	Non-Essential Uses	0.000	0.000

Monthly allowance is expressed in therms as determined by the system average one therm equals 100,000 Btu.

- (2) Residential customers using gas for non-essential uses only, will pay the Non-Baseline Rate for all usage. These non-essential uses include, but are not limited to decorative fireplaces, gas lamps and clothes dryers.
- (3) Long Beach Gas & Oil's (LBGO) cost of gas is defined as an amount equal to LBGO's weighted average cost per therm of gas supply purchased, necessary to meet the forecasted Core and Non-Core demand for the month. In addition, the cost of gas shall include the cost to administer the transportation, purchasing, remarketing, balancing, etc., of LBGO's natural gas requirements, as well as the cost for any financial transactions implemented to reduce market exposure for the cost of gas. The gas purchased will be comprised of any one or combination of three increments of supply as follows:
  - (a) Interstate supplies delivered into the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) intrastate pipeline system without consideration of SoCalGas (or any other intrastate pipeline company providing similar services) pipeline transportation and other system costs associated with intrastate delivery to the City of Long Beach (City);
  - (b) Gas storage withdrawals; and
  - (c) Any local gas delivered directly into LBGO's pipeline system.
- (4) The Core Commodity Charge under this Schedule will be determined on a monthly basis and shall equal LBGO's projected cost of gas. There will be no markup to the customer above LBGO's actual cost of gas as determined by actual expenditures, but not including any discounts or rebates.
- (5) The cost of all gas purchased by LBGO shall be assigned to either the Core or Non-Core Commodity Charge, according to the price of each increment. The Core demand (Rate Schedules 1, 2, 3, and 5) shall be met with sufficient volumes of the lowest cost increment(s) of gas.
- (6) The monthly Commodity Charge will be made available to customers by calling LBGO at (562) 570-2066 and will also be posted on the City's internet website. The actual cost of gas charged to the customer may differ from the posted rate as the customer's billing period may overlap over more than one month and therefore the billed commodity charge will reflect the weighted average commodity charge based on the number of days in each month under the customer's billing cycle.
- (7) The Commodity Charge shall be subject to adjustment as the result of tariff, pricing changes, or regulatory action that may be imposed by governmental entities having jurisdiction therein.
- (8) These rates do not apply to services provided by SoCalGas operating under franchise with the City.

**SCHEDULE 2**

**SMALL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL**

Applicable to non-residential service of natural gas to commercial and industrial customers whose annual consumption does not exceed 12,000 therms based on the customer's prior calendar year consumption, or estimated annual consumption for new customers, as set forth in Section 15.36.030 of the Municipal Code.

**RATES:**

• **Daily Service Charge per Meter**

Annual usage of less than 1,000 therms per year  
(prorated on a daily basis) \$0.3288

Annual usage of 1,000 therms or more per year  
(prorated on a daily basis) \$0.4932

• **Transmission Charge (per therm)**

Tier I: All usage not to exceed 100 therms  
per summer month (April – November) or 250 therms  
per winter month (December – March)  
(prorated on a daily basis) \$0.4691

Tier II: All usage exceeding Tier I volumes  
but not exceeding 4,167 therms monthly  
(prorated on a daily basis) \$0.2461

Tier III: All usage exceeding 4,167 therms monthly  
(prorated on a daily basis) \$0.0564

• **Cost of Gas (per therm)**

Applicable to all usage

Core Commodity Charge

**USE PRIORITY:**

Customers receiving service under this schedule shall have priority in the use of gas over customers served under other rate schedules, except Schedule 1 when there is curtailment or insufficient gas to supply the demands of all customers, and such customers shall be subject to discontinuance of service without notice in case of curtailment or threatened or actual shortage of gas in favor of customers under Schedule 1. The City shall not be liable for damages, which may be occasioned by the curtailment, discontinuance or shut off of such gas supply or service.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) At all locations where gas is furnished or used under this schedule, the customer must install separate meters to measure gas subject to a different schedule or schedules.
- (2) The Cost of Gas is defined in Special Condition 3 under Gas Rate Schedule 1 and the Core Commodity Charge is determined as set forth in Special Conditions 4 and 5 of Gas Rate Schedule 1.

For other applicable Special Conditions, refer to Special Conditions 6, 7, and 8 of Rate Schedule 1.



**SCHEDULE 3**

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**COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL**

Applicable to commercial and industrial service of natural gas to customers with annual consumption in excess of 12,000 therms or less than 250,000 therms based on the customer's prior calendar year consumption, or estimated annual consumption for new customers, as set forth in Section 15.36.040 of the Municipal Code.

**RATES:**

- **Daily Service Charge per Meter** \$0.4932
  
- **Transmission Charge (per therm)**
  - Tier I: All usage not to exceed 100 therms \$0.4691  
per summer month (April – November) or 250 therms  
per winter month (December – March)  
(prorated on a daily basis)
  - Tier II: All usage exceeding Tier I volumes \$0.2461  
but not exceeding 4,167 therms monthly  
(prorated on a daily basis)
  - Tier III: All usage exceeding 4,167 therms monthly \$0.0564  
(prorated on a daily basis)
  
- **Cost of Gas (per therm)**
  - Applicable to all usage Core Commodity Charge

**USE PRIORITY:**

Customers receiving service under this schedule shall have priority in the use of gas over customers served under other rate schedules, except Schedules 1 and 2 when there is curtailment or insufficient gas to supply the demands of all customers, and such customers shall be subject to discontinuance of service without notice in case of curtailment or threatened or actual shortage of gas in favor of customers under Schedules 1 and 2. The City shall not be liable for damages, which may be occasioned by the curtailment, discontinuance or shut off of such gas supply or service.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) At all locations where gas is furnished or used under this schedule, the customer must install separate meters to measure gas subject to a different schedule or schedules.
- (2) The Cost of Gas is defined in Special Condition 3 under Gas Rate Schedule 1 and the Core Commodity Charge is determined as set forth in Special Conditions 4 and 5 of Gas Rate Schedule 1.

For other applicable Special Conditions, refer to Special Conditions 6, 7, and 8 of Rate Schedule 1.

**SCHEDULE 4**

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**LARGE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL**

Applicable to commercial and industrial service to customers with annual consumption in excess of 250,000 therms based on the customer's prior calendar year consumption, or estimated annual consumption for new customers, as set forth in Section 15.36.050 of the Municipal Code.

**RATES:**

- **Daily Service Charge per Meter** \$11.5069
  
- **Transmission Charge (per therm)**
  - Tier I: 0 – 20,833 therms \$0.1902
  - Tier II: 20,834 – 83,333 therms \$0.1351
  - Tier III: 83,334 – 166,667 therms \$0.0998
  - Tier IV: Over 166,667 therms \$0.0746
  
- **Cost of Gas (per therm)**
  - Applicable to all usage Non-Core Commodity Charge

**USE PRIORITY:**

Service under this schedule shall have priority in the use of gas over customers served under other rate schedules, except Schedules 1, 2, 3, and 5 when there is curtailment or insufficient gas to supply the demands of all customers, and such customers shall be subject to discontinuance of service without notice in case of curtailment or threatened or actual shortage of gas in favor of customers under Schedules 1, 2, 3, and 5. The City shall not be liable for damages, which may be occasioned by the curtailment, discontinuance or shut off of such gas supply or service.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) At all locations where gas is furnished or used under this schedule, the customer must install separate meters to measure gas subject to a different schedule or schedules.
- (2) Gas supplied under this schedule shall be subject to shutoff of service without notice to the customer in the event of nonpayment exceeding fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing of a statement to the customer.
- (3) Long Beach Gas & Oil's (LBGO) cost of gas is defined as an amount equal to LBGO's weighted average cost per therm of gas supply purchased, necessary to meet the forecasted Core and Non-Core demand for the month. In addition, the cost of gas shall include the cost to administer the transportation, purchasing, remarketing, balancing, etc. of LBGO's natural gas requirements, as well as the cost for any financial transactions implemented to reduce market exposure for the cost of gas. The gas purchased will be comprised of any one or combination of three increments of supply as follows:
  - (a) Interstate supplies delivered into the Southern California Gas (SoCalGas) intrastate pipeline system without consideration of SoCalGas (or any other intrastate pipeline company providing similar services) pipeline transportation and other system costs associated with intrastate delivery to the City of Long Beach (City);
  - (b) Gas storage withdrawals; and
  - (c) Any local gas delivered directly into LBGO's pipeline system.
- (4) The Non-Core Commodity Charge under this Schedule will be determined on a monthly basis and shall equal LBGO's projected cost of gas. There will be no markup to the customer above LBGO's actual cost of gas as determined by actual expenditures, but not including any discounts or rebates.
- (5) The cost of all gas purchased by LBGO shall be assigned to either the Core or Non-Core Commodity Charge according to the price of each increment. The Non-Core demand (Rates Schedules 4 and 7) shall be met with sufficient volumes of the highest cost increment(s) of gas.
- (6) All Customers eligible for service under this Schedule, may at any time elect to switch to Schedule 9 in order to procure their own gas at a possible savings by entering into a written Transportation/Service Agreement with the City.

For other applicable Special Conditions, refer to Special Conditions 6, 7, and 8 of Rate Schedule 1.

**SCHEDULE 5**

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**COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS**

Applicable to the sale of natural gas to customers who use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) as a motor vehicle fuel, as set forth in Section 15.36.060 of the Municipal Code.

**RATES:**

- **Daily Service Charge per Meter** \$0.4274
  
- **Transmission Charge (per therm)**
  - Compressed: All usage when compression is performed by utility \$0.7462
  - Uncompressed: All usage when compression is performed by customer \$0.0882
  
- **Cost of Gas (per therm)**
  - Applicable to all usage Core Commodity Charge

Upon recommendation by the Director of the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department, the City Manager may adjust the amount of the Cost of Gas a maximum of 10% above or below the stated Cost of Gas to reflect current changes in market conditions.

The customer's Cost of Gas is subject to adjustment for the payment of any local, state, or federal taxes, fees, or other charges, which may be imposed on such sales or services.

**USE PRIORITY:**

Customers receiving service under this schedule shall have priority in the use of gas over customers served under other rate schedules except Schedules 1, 2, and 3 when there is curtailment or insufficient gas to supply the demands of all customers, and such customers shall be subject to discontinuance of service without notice in case of curtailment or threatened or actual shortage of gas in favor of customers under Schedules 1, 2, and 3. The City shall not be liable for damages, which may be occasioned by the curtailment, discontinuance or shut off of such gas supply or service.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) At all locations where gas is furnished or used under this schedule, the customer must install separate meters to measure gas subject to a different schedule or schedules.
- (2) The owner of any vehicle obtaining or attempting to obtain CNG fuel from a fueling station on City property shall be liable for any and all damages to CNG pumps or adjacent City property while refueling or attempting to refuel. Customers shall pay all damages within 30 days from the time billed by the City. If any damage amount is disputed within 15 days from the billing date, Customer shall provide a request in writing setting out the disputed amount and request for an adjustment, including any proof substantiating same, and shall deliver this to the Director of the LBGO for a determination, which shall be made in writing. Thereafter, the Customer may appeal the Director's determination to the City Council within 30 days of receipt of determination.
- (3) The Cost of Gas is defined in Special Condition 3 under Gas Rate Schedule 1 and the Core Commodity Charge is determined as set forth in Special Conditions 4 and 5 of Gas Rate Schedule 1.

For other applicable Special Conditions, refer to Special Conditions 6, 7, and 8 of Rate Schedule 1.

## **SCHEDULE 7**

### **ELECTRIC GENERATION**

Applicable to service of customer's gas used for the production of electrical energy.

#### **RATES:**

- **Daily Service Charge per Customer**
  - For Customers using less than 3 million therms per year \$1.6438
  - For Customers using 3 million therms or more per year No Charge
  
- **Transmission Charge (per therm)**
  - For Customers using less than 3 million therms per year \$0.0585
  - For Customers using 3 million therms or more per year \$0.0347
  
- **Cost of Gas (per therm)** Non-Core Commodity Charge Plus a Surcharge of \$0.0500

Upon recommendation by the Director of LBGO, the City Manager, subject to approval of City Council, may adjust on a case-by-case basis the amount of the surcharge in the Cost of Gas per therm a maximum of \$0.03 above or below the stated surcharge rate to reflect current changes in market conditions. Notice of the upcoming monthly surcharge amount will be posted at LBGO at least 15 days before the beginning of each month and will also be available from LBGO by telephone or facsimile upon request. The Non-Core Commodity Charge will be posted at LBGO within 10 days after the end of each month and will also be available from the LBGO website [www.lbgo.org](http://www.lbgo.org) as well as by telephone or facsimile upon request.

#### **USE PRIORITY:**

Customers receiving service under this schedule shall have priority in the use of gas equal to customers served under Rate Schedule 9 and lower than Rate Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, when there is curtailment or insufficient gas to supply the demands of all customers, and such customers shall be subject to discontinuance of service without notice in case of curtailment or threatened or actual shortage of gas in favor of customers under Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The City shall not be liable for damages which may be occasioned by the curtailment, discontinuance or shut off of such gas supply or service.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) At all locations where gas is furnished or used under this schedule, the customer must install separate meters to measure gas subject to a different schedule or schedules.
- (2) Gas supplied under this schedule shall be subject to shutoff of service without notice to the customer in the event of nonpayment exceeding 15 days from the date of mailing of a statement to the customer.
- (3) Gas transported and delivered under this schedule shall be used only by the customer.
- (4) Gas transported and delivered under this schedule shall be supplied at standard delivery pressure. Additional costs to serve a customer at higher than standard delivery pressure shall be borne by the customer.
- (5) Gas supplied under this schedule is only available for the electric generation portion of the customer's gas purchases.
- (6) As a condition precedent to service under this schedule when customer elects to procure its own gas supply, a separate Transportation/Service Agreement with the City must be executed. The Transportation/Service Agreement shall specify the terms and conditions applicable to service under this schedule. Any costs including modifications or new facilities that may be required to provide the transportation service shall be paid for in advance by the customer.
- (7) Any additional transmission costs, surcharges or penalties incurred by LBGO on behalf of these customers will be passed through to the customer at cost.
- (8) Customer may elect to purchase all of its gas commodity from the LBGO if customer does the following: a) maintains a deposit with LBGO for the remaining term of the Agreement in an amount equal to the average of two months of gas commodity and transportation charges, b) customer advises LBGO 10 days before the initial month that the customer elects to purchase all of its gas from LBGO for the remaining term of the Agreement, and c) customer pays as agreed upon receipt of the monthly bill and is not delinquent in any prior month's billing.
- (9) The Cost of Gas is defined in Special Condition 3 under Gas Rate Schedule 4 and the Non-Core Commodity Charge is determined as set forth in Special Conditions 4 and 5 of Gas Rate Schedule 4.

For other applicable Special Conditions, refer to Special Conditions 6, 7, and 8 of Rate Schedule 1.



**SCHEDULE 9**

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**TRANSPORTATION AND EXCHANGE OF NATURAL GAS SERVICE**

Applicable to natural gas procured by commercial/industrial customers with annual consumption in excess of 250,000 therms based on the customer's prior calendar year consumption, or estimated annual consumption for new customer, transported or exchanged by LBGO for the customer under Section 15.36.080 of the Municipal Code.

**RATES:**

• <b>Daily Service Charge per Customer</b>	\$11.5069
• <b>Transmission Charge (per therm)</b>	
Tier I: 0 – 20,833 therms	\$0.1402
Tier II: 20,834 – 83,333 therms	\$0.0851
Tier III: 83,334 – 166,667 therms	\$0.0498
Tier IV: Over 166,667 therms	\$0.0246

**USE PRIORITY:**

Service under this schedule provides transportation and delivery of customer-procured compatible pipeline quality gas from designated receipt points to customer premises.

Customers receiving service under this schedule shall have priority in the use of gas equal to customers served under Rate Schedule 7, and lower than Rate Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, when there is curtailment or insufficient gas to supply the demands of all customers, and such customers shall be subject to discontinuance of service without notice in case of curtailment or threatened or actual shortage of gas in favor of customers under Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The City shall not be liable for damages which may be occasioned by the curtailment, discontinuance or shut off of such gas supply or service.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) As a condition precedent to service under this schedule, a separate Transportation/Service Agreement must be executed. The Transportation/Service Agreement shall specify the terms and conditions applicable to service under this schedule. Also, customer may be required to pay a deposit equivalent to two times the customer's estimated average monthly billing.
- (2) Any costs including modifications or new facilities that may be required to provide the transportation service shall be paid in advance by the customer.
- (3) Gas transported under this schedule shall be used only by the customer and such gas may not be sold, transported, assigned, distributed, exchanged, or otherwise transferred to benefit another customer or provide non-municipal natural gas to any natural gas user, transporter or consumer within the City.
- (4) At all locations where gas is furnished or used under this schedule, the customer must install separate meters to measure gas subject to a different schedule or schedules. The customer will be required to pay for the installation and cost of electronic meter reading equipment and monthly charges associated with such equipment.
- (5) These rates do not apply to services provided by the SoCalGas operating under franchise with the City.
- (6) Any additional transmission costs or surcharges incurred by the City on behalf of these customers will be passed through to the customer at cost.

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**SCHEDULE 1 – RESIDENTIAL**

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:      ADDITIONAL DAILY BASELINE THERM ALLOWANCE FOR  
PERSONS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS –  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1997

As required by City of Long Beach Municipal Code, Chapter 15.36.020 Section D.3, Schedule 1 – Residential Customers, an additional daily baseline allowance of .822 therms shall be allowed to a residential customer using gas for space heating and/or daily use of natural gas-operated life support equipment under the following definitions and conditions:

1. Definitions:

**“Hemiplegic”** means paralysis of one lateral half of the body or part of it.

**“Life support equipment”** means that equipment which utilizes mechanical or artificial means to sustain, restore, or supplant a vital function. It is life support equipment that requires daily use of natural gas for functioning of the medical equipment. Life support equipment does not include apparatus or appliances used in a hospital or medical clinic, nor does it include therapeutic devices such as pool or tank heaters, saunas, or hot tubs.

**“Life threatening illness”** means a severe medical condition that requires additional space heating which is medically necessary to sustain the life of the person or prevent deterioration of the person’s medical condition.

**“Paraplegic”** means paralysis of the lower half of the body.

**“Quadriplegic”** means paralysis of both arms and both legs.

**“Residential customer”** means a customer or person residing with a customer receiving gas service under Schedule 1 including service to residential dwelling units and mobile home units; but excluding industrial, commercial and every other category of customer (including rooming or boarding houses, rest homes, dormitories, convalescent or care facilities, military barracks, hospitals, stores, restaurants, and other similar establishments; or central heating plants serving a combination of residential and commercial uses).

2. A person who is permanently residing at the service address is or has one or more the following medical conditions: (i) has emphysema and requires positive pressure breathing apparatus, (ii) has had pneumonia three (3) or more times in twelve (12) months as a result of a chronic illness, (iii) has paralysis of two (2) or more limb extremities, or has multiple sclerosis, (viii) scleroderma, or (xi) is being treated for a life-threatening illness, or (x) has a compromised system.
3. To qualify for the additional baseline therm allowance, a person with one or more of the medical conditions in paragraph 2, shall file an application with the Commercial Services Bureau (the "Bureau"), upon a form supplied by the Bureau. The applicant shall recite facts under oath on the form which qualify the applicant for the additional baseline therm allowance. The application shall also require a licensed physician or osteopath to certify under oath on the form, the existence of one or more of the medical conditions described in paragraph 2 above.
4. The Bureau shall review all such applications and certify those applicants determined to qualify for the additional therm allowance. The additional therm allowance shall not be retroactive prior to the date of certification of the application by the Bureau. All eligible applications shall continue and be renewed automatically by the Bureau so long as the prerequisite facts supporting the initial qualification for medical conditions shall continue, provided, however, that the Bureau shall have the discretion to review and request additional certification of a medical condition annually or as determined necessary by the Bureau. A customer's additional baseline therm allowance shall terminate automatically with any change in customer, service address or residence. Any individual qualifying for the additional baseline therm allowance, or the customer in whose name service is billed, if different from the applicant, shall notify the Commercial Services Bureau within ten (10) days of any change in fact or circumstances which might disqualify the residential customer from receiving such additional baseline therm allowance.
5. It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly provide false information in an application or to knowingly receive the benefits of the additional baseline therm allowance for a medical condition provided herein when the basis for such benefit either does not exist or ceases to exist.

## **EXHIBIT "B"**

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### **GAS EQUIPMENT INCENTIVES**

Applicable to gas equipment incentives pursuant to Section 15.36.095 of the Municipal Code:

In order to assist customers in determining the feasibility of natural gas energy and the potential benefits of natural gas equipment, the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department will offer to all qualifying customers, subject to the availability of funds, incentives for the cost of feasibility studies and/or the purchase of new or replacement commercial or industrial gas equipment to be installed and used by customers for energy-efficiency purposes.

#### **A. Program Objectives:**

1. Persuade existing nonresidential customers to install new gas equipment to reduce their overall energy costs and thereby increase their productivity and profitability.
2. Encourage the placement of new businesses into the Long Beach area by offering incentives comparable to incentives offered by other utilities in the Southern California area.
3. Demonstrate that nonresidential gas equipment is a cost competitive alternative to electric technologies.
4. Increase the amount of nonresidential gas usage during the off-peak summer to reduce average operating costs by balancing the system load.
5. Improve the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department's long-term revenue by offering incentives only to customers with projects, which contribute a positive cash flow to the City with a reasonable payback period balanced against the actual amount of the incentive.

#### **B. Customer Application**

Customers shall file a written application with the Director of the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department on forms provided by the City. The application shall include:

1. The name and address of the applicant,
2. The type of gas equipment being considered for purchase/replacement,

3. The size or capacity of the equipment and the volume of expected natural gas consumption,
4. The applicant's forecasted payback period,
5. The applicant's forecast of time for implementation of studies or gas equipment purchases,
6. Estimates of cost of feasibility studies,
7. Estimates of cost of natural gas equipment,
8. Profit/loss statements or other relevant financial data as requested.

**C. Customer Selection**

The customer's application will be evaluated by the Director of the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department based upon the following criteria:

1. The information provided by the customer on the application,
2. The applicant's willingness to share relevant data and provide access to the facility,
3. The applicant's forecasted time requirements,
4. Any prior equipment incentives provided by the Long Beach Gas & Oil Department to the applicant,
5. Public policy considerations,
6. The availability of funds,
7. The balance of the cost of the incentive against the long-term benefits provided by related incremental gas sales.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

- (1) As a condition precedent to granting an incentive, a separate Equipment Incentive/Feasibility Study Agreement must be executed and approved by the City Council. The Equipment Incentive/Feasibility Study Agreement shall specify the terms and conditions applicable to incentives under this program.
- (2) These incentives do not apply to services provided by the Southern California Gas Company operating under franchise with the City.

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH APPROVING CHANGES TO THE  
SCHEDULE OF GAS RATES

WHEREAS, Chapter 15.36 of the Long Beach Municipal Code provides that the rates, services and conditions for natural gas provided by the City's gas utility shall be established by resolution of the Long Beach City Council;

WHEREAS, Section 1502 of the Charter of the City of Long Beach requires that the rates charged customers for services by the City's gas utility shall be based upon the prevailing rates for similar services and commodities supplied or sold by other utilities in the Southern California area; and

WHEREAS, the gas utility fees and charges, including any changes therein are identified in the rate schedules attached as an exhibit hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has submitted proposed revisions to the gas rates shown on the current gas rate schedules.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The attached schedules of gas rates, use priorities, and conditions, and exhibits of gas fees, charges, incentives and related services are hereby approved.

Sec. 2. This resolution of the attached schedules of gas rates, use priorities, and conditions, and exhibits of gas fees, charges, incentives, and related services, shall be effective and become operative on May 1, 2008.

Sec. 3. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to implement the gas utility rates, use priorities, conditions, fees and charges hereby adopted on the effective date.

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Sec. 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three conspicuous places within the City and it shall take effect as hereinabove set forth.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk