Para más información en cómo este cambio impactará su factura, llame al 1-877-860-6020.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CUSTOMERS NOTICE OF REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES FOR THE 2026 GENERAL RATE CASE APPLICATION 24-09-001 (A.24-09-001)

Why am I receiving this notice?

On September 6, 2024, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) filed its General Rate Case (GRC) Application (Application) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting a total increase of approximately \$38.5 million for its Southern California service territory. This will impact your monthly bill. If the CPUC approves this Application, Southwest Gas will recover forecasted costs in rates beginning January 1, 2026. Southwest Gas also proposes fixed annual increases of 2.75% for years 2027 through 2030.

Southwest Gas is required to file a GRC with the CPUC every five years to set its level of annual revenues. Annual revenues are the total amount of money a utility is allowed to collect through rates in a given year.

Why is Southwest Gas requesting this rate increase?

- To recover the cost of the significant investments made in its gas distribution system required to provide safe and reliable service to its California customers.
- To allow continued investment in Southwest Gas' gas distribution system to enhance safety and reliability.
- To reflect the current cost of providing safe and reliable service in rates, including increases in operating expenses due to inflation.
- Due to continued customer growth and the demand for natural gas service and the associated costs to provide service to these customers.

How could this affect my monthly gas rates?

If Southwest Gas' rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill using 36 therms per month would increase by approximately \$15.99 or 21.8% beginning in 2026. Individual customer bills will vary.

Proposed Gas Rate Increase/(Decrease)

Customer Classification	Current Average Rates	Proposed Average Rates	Dollar Rate Change	Percentage Rate Change
Residential	\$1.64	\$2.13	\$0.49	29.9%
Secondary Residential	\$2.10	\$2.62	\$0.52	24.8%
Master-Metered	\$1.49	\$1.99	\$0.50	33.6%
Master-Metered – Submetered	\$1.06	\$1.34	\$0.28	26.4%
Core General	\$1.04	\$1.21	\$0.17	16.3%
Core Motor Vehicle	\$0.65	\$0.71	\$0.06	9.2%
Core Internal Combustion Engine	\$0.84	\$1.03	\$0.19	22.6%
Small Electric Power Generation	\$0.87	\$0.97	\$0.10	11.5%
Noncore General	\$0.25	\$0.35	\$0.10	40.0%
Sale for Resale	\$1.32	\$1.82	\$0.50	37.9%

How does the rest of this process work?

This Application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt Southwest Gas' Application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review Southwest Gas' Application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

For questions about this notice or Southwest Gas's request:

Contact Southwest Gas

• Phone: 702-876-7323

Email: <u>valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com</u>Mail: Southwest Gas Corporation

P.O. Box 98510

Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510

A copy of the Application and any amendments may also be reviewed at the following Southwest Gas offices: 13471 Mariposa Road, Victorville; 140 Business Center Drive, Big Bear Lake; or 1705 Langford Drive, Bullhead City, Arizona (for Needles customers).

The Application and related exhibits are also available electronically on Southwest Gas' website at https://www.swgas.com/en/california-rates-and-regulation.

Contact CPUC

Please visit <u>apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2409001</u> to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on Southwest Gas request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.govMail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office

505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

Please reference **Southwest Gas GRC Application A.24-09-001** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.