



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FILING FOR
APPROVAL OF LOW-INCOME
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND BUDGETS FOR
PROGRAM YEARS 2012 – 2014
APPLICATION NO. 11-06-019**

(For a Spanish version of this notice, you may contact Customer Assistance at 1-877-860-6020. Para una versión en español de este aviso, puede comunicarse con Asistencia al Cliente al 1-877-860-6020.)

On June 15, 2011, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) filed a proposed application with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting approval of the Low-Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2012–2014. Southwest Gas' Low-Income Assistance Programs consist of the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program (CARE) and the Energy Savings and Assistance Program. The CARE program provides a discount on monthly gas bills to income-qualified customers at their primary residence, while the Energy Savings and Assistance Program offers energy-saving home improvements at no cost to income-qualified customers. Southwest Gas is requesting funding approval in the amounts of \$14,662,206, \$15,292,558 and \$15,960,156 for programs years 2012, 2013, and 2014, respectively.

If the Commission approves Southwest Gas' 2012–2014 proposed Low-Income Assistance Programs and Budgets, Southwest Gas will adjust its Public Purpose Program (PPP) surcharge to account for the authorized budgets. Rates will increase by approximately \$0.5 million in 2012, \$0.6 million in 2013 and \$0.5 million in 2014, to fully fund the proposed program budgets.

If the Commission approves Southwest Gas' request, the proposed rate changes will take effect on January 1, 2012, and thereafter on January 1, 2013 through 2014. The table located at the end of this notice shows the proposed percentage changes for 2012 compared to existing rates, by customer class.



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FURTHER INFORMATION

A complete copy of this application may be inspected at the following Southwest Gas offices: 13471 Mariposa Road, Victorville; 40844 Big Bear Boulevard, Big Bear Lake; 1705 Langford Drive, Bullhead City, Arizona (for Needles customers); 10682 Pioneer Trail, Truckee; 218 Incline Court, Incline Village, Nevada; or 400 Eagle Station Lane, Carson City, Nevada. If you have any questions about Southwest Gas' Application, please contact Debra Gallo, Director/State Regulatory and Government Affairs, Southwest Gas Corporation, P.O. Box 98510, Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

The CPUC may schedule formal Evidentiary Hearings (EH's) whereby formal parties of record provide testimony and are subject to cross examination before the CPUC's Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). These hearings are open to the public to listen, but only those who are formal parties of record are allowed to participate. The CPUC has their own court reporters who will take the comments of those parties of record participating in the EH's. One of those parties is the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA). The DRA consists of engineers, accountants, economists and attorneys who independently evaluate the proposals of utilities for rate changes and present their analyses and recommendations for the Commission at evidentiary hearings. Once hearings are completed, the ALJ will consider all of the evidence presented and release the proposed draft decision. When the CPUC issues a final decision, it may adopt, amend, or modify all or part of the ALJ's draft decision. The final decision may differ from the filed application.

If you would like information on how to participate in this proceeding or would like to attend the hearings, please contact The Public Advisor's Office. The public may also submit comments to the Commission by writing to The Public Advisor at either of the following addresses:

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| San Francisco Office (Headquarters) 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103 San Francisco, California 94102 1-415-703-2074 (toll free) 1-866-848-8390 public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov | Los Angeles Office 320 West 4th Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles, California 90013 1-213-576-7055 (toll free) 1-866-849-8391 public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov |
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TTY for both offices may be reached at 1-415- 703- 5282/
toll free 1-866-836-7825

When writing emails or written correspondences to the Public Advisor's office please reference Southwest Gas Corporation's Application 11-06-019.

The application may also be inspected at the CPUC's Central Files Office in San Francisco at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and noon daily.

PROPOSED CHANGES BY CUSTOMER CLASS

Southern California

| Customer Class | Average Monthly Bill Increase/(Decrease) | Proposed % Increase/(Decrease) |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Primary Residential | \$0.48 | 0.73% |
| Secondary Residential | 0.37 | 0.60% |
| Master-Metered | 6.92 | 0.78% |
| Master-Metered (Submetered) | 24.67 | 0.95% |
| Core General | 2.78 | 0.98% |
| Noncore General | 314.33 | 2.86% |
| Core Motor Vehicle | 90.42 | 1.80% |
| Core Internal Combustion Engine | 17.79 | 1.18% |
| Small Electric Power Generation | 0.0 | 0.0% |

Northern California (excluding South Lake Tahoe)

| Customer Class | Average Monthly Bill Increase/(Decrease) | Proposed % Increase/(Decrease) |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Primary Residential | \$(0.37) | (0.40)% |
| Secondary Residential | (0.32) | (0.37)% |
| Master-Metered | (3.50) | (0.42)% |
| Master-Metered (Submetered) | (9.25) | (0.50)% |
| Core General | (1.67) | (0.52)% |
| Core Motor Vehicle | (36.08) | (0.72)% |
| Core Internal Combustion Engine | 0.0 | 0.0% |

Applicable only to customers in South Lake Tahoe

| Customer Class | Average Monthly Bill Increase/(Decrease) | Proposed % Increase/(Decrease) |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Primary Residential | \$(0.40) | (0.55)% |
| Secondary Residential | (0.32) | (0.51)% |
| Master-Metered | (2.97) | (0.59)% |
| Master-Metered (Submetered) | (4.78) | (1.36)% |
| Core General | (2.59) | (0.66)% |
| Core General Transportation | 0.0 | 0.0% |
| Core Motor Vehicle | (37.33) | (0.65)% |