



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Roger C. Montgomery, Vice President/Pricing

October 29, 2008

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division
Attention: Ken Lewis, Interim Director
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4004
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)
Advice Letter No. 807

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 807, together with: 1) California Gas Tariff P.U.C. Sheet Nos. 6707-G through 6709-G; and 2) California – South Lake Tahoe Gas Tariff P.U.C. Sheet No. 59.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Montgomery

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Enclosures



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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for filing the following tariff sheets.

California Gas Tariff

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
6707-G	Schedule No. G-PPPS – Surcharge to Fund Public Purpose Programs (PPP)	6570-G
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California – South Lake Tahoe Gas Tariff

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 59	Schedule No. PPPS-292 – Surcharge to Fund Public Purpose (PPP) Programs	Third Revised Sheet No. 59

The purpose of this filing is to adjust Public Purpose Program (PPP) Surcharge rates in compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 22 in Decision No. (D.) 04-08-010.

In accordance with D.04-08-010, Southwest has calculated proposed PPP surcharges based on its projected 2009 CARE subsidy, and its 2009 CARE outreach and administrative expenses and LIEE program expenses proposed by Southwest in A.08-06-031. Volumes used in the calculations for Southwest's Southern and Northern California Divisions, including the South Lake Tahoe service area, reflect a three-year (36 consecutive months ended September 2008) average as set forth in D.04-08-010.

Please see Appendix A attached for the number of CARE customers, volumes and associated dollar amounts reflected in the calculation of Southwest's 2008 PPP surcharges.



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The calculation of Southwest's 2009 CARE subsidy reflects Southwest's projected average 2009 number of CARE customers and the projected 2009 margin rates, upstream pipeline charges, surcharges and weighted average cost of gas per therm. Southwest is proposing a state-wide CARE surcharge rate, i.e. the same rate for each of its three California rate jurisdictions to recover its proposed LIEE program expense. Southwest's Non-CARE surcharges are calculated based on each rate jurisdictions' unique sales rates and projected 2009 CARE program participation.

Effective Date

Southwest believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 96-B. Southwest respectfully requests the rate changes proposed herein be approved November 30, 2008, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed, with an effective date of January 1, 2009.

Protest

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter within 20 days of the filing. The protest should set forth the grounds upon which it is based and should be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. Protests should be mailed to:

Investigation, Monitoring & Compliance Program Manager
California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002
San Francisco, CA 94102
Facsimile: 415-703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 at the same address as above, and mailed and faxed to:

Mr. John P. Hester, Senior Vice-President
Regulatory Affairs and Energy Resources
Southwest Gas Corporation
P.O. Box 98510
Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510
Facsimile: 702-876-7037

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(1), Southwest is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in G.O. 96-B since the annual PPP Surcharges adjustments proposed herein were previously authorized in D.04-08-010.



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Service

In accordance with G.O. 96-B, General Rule 4.3, Southwest is mailing copies of this advice letter and related tariff sheets to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By *Roger C. Montgomery*
Roger C. Montgomery

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Advice Letter No. 807

In Conformance with G.O. 96-B, General Rule 4.3

Southern California Edison Company

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Sierra Pacific Power Company

San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Southern California Gas Company

Southern California Water Company

R. Thomas Beach

Duane Morris, LLP

Director/Division of Ratepayer Advocates

Schedule No. G-PPPS

SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS (PPP)

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all gas sales and transportation service excluding service for: Electric Generation including cogeneration, Enhanced Oil Recovery, Wholesale for resale to end users, natural gas produced in California and transported on a proprietary pipeline, and the consumption of natural gas which California is prohibited for taxing under the United States Constitution or the California Constitution.

TERRITORY

Throughout the Company's certificated gas service areas in its Southern and Northern California Divisions, except as may hereafter be provided.

RATES

Customer Class	PPP SURCHARGE AMOUNT PER THERM			
	Non-CARE Customers		CARE Customers	
	Southern CA	Northern CA	Southern CA	Northern CA
Core *				
Residential	\$.06704	\$.01893	\$.01227	\$.01227
Commercial/Industrial	\$.06704	\$.01893	\$.01227	\$.01227
Gas Engine	\$.06704	\$.01893	N/A	N/A
Natural Gas Vehicle	\$.06704	\$.01893	N/A	N/A
Non-Core**				
Commercial/Industrial	\$.06704	\$.01893	N/A	N/A

* Residential service includes Rate Schedule Nos. GS/GN-10, 12, 15, 20, and 25; and GS-11. Commercial/Industrial service includes Rate Schedule Nos. GS/GN-30, 35, 40, and 60; GS-55 and GSR. Natural Gas Vehicle service includes Rate Schedule No. GS/GN-50.

** Commercial/Industrial service includes Rate Schedule No. GS/GN-70.

The PPP surcharges are set forth in the currently-effective Statement of Rates of this California Gas Tariff and are incorporated herein by reference.

The number of therms shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 2C.

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 Decision No. 04-08-010

 Issued by
 John P. Hester
 Senior Vice President

 Date Filed October 29, 2008
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 Resolution No. _____

Schedule No. PPS-292

SURCHARGE TO FUND PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAMS (PPS)

APPLICABILITY

This surcharge is applicable to all gas sales and transportation service and is, therefore, included in the commodity charge on all related rate schedules excluding service for: Electric Generation including cogeneration, Enhanced Oil Recovery, Wholesale for resale to end users, natural gas produced in California and transported on a proprietary pipeline, and the consumption of natural gas which California is prohibited for taxing under the United States Constitution or the California Constitution.

TERRITORY

This schedule is applicable within the entire territory served by the Company.

RATES

<u>RATES</u>	<u>Non-CARE Customer</u>	<u>CARE Customer</u>
Commodity Charge: All usage, per therm	\$.01893	\$.01227

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. The PPP Surcharge is shown as a separate line item on a customer's bill. The PPS is to recover the cost of public purpose programs such as low-income assistance, energy efficiency, and public interest research and development. The Company remits PPP Surcharge revenue to the State Board of Equalization. These remittances are to be made quarterly by the last day of the month following a calendar quarter.
2. Commission Decision (D.) 04-08-010 requires the Company to file an Advice Letter with proposed PPP Surcharges by October 31 of each year, with a requested effective date of January 1 of the following year. The Company may file at other times if failure to make the rate change would result in a forecasted total rate increase of 10 percent or more on January 1 of the following year, as provided for in Decision 04-08-010. The PPP Surcharge shall be calculated in accordance to formulas and throughput volumes specified in D.04-08-010.

APPENDIX A

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
SUMMARY OF 2008 PUBLIC PURPOSED PROGRAM SURCHARGE CALCULATIONS
TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008

Line No.	Description (a)	Southern California (b)	Northern California [1] (c)	Line No.
	<u>CARE Program Surcharge</u>			
	Number of CARE Customers			
1	Residential	34,515	2,059	1
2	Non-Profit Group Living	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	2
3	Total	34,525	2,062	3
	CARE Customer Volume			
4	Residential	16,843,320	1,520,246	4
5	Non-Profit Group Living	<u>22,370</u>	<u>9,921</u>	5
6	Total	16,865,690	1,530,167	6
	Total CARE Program Expense			
7	Total Estimated Benefit	\$ 5,657,013	\$ 370,468	7
8	Balancing Account	(2,272,161)	(109,603)	8
9	Authorized Outreach and Administrative Cost	209,579	12,421	9
10	Authorized BOE Administrative Cost	<u>3,268</u>	<u>2,058</u>	10
11	Total CARE Program Expense	\$ 3,597,698	\$ 275,344	11
12	Total Non-CARE Volume	65,691,424	41,371,144	12
13	Non-CARE Surcharge	<u>\$ 0.05477</u>	<u>\$ 0.00666</u>	13
	<u>LIEE Surcharge</u>			
14	Authorized R&D Expense	\$ 286,534	\$ 286,534	14
15	Authorized LIEE Program Expense	<u>1,255,000</u>	<u>1,255,000</u>	15
16	Total LIEE Program Expense	\$ 1,541,534	\$ 1,541,534	16
17	Total CARE Volume	125,683,517	125,683,517	17
18	CARE Surcharge	<u>\$ 0.01227</u>	<u>\$ 0.01227</u>	18
19	Total Non-CARE Surcharge	<u>\$ 0.06704</u>	<u>\$ 0.01893</u>	19

[1] Including the Company's South Lake Tahoe service area.

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
CALCULATION OF PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM SURCHARGES
TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009**

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount [1] (b)	Rates [2] (c)	Revenue (d)	Applicable Volume (Therms) (e)	Surcharge Rate per Therm (f)	Line No.
<u>2008 Non-CARE Surcharge</u>							
GS-12 CARE Residential							
1	Number of Bills	414,180	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,070,900			1
2	Baseline Sales	11,198,325	\$ 1.29426	14,493,544			2
3	Tier II Sales	<u>5,644,995</u>	1.45590	<u>8,218,548</u>			3
4	Total	16,843,320		\$ 24,782,992			4
5	Number of Bills	414,180	\$ 4.00	\$ 1,656,720			5
6	Baseline Sales	11,198,325	\$ 0.99418	11,133,151			6
7	Tier II Sales	<u>5,644,995</u>	1.12349	<u>6,342,095</u>			7
8	Total	16,843,320		\$ 19,131,966			8
9	Total GS-12 CARE Benefit			\$ 5,651,026			9
GS-35 Non-Profit Group Living Facility							
10	Number of Bills	120	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,320			10
Summer Sales							
11	1st 100	1,225	\$ 1.22733	\$ 1,503			11
12	Next 500	2,285	1.12383	2,568			12
13	Next 2400	1,988	1.03033	2,048			13
14	Over 3000	2,014	0.87636	1,765			14
Winter Sales							
15	1st 100	2,714	\$ 1.25148	\$ 3,397			15
16	Next 500	4,567	1.14798	5,243			16
17	Next 2400	4,246	1.05448	4,477			17
18	Over 3000	<u>3,331</u>	0.90051	<u>3,000</u>			18
19	Total	22,370		\$ 25,321			19
20	Number of Bills	120	\$ 8.80	\$ 1,056			20
Summer Sales							
21	1st 100	1,225	\$ 0.94064	\$ 1,152			21
22	Next 500	2,285	0.85784	1,960			22
23	Next 2400	1,988	0.78304	1,557			23
24	Over 3000	2,014	0.65986	1,329			24
Winter Sales							
25	1st 100	2,714	\$ 0.95996	\$ 2,605			25
26	Next 500	4,567	0.87716	4,006			26
27	Next 2400	4,246	0.80236	3,407			27
28	Over 3000	<u>3,331</u>	0.67918	<u>2,262</u>			28
29	Total	22,370		\$ 19,335			29
30	Total GS-35 Non-Profit Group Living Facility CARE Benefit			\$ 5,986			30
31	Total CARE Benefit			\$ 5,657,013	65,691,424 [3]	\$ 0.08611	31
Outreach & Administration							
32	Southwest Gas [4]			\$ 209,579	65,691,424	\$ 0.00319	32
33	CPUC			0	65,691,424	0.00000	33
34	BOE			3,268	65,691,424	0.00006	34
35	CARE Balancing Account at September 30, 2008			\$ (2,272,161)	65,691,424	\$ (0.03459)	35
36	Non-CARE Surcharge			\$ 3,597,698	65,691,424	\$ 0.05477	36
<u>2008 Statewide CARE Surcharge</u>							
37	Research and Development (R&D) Surcharge			\$ 286,534	125,683,517 [5]	\$ 0.00228	37
38	Low Income Energy Efficiency Program (LIEE) Surcharge [6]			\$ 1,255,000	125,683,517	\$ 0.00999	38
39	Total CARE Surcharge					\$ 0.01227	39
40	Total Non-CARE Surcharge (Line 36 + Line 39)					\$ 0.06704	40

[1] Projected average 2009 CARE customers and volumes.

[2] Projected 2009 rates.

[3] Three-year (36 consecutive months ended September 2008) average volumes excluding CARE, electric generation and Special Contract volumes.

[4] Outreach and Administrative costs proposed in A.08-06-031 allocated to Southern and Northern California based on CARE program customer participation.

[5] Three-year (36 consecutive months ended September 2008) average volumes for Southern and Northern California excluding electric generation volumes

[6] LIEE expense proposed in A.08-06-031.

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE AND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
CALCULATION OF PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM SURCHARGES
TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009**

Line No.	Description (a)	Revenue [1] (b)	Applicable Volume (Therms) (c)	Surcharge Rate per Therm (d)	Line No.
1	<u>2008 Non-CARE Surcharge</u> Total CARE Benefit	\$ 370,468	41,371,144 [2]	\$ 0.00895	1
2	Outreach & Administration Southwest Gas [3]	\$ 12,421	41,371,144	\$ 0.00030	2
3	CPUC	0	41,371,144	0.00000	3
4	BOE	2,058	41,371,144	0.00006	4
5	CARE Balancing Account at September 30, 2008	\$ (109,603)	41,371,144	\$ (0.00265)	5
6	Non-CARE Surcharge	\$ 275,344	41,371,144	\$ 0.00666	6
7	<u>2008 Statewide CARE Surcharge</u> Research and Development (R&D) Surcharge	\$ 286,534	125,683,517 [4]	\$ 0.00228	7
8	Low Income Energy Efficiency Program (LIEE) Surcharge [5]	\$ 1,255,000	125,683,517	0.00999	8
9	Total CARE Surcharge			\$ 0.01227	9
10	Total Non-CARE Surcharge (Line 6 + Line 9)			\$ 0.01893	10

[1] Total CARE and LIEE program expenses for Southwest's South Lake Tahoe and Northern California service territories.

[2] Three-year (36 consecutive months ended September 2008) average volumes for Northern California and South Lake Tahoe excluding CARE and electric generation.

[3] Outreach and Administrative costs proposed in A.08-06-031 allocated to Southern and Northern California based on CARE program customer participation.

[4] Three-year (36 consecutive months ended September 2008) average volumes for Southern and Northern California excluding electric generation volumes

[5] LIEE expense proposed in A.08-06-031.

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
CALCULATION OF CARE BENEFIT**

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount [1] (b)	Rates [2] (c)	Revenue (d)	Line No.
<u>2008 Non-CARE Surcharge</u>					
GN-12 CARE Residential					
1	Number of Bills	6,984	\$ 5.00	\$ 34,920	1
2	Baseline Sales	306,459	\$ 1.34917	413,465	2
3	Tier II Sales	<u>76,497</u>	1.45988	<u>111,676</u>	3
4	Total	382,956		\$ 560,062	4
5	Number of Bills	6,984	\$ 4.00	\$ 27,936	5
6	Baseline Sales	306,459	\$ 1.07660	329,934	6
7	Tier II Sales	<u>76,497</u>	1.16517	<u>89,132</u>	7
8	Total	382,956		\$ 447,002	8
9	Total GN-12 CARE Benefit			\$ 113,060	9
GN-35 Non-Profit Group Living Facility					
10	Number of Bills	0	\$ 11.00	\$ 0	10
Summer Sales					
11	1st 100	0	\$ 1.22860	\$ 0	11
12	Next 500	0	1.13260	0	12
13	Next 2400	0	1.03960	0	13
14	Over 3000	0	0.91775	0	14
Winter Sales					
15	1st 100	0	\$ 1.25105	\$ 0	15
16	Next 500	0	1.15505	0	16
17	Next 2400	0	1.06205	0	17
18	Over 3000	<u>0</u>	0.94020	<u>0</u>	18
19	Total	0		\$ 0	19
20	Number of Bills	0	\$ 8.80	\$ 0	20
Summer Sales					
21	1st 100	0	\$ 0.98014	\$ 0	21
22	Next 500	0	0.90334	0	22
23	Next 2400	0	0.82894	0	23
24	Over 3000	0	0.73146	0	24
Winter Sales					
25	1st 100	0	\$ 0.99810	\$ 0	25
26	Next 500	0	0.92130	0	26
27	Next 2400	0	0.84690	0	27
28	Over 3000	<u>0</u>	0.74942	<u>0</u>	28
29	Total	0		\$ 0	29
30	Total GN-35 Non-Profit Group Living Facility CARE Benefit			\$ 0	30
31	Total CARE Benefit			<u>\$ 113,060</u>	31

[1] Projected average 2009 CARE customers and volumes.

[2] Projected 2009 rates.

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE
CALCULATION OF CARE BENEFIT**

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount [1] (b)	Rates [2] (c)	Revenue (d)	Line No.
2008 Non-CARE Surcharge					
GLT-212 - Limited Income Residential					
1	Number of Bills	17,724	\$ 5.00	\$ 88,620	1
2	Baseline Sales	1,059,963	\$ 1.02376	1,085,148	2
3	Tier II Sales	<u>77,327</u>	1.12472	<u>86,971</u>	3
4	Total	1,137,290		\$ 1,260,739	4
5	Number of Bills	17,724	\$ 4.00	\$ 70,896	5
6	Baseline Sales	1,059,963	\$ 0.81627	865,216	6
7	Tier II Sales	<u>77,327</u>	0.89704	<u>69,365</u>	7
8	Total	1,137,290		\$ 1,005,477	8
9	Total GN-12 CARE Benefit			\$ 255,262	9
GLT-222 - Limited Income General Natural Gas Service					
10	Number of Bills	36	\$ 11.00	\$ 396	10
Summer Sales					
11	1st 100	370	\$ 1.03364	\$ 382	11
12	Next 500	753	1.01864	767	12
13	Next 2400	666	1.00364	668	13
14	Over 3000	192	0.97968	188	14
Winter Sales					
15	1st 100	1,286	\$ 1.05639	\$ 1,359	15
16	Next 500	2,573	1.04139	2,679	16
17	Next 2400	2,648	1.02639	2,718	17
18	Over 3000	<u>1,433</u>	1.00243	<u>1,436</u>	18
19	Total	9,921		\$ 10,594	19
20	Number of Bills	36	\$ 8.80	\$ 317	20
Summer Sales					
21	1st 100	370	\$ 0.82417	\$ 305	21
22	Next 500	753	0.81217	612	22
23	Next 2400	666	0.80017	533	23
24	Over 3000	192	0.78101	150	24
Winter Sales					
25	1st 100	1,286	\$ 0.84237	\$ 1,083	25
26	Next 500	2,573	0.83037	2,137	26
27	Next 2400	2,648	0.81837	2,167	27
28	Over 3000	<u>1,433</u>	0.79921	<u>1,145</u>	28
29	Total	9,921		\$ 8,448	29
30	Total GN-35 Non-Profit Group Living Facility CARE Benefit			\$ 2,146	30
31	Total CARE Benefit			<u>\$ 257,408</u>	31

[1] Projected average 2009 CARE customers and volumes.

[2] Projected 2009 rates.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)**

Utility type:

- ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: **Roger C. Montgomery**

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **807**

Subject of AL: **In compliance with OPs 13 and 25 in D.04-08-010 regarding the administration of Southwest's Public Purpose Program (PPP) Surcharges.**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Compliance Filing**

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D.04-08-010

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL **Not applicable**

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: **Not applicable**

Resolution Required? Yes No

Tier Review Level? 1 2 3

Requested effective date: **AL Approval 11/30/2007**

No. of tariff sheets: **3 - CA Gas Tariff; and 1 - CA South Lake Tahoe Tariff**

With rates effective January 1, 2009

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): **Not applicable**

Estimated system average rate effect (%): **Not applicable**

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: **Not applicable**

Service affected and changes proposed¹: **See 'Subject of AL' above**

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: **Not applicable**

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.