### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



July 21, 2009

**Advice Letter 819** 

John P. Hester, Sr. Vice-President Regulatory Affairs and Energy Resources Southwest Gas Corporation P O Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

Subject: Annual Adjustment of Income Criteria for CARE Program Eligibility

Dear Mr. Hester:

Advice Letter 819 is effective June 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Fitch, Director

**Energy Division** 



Roger C. Montgomery, Vice President/Pricing

May 13, 2009

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

Subject:

Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)

Advice Letter No. 819

Dear Ms. Fitch:

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 819, together with: California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 6897-G through 6905-G.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Montgomery

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### SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 819

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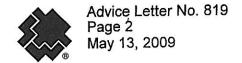
Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for filing the following tariff sheets.

#### California Gas Tariff

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( •	6897-G	Schedule No. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12 - CARE Residential Gas Service (Continued)	6774-G
	6898-G	Schedule No. GS-35/GN-35/SLT-35 Agricultural Employee Housing and Nonprofit Group Living Facilities Gas Service	6782-G
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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission Resolution E-3524 and April 28, 2009 notice from the Energy Division. The notice directs all energy utilities to revise their respective tariffs to reflect the Commission's annual adjustment of income criteria for CARE Program eligibility. Although the income criteria remains unchanged from those in 2008, Southwest has modified it's tariff and CARE Program applications to reflect the new effective period.



### **Effective Date**

Southwest believes this advice letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to General Order 96-B. Southwest respectfully requests that the tariff sheets submitted herewith be made effective June 1, 2009, pursuant to Resolution E-3524 and the April 28, 2009 notice.

### **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 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 form the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in General Order (G.O.) 96-B since this advice letter is filed in compliance with Resolution E-3524.

#### 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

Attachments

### **DISTRIBUTION LIST**

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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

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Schedule Nos. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12

## CARE RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE (Continued)

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. To be eligible for service under this schedule, the total gross annual income, both taxable and nontaxable, from all sources for all persons in the applicant's household may not exceed the income limits shown below.

These income limits are effective from June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010.

Number of Persons In Household  1 or 2 3		Total Gross Annual Income
1 or 2	4	\$30,500
3		35,800
4		43,200
5		50,600
6		58,000

For households with more than six persons, add \$7,400 annually for each additional person residing in the household.

A person who is claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return is not eligible for service under this schedule.

An approved application and declaration of eligibility form is required from each customer for service under this schedule. Recertification will be required every two years and whenever a customer moves.

Service under this schedule is for residential purposes at only one residential location at any one time and is applicable only to a customer's permanent primary residence.

- Eligible customers shall be billed on this schedule commencing with the next regularly scheduled billing period after receipt and approval of application by the Company.
- 3. Eligibility information provided by the customer on the application form may be subject to verification by the Company. Refusal or failure of a customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to the Company, upon request of the Company, shall result in removal from this schedule.

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Schedule Nos. GS-35/GN-35/SLT-35

### AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING AND NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITY GAS SERVICE

### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to gas service for nonprofit group living facilities, as defined in Rule No. 1, where a minimum of 70 percent of the gas consumed under this schedule is for residential purposes, and to qualified migrant housing centers; privately-owned employee housing; or agricultural employee housing operated by nonprofit organizations.

### **TERRITORY**

Throughout the Company's certificated California service areas, except as may hereafter be provided.

### **RATES**

The commodity charges and basic service charge 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.

### Minimum Charge:

The minimum charge per meter per month is the basic service charge.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

### A. NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES

1. To be eligible for service under this schedule, the total gross annual income, both taxable and nontaxable, from all sources for each resident residing in the nonprofit group living facility may not exceed the Commission's CARE eligibility income level shown below for a single-person household, and each resident may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return.

Total Gross
Annual Income

Each Resident

\$30,500

The above income limit is effective from June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010

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(FORM 902.16 05/2009)
SOUTHWEST GRS CORPORATION
CARE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR TENANTS OF SUBMETERED
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
Get a discount on your gas bill!  CARE provides a 20% discount on your monthly gas bill for income-qualified customers  Review the chart below, and if you think you may qualify, complete and return entire application.
CARE Program Income Requirements
Maximum Household Income: (effective june 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010)  Number of persons living in my home 1 or 2 3 4 5 6
Total combined annual Income \$30,500 \$35,800 \$43,200 \$50,600 \$58,000 (from ALL sources) For each additional person, add \$7,400.
Entire application must be completed and signed
I understand the definition of "gross (before taxes) household income" is all money and noncash benefits available for living expenses from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable, before deductions, including expenses, for all people who live in my home.
Please check (y) ALL sources of your income.
Wages or salaries
Total combined annual household income:  See Maximum Household Income listed above.  Number of persons living in my household:  Adults Children Total
Qualification for the CARE Program is based on your household income and household size.
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I certify that I have read all information on both sides of this application and that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I agree to provide proof of income, if asked I agree to inform Southwest Gas and my landlord or manager if I no longer qualify to receive the ARE discount. I understand that if I receive the CARE discount without meeting the qualifications I may be required to pay back the CARE discount I received I understand that Southwest Gas can share my information with other utilities or their agents to enroll me in their assistance programs.
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