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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division



## **SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

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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Enclosures



# SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 819

May 13, 2009

## 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.
6897-G	Schedule No. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12 - CARE Residential Gas Service ( <i>Continued</i> )	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 its tariff and CARE Program applications to reflect the new effective period.



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### **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 from 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

By   
Roger C. Montgomery

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Advice Letter No. 819

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

Duane Morris, LLP

Director/Division of Ratepayer Advocates

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.

<u>Number of Persons In Household</u>	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>
1 or 2	\$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.

2. 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.

Advice Letter No. 819  
Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by  
John P. Hester  
Senior Vice President

Date Filed May 13, 2009  
Effective June 1, 2009  
Resolution No. E-3524

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.

	<u>Total Gross Annual Income</u>
Each Resident	\$30,500

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







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