

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 7, 2010

**Advice Letters 838 and 838-A**

Don Soderberg, Vice-President/Pricing  
Southwest Gas Corporation  
P O Box 98510  
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**Subject: To Propose a Refund Plan to Distribute Settlement Proceeds  
per R.09-07-029 and Supplemental Filing**

Dear Mr. Soderberg:

Advice Letters 838 and 838-A are effective February 19, 2010.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division



## SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Donald L. Soderberg, Vice President/Pricing

March 16, 2010

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. 838-A

Dear Ms. Fitch:

Enclosed herewith are an original and five (5) copies of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 838-A. There are no tariff sheets associated with this filing.

Sincerely,

  
Donald L. Soderberg

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Enclosures

Copy by electronic mail:

Joyce Alfton, Energy Division  
Jonathan Bromson, Division of Ratepayer Advocates  
R.09-07-029 Service List



## **SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

Advice Letter No. 838-A

March 16, 2010

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for filing this supplemental advice letter. There are no tariff sheets associated with this filing.

#### **Purpose**

This supplemental advice letter is being filed at the request of the Energy Division staff to provide an allocation breakdown of the settlement proceeds received from the Sempra and Price Indexing Cases pursuant to Decision 10-01-024 (Rulemaking 10-07-029). The allocations are demonstrated in Attachment A. Attachment A is submitted in support of Southwest's Advice Letter No. 838, filed on February 19, 2010, which requested authorization for an allocation methodology to distribute the settlement proceeds.

#### **Effective Date**

Southwest believes this advice letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and respectfully requests that this advice letter be approved concurrently with Advice Letter No. 838, with an effective date of February 19, 2010.

#### **Protest**

Anyone wishing to protest this advice letter may do so by letter sent via U.S. Mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than **March 23, 2010**, which is 5 days after the date of this filing. This shortened protest period has been authorized by the Energy Division. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based with specificity, and should be limited to the contents of this advice letter. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Attention: Investigation, Monitoring & Compliance Manager  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Email: [jni@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jni@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)

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



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**Notice**

In accordance with Section 4 of General Order No. 96-B, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached GO 96-B service list and to the established service list in Rulemaking 09-07-029.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By *Edw. P. B. Bunch for*  
Donald L. Soderberg

Attachment

**DISTRIBUTION LIST**

Advice Letter No. 838-A

In Conformance with GO 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

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION (SOUTHWEST)  
SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS FROM THE SEMPRA AND PRICE INDEXING CASES  
(R.09-07-029 AND DECISION 10-01-024)**

Line No.	Description	Allocation %	Totals	Line No.
<u>Total Settlement Proceeds:</u>				
1	Sempra Settlement (Pipeline Cases)		\$ 62,600,000	1
2	Price Indexing Cases Settlement		55,202,040	2
3	Total		<u>\$ 117,802,040</u>	3
<u>Estimated Allocation of Sempra Proceeds to California Gas Utilities:</u>				
4	Southwest	3.32%	\$ 2,078,320	4
5	Other Utilities Allocation	96.68%	60,521,680	5
6	Total	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 62,600,000</u>	6
<u>Estimated Allocation of Pipeline Cases Proceeds to California Gas Utilities:</u>				
7	Southwest	3.46%	\$ 1,910,488	7
8	Other Utilities Allocation	96.54%	53,291,552	8
9	Total	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 55,202,040</u>	9
<u>Allocation to Southwest Customers:</u>				
<u>Sempra Settlement [1]</u>				
10	Sempra Actual Refund Proceeds		\$ 2,166,524	10
11	Core Aggregation	[2] 0.5235%	\$ 11,342	11
12	Southwest Core Procurement Customers	99.4765%	\$ 2,155,182	12
<u>Price Indexing Cases [3]</u>				
13	Price Indexing Cases Actual Refund Proceeds		\$ 1,832,708	13
14	Core Aggregation	[2] 0.5235%	\$ 9,594	14
15	Southwest Core Procurement Customers	99.4765%	\$ 1,823,114	15
<u>Total Refunds by Categories</u>				
16	Core Aggregation	[2] 0.5235%	\$ 20,936	16
17	Southwest Core Procurement Customers	99.4765%	\$ 3,978,296	17
18	Total	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 3,999,232</u>	18

[1] Southwest received \$2,166,524, on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 from the Sempra Settlement.

[2] The Core Aggregation throughput percentage is based upon 12-Months ended January 2010.

[3] Southwest received \$1,832,707.74, on Friday, February 19, 2010 from the Price Indexing Cases Settlement.