PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

June 21, 2012



Advice Letter 889-G

Don Soderberg, Vice-President/Pricing Southwest Gas Corporation P O Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

Subject: Annual Adjustment of Income Criteria for CARE Program Eligibility

Dear Mr. Soderberg:

Advice Letter 889-G is effective June 1, 2012.

Sincerely, Ledward Randofah

Edward F. Randolph, Director

Energy Division



Donald L. Soderberg, Vice President/Pricing

May 10, 2012

ATTN: Honesto Gatchalian Tariff Unit, Energy Division California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4005 San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject:

Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)

Advice Letter No. 889

Dear Mr. Gatchalian:

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 889, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 6, 85, 94, 296, 298, and 299.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Søderberg

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May 10, 2012

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Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for filing revisions to its tariff, which affect the following tariff sheets:

California Gas Tariff

2nd Revised Sheet No. 94 Schedule No. GS-35/GN-35/SLT-35 — Agricultural Employee Housing and Nonprofit Group Living Facility Gas Service 2nd Revised Sheet No. 296 Application for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program (Form 902.6 05/2012) 2nd Revised Sheet No. 298 CARE Program Application for Tenants of Submetered Residential Facilities (Form 902.16 05/2012) 2nd Revised Application for California Alternate Rates 1st Revised Sheet No. 29	Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
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<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this filing is to comply with Commission Resolution E-3524 and the March 15, 2012, notice from the Energy Division. The notice directs all energy utilities to revise their respective tariffs and applicable forms to reflect the Commission's annual adjustment of income eligibility for the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program (CARE) and the Energy Savings Assistance Program.

In addition to updating the income eligibility guidelines, the forms have been updated with the following: 1) clarification verbiage was added next to "Maximum Household Income," 2) "se habla español" was inserted under "Other Programs and Services You May Qualify For," and 3) The Project Go phone number was updated.

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 (GO) 96-B. Southwest respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective June 1, 2012, pursuant to the March 15, 2012 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 a protest. Protests should be mailed or faxed 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 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

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(1), Southwest is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in GO 96-B since this advice letter is filed in compliance with Resolution E-3524 and the March 15, 2012 notice.



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Service

In accordance with GO 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.

Communications regarding this filing should be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Donald L. Soderberg

Attachments

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In Conformance with GO 96-B, General Rule 4.3

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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 P.O. Box 98510

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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, 2012 through May 31, 2013.

Number of		Number of	
Persons In	Total Gross	Persons In	Total Gross
Household	Annual Income	Household	Annual Income
1	\$22,340	5	\$54,020
2	\$30,260	6	\$61,940
3	\$38,180	7	\$69,860
4	\$46,100	8	\$77,780

For households with more than six persons, add \$7,920 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.

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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 of this California Gas Tariff, 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 of this California Gas Tariff.

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 program 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
<u>Annual Income</u>
\$22.340

Each Resident

The above income limit is effective from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013.

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APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM (FORM 902.6 05/2012)

Application for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program

Get a discount on your gas bill!

CARE provides a 20% discount on your gas bill every month for income-qualified customers. This discount is available for your primary residence only. The Southwest Gas bill must be in your name. You may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return other than your spouse's. You will need to renew your application every two years or when requested by Southwest Gas.

Qualification for the CARE Program is based on your household income and household size. Review the chart below, and if you think you may qualify, complete and return this application.

CARE Program Income Requirements (effective June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013)

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