

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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January 16, 2013

Advice Letter 900-G

Don Soderberg, Vice-President/Pricing
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Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

**Subject: IN COMPLIANCE WITH OP22 IN D.04-08-010 REGARDING THE
ADMINISTRATION OF SOUTHWEST'S PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM
SURCHARGES**

Dear Mr. Soderberg:

Advice Letter 900-G is effective November 25, 2012 with associated Tariffs in effect
January 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Donald L. Soderberg, Vice President/Pricing

October 26, 2012

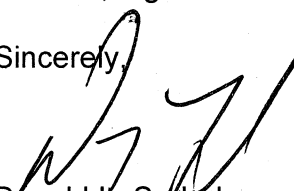
ATTN: Honesto Gatchalian
Tariff Unit, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4005
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)
Advice Letter No. 900

Dear Ms. Fitch:

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 900, together with California Gas Tariff P.U.C. Sheet No. 121.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Soderberg

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Enclosures



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 900

October 26, 2012

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) (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. |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 3rd Revised Sheet No. 121 | Schedule No. G-PPPS – Surcharge to Fund Public Purpose Programs (PPP) | 2nd Revised Sheet No. 121 |

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.12-09-026 and further confirmation with Energy Division Staff, Southwest Gas has calculated proposed PPP surcharges based on its 2011 CARE authorized subsidy levels, including outreach and administrative expenses, and ESAP program expenses. 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 2012) average as set forth in D.04-08-010. The calculation of Southwest's 2013 PPP surcharges are shown in the attached Appendix A.

Effective Date

Southwest Gas 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 Gas respectfully requests the rate changes proposed herein be approved November 25, 2012, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed, with an effective date of January 1, 2013.

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



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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.

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.

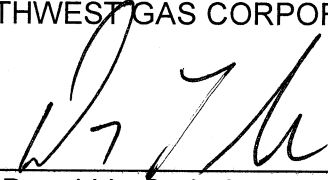
Communications regarding this filing should be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By 
Donald L. Soderberg

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Advice Letter No. 900

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 California service areas, except as may hereafter be provided.

RATES

| Customer Class | PPP SURCHARGE AMOUNT PER THERM | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|----------------|---|----------------------------------|---|
| | Non-CARE Customers | | | | CARE Customers | | | |
| | Southern CA | | Northern CA/ South Lake Tahoe | | Southern CA | | Northern CA/ South Lake Tahoe | |
| Core * | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | \$.15289 | R | \$.03747 | I | \$.02354 | R | \$.02354 | R |
| Commercial/Industrial | \$.15289 | R | \$.03747 | I | \$.02354 | R | \$.02354 | R |
| Gas Engine | \$.15289 | R | \$.03747 | I | N/A | | N/A | |
| Natural Gas Vehicle | \$.15289 | R | \$.03747 | I | N/A | | N/A | |
| Non-Core ** | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial/Industrial | \$.15289 | R | \$.03747 | I | N/A | | N/A | |

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

** Commercial/Industrial service includes Rate Schedule No. GS-70/GN-70/SLT-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 of this California Gas Tariff.

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
 CALIFORNIA JURISDICTIONS
 CALCULATION OF PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM SURCHARGES
 TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013**

| Line No. | Description (a) | Southern California (b) | Northern California and South Lake Tahoe (c) | Total (d) | Line No. |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|-------------------|----------|
| <u>Non-CARE Surcharge</u> | | | | | |
| 1 | CARE Program [1] | \$ 8,494,865 | \$ 578,759 | \$ 9,073,624 | 1 |
| 2 | Applicable Volume (Therms) [2] | 65,671,646 | 41,537,601 | | 2 |
| 3 | Surcharge Rate per Therm | <u>\$ 0.12935</u> | <u>\$ 0.01393</u> | | 3 |
| <u>CARE Surcharge</u> | | | | | |
| 4 | ESAP Program [1] | | | \$ 3,172,693 | 4 |
| 5 | Applicable Volume (Therms) [3] | | | 134,759,555 | 5 |
| 6 | CARE Surcharge | <u>\$ 0.02354</u> | <u>\$ 0.02354</u> | <u>\$ 0.02354</u> | 6 |
| 7 | Total Non-CARE Surcharge (Line 3 + Line 6) | <u>\$ 0.15289</u> | <u>\$ 0.03747</u> | | 7 |

[1] Funding levels approved in D.12-09-026.

[2] Three-year (36 consecutive months ended September 2012) average volumes for Southern California and Northern California, including South Lake Tahoe, ratemaking areas excluding exempt volumes.

[3] Three-year (36 consecutive months ended September 2012) average state-wide volumes excluding exempt volumes.