PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298



January 6, 2014

Advice Letter 928-G

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

Subject: TO UPDATE PROCUREMENT CHARGES APPLICABLE TO SCHEDULE

NO. GCP FOR CORE CUSTOMERS AND THE TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISE FEE SURCHARGES APPLICABLE TO CORE AND NONCORE CUSTOMERS IN SOUTHWEST'S CALIFORNIA SERVICE

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Dear Mr. Soderberg:

Advice Letter 928-G is effective January 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director

Edward Ramloft

Energy Division



Justin Lee Brown, Vice President/Regulatory Affairs

December 10, 2013

ATTN: 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. 928

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 928 together with California Gas Tariff P.U.C. Sheet No. 22.

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Justin Lee Brown

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Enclosures



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December 10, 2013

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or Company) (U 905 G) hereby tenders 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.
4th Revised Sheet No. 22	Preliminary Statement (Continued)	3rd Revised Sheet No. 22

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to adjust the tax factors reflected in the Preliminary Statement of Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff to reflect a change to the Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advances (ITCCA).

Pursuant to D.87-09-026 and Preliminary Statement 13 Section D in Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff, the Company must submit to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an advice letter filing to reflect any changes in the tax factor which would cause an increase or decrease of 5 percentage points or more. As such, Southwest Gas is revising its tax factor to reflect the sunset of the Federal Depreciation Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 signed by the President of the United States on January 2, 2013. The Federal Bonus Depreciation expires on December 31, 2013. As a result of this expiration, Southwest Gas' tax factor will be increased from 22 percent to 35 percent beginning January 1, 2014. Attachment-1 illustrates the calculation of the tax factor.

Effective Date

Southwest Gas 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 Gas respectfully requests the change proposed herein be approved with the effective date of January 1, 2014.

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.



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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. Justin Lee Brown, Vice President Regulatory Affairs Southwest Gas Corporation P.O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510 Facsimile: 702-222-1475

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(1), Southwest Gas is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in G.O. 96-B since the adjustments proposed herein are being filed pursuant to Southwest Gas' approved California Tariff.

<u>Service</u>

In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3, Southwest Gas 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

Justin Lee Brown

Vice President/Regulatory Affairs

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

R. Thomas Beach

Duane Morris, LLP

Director/Division of Ratepayer Advocates

P.O. Box 98510

Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510

California Gas Tariff

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

(Continued)

13. INCOME TAX COMPONENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND ADVANCES (Continued)

13C. APPLICABILITY

Income tax shall be collected on Contributions and Advances under the Company's California Gas Tariff, including but not limited to Rule Nos. 13, 15 and 16.

A Public Benefit Exemption may apply on a Contribution or Advance made to the Company by a government agency on the basis of either:

- 1. The Contribution or Advance is made pursuant to actual condemnation or the threat thereof as recognized by Internal Revenue Code Section 1033; or
- 2. The Contribution or Advance does not reasonably relate to the provision of service, but rather to the benefit of the public at large.

13D. DETERMINATION

The Income Tax Component of Contributions and Advance shall be calculated by multiplying the balance of the Applicant's Contributions and Advances by the tax factor of 35 percent beginning January 1, 2014, and thereafter.

The Company will submit to the Commission an advice letter filing to reflect any changes in the tax factor which would cause an increase or decrease of 5 percentage points or more.

The tax factor is established by using Method 5 as set forth in Decision Nos. 87-09-026 and 87-12-028 in Order Instituting Investigation 86-11-019.

The tax factors in Section 13D shall apply to all Contributions and Advances in accordance with Section D.6 of Rule No. 15, Gas Main Extensions, and Section E.4. of Rule No. 16, Gas Service Extensions of this California Gas Tariff.

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Decision No.

Issued by Justin Lee Brown Vice President Date Filed December 10, 2013

Effective January 1, 2014

Resolution No.

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
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CALIFORNIA GROSS-UP COMPUTATION INCLUDING CALIFORNIA INCOME TAXES

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Pursuant to the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 the temporary 50% bonus depreciation expired on 12/31/2013. Regular MACRS depreciation rate is effective January 1, 2014.