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October 29, 2015

Advice Letter 984

Justin Lee Brown
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**Subject: To Establish a Balancing Account in Accordance to
O.P. 4 of D.15-06-029**

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 984 is effective June 11, 2015.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Justin Lee Brown, Vice President/Regulation and Public Affairs

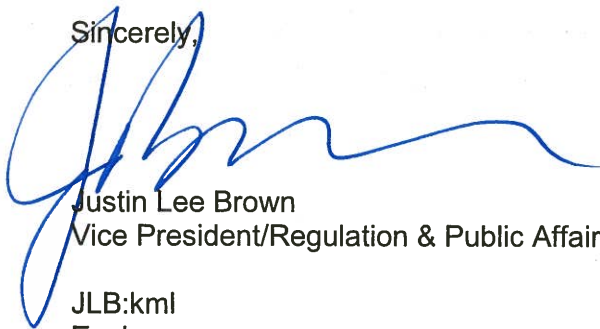
September 9, 2015

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. 984

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 984, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 2, 45.7 and 45.8.

Sincerely,



Justin Lee Brown
Vice President/Regulation & Public Affairs

JLB:kml
Enclosures



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 984

September 9, 2015

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for filing the following tariff sheets:

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	California Gas Tariff Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
4th Revised Sheet No. 2	Table of Contents	3rd Revised Sheet No. 2
Original Sheet No. 45.7	Preliminary Statement (<i>Continued</i>)	
Original Sheet No. 45.8	Preliminary Statement (<i>Continued</i>)	

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to revise the Preliminary Statement of Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff to establish the Biomethane Injection Incentive Program Balancing Account in accordance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 4 in Decision (D.) 15-06-029.

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) authorized utilities in D.15-06-029 to establish a balancing account to track the costs associated with the monetary incentive program that a biomethane gas producer may receive if it successfully interconnects and operates a biomethane gas project with the natural gas utility, and to recover the monetary incentive amount in rates, plus interest, from its customers.

Effective Date

Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after Energy Division approval) pursuant to General Order 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective as soon as possible and no later than October 9, 2015.



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Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based with specificity, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be sent no later than 20-days after the date of this Advice Letter filing and shall be sent by letter via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronically mailed. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
Attention: Investigation, Monitoring & Compliance Program Manager
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov
Facsimile: 415-703-2200

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. Justin Lee Brown
Vice President/Regulation & Public Affairs
Southwest Gas Corporation
P.O. Box 98510
Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510
Facsimile: 702-364-3452

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 tariff revisions proposed herein is being filed in compliance with D.15-06-029.



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Service

In accordance with G.O. 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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Regulatory Manager/California
Southwest Gas Corporation
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Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By: _____

Justin Lee Brown

Attachments

Distribution List

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In conformance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3

The following individual has been served by regular, first-class mail:

Joe Como, Acting Director
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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY
ENERGY UTILITY**

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905G)**

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: **Valerie Ontiveroz**

Phone #: **(702) 876-7323**

E-mail: **valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com**

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **984**

Subject of AL: **To establish a balancing account in accordance to OP 4 of Decision 15-06-029.**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Balancing Account**

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL **Not applicable**

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: **Not applicable**

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: **October 9, 2015**

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): **Not applicable**

Estimated system average rate effect (%): **Not applicable**

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: **Not applicable**

Service affected and changes proposed¹: **See 'Subject of AL' above**

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: **Not applicable**

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov

Utility Info (including e-mail)
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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
P.O. Box 98510
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California Gas Tariff

Canceling 4th Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2
3rd Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2

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Issued by
Justin Lee Brown
Vice President

Date Filed September 9, 2015
Effective _____
Resolution No. _____

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
(Continued)

27. BIOMETHANE INJECTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM BALANCING ACCOUNT (BIIPBA)

27A. PURPOSE

The BIIPBA is a two-way balancing account for the purpose of tracking and recording the Company's payments for eligible interconnection costs made to biomethane gas suppliers as set forth in Rule No. 22 of this California Gas Tariff. The payments are made in accordance with the Commission's monetary incentive program established in Decision (D) 15-06-029. The Company is authorized to establish the BIIPBA pursuant to D.15-06-029.

27B. APPLICABILITY

The BIIPBA provision applies to all rate schedules, excluding customers served under a Special Contract or any other exclusion provided for by the Commission.

27C. FORECASTED PERIOD VOLUMES

The volumes of gas, expressed in therms, to be utilized hereunder shall be the volumes estimated to be delivered during the 12 calendar-month period during which the BIIPBA adjustment rate is to be effective.

27D. BIIPBA ADJUSTMENT RATE

The Company shall file a Tier 2 Advice Letter, as necessary, to update the BIIPBA adjustment rate, with a requested effective date of January 1 of the following year. The BIIPBA adjustment rate shall be determined by dividing the balance in the account at the end of the latest available month at the time of filing by the Forecasted Period Volumes. The BIIPBA adjustment rate shall be set forth in the currently-effective Statement of Rates of this California Gas Tariff.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
(Continued)

27. BIOMETHANE INJECTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM BALANCING ACCOUNT
(BIIPBA) (Continued)

27E. ACCOUNTING

The Company will make the following entries to the BIIPBA subaccount at the end of each month.

- a. A debit entry equal to the incentive payments paid to the biomethane gas suppliers;
- b. A credit entry equal to the BIIPBA adjustment rate, excluding franchise taxes and uncollectible accounts expense, multiplied by the applicable volumes delivered during the month;
- c. An entry to record interest on the balance calculated as set forth in Section 12B of this Preliminary Statement.