

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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August 19, 2015

Advice Letter 980-G

Justin Lee Brown
Vice-President/Regulatory Affairs
Southwest Gas Corporation
PO Box 98510
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

SUBJECT: To Request Authorization to Make Accounting Entries to Reflect Shared Savings Associated with SWGC's Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM)

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 980-G is effective as of August 23, 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

July 24, 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. 980

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 980.
There are no tariff sheets associated with this filing.

Sincerely,

Justin Lee Brown
Vice President/Regulation & Public Affairs

JLB:jjp
Enclosures



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 980

July 24, 2015

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or Company) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for filing Advice Letter No. 980 pursuant to Preliminary Statement No. (PS) 17I pertaining to the Company's Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM) approved in Application 04-11-009. There are no tariff sheets associated with this filing.

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to request authorization to make an accounting entry to reflect shared shavings associated with Southwest Gas' GCIM for the reporting period November 1, 2008 to October 31, 2009.

Background

On July 10, 2015, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) issued their Monitoring and Evaluation Report (Report) regarding Southwest Gas' Annual GCIM Reports for the periods ending 2009, 2010 and 2011¹. The 2009 ending report resulted in a shared savings of \$84,844 and \$318,723 in Southwest Gas' Northern and Southern California rate jurisdictions, respectively. In accordance with PS 17, these savings are to be shared amongst the Company's customers and shareholders as follows: seventy-five percent, or \$63,633 in Northern California, and \$239,042 in Southern California is shared with Southwest Gas customers, while the remaining twenty-five percent, or \$100,892 in total, is to be allocated to the Company's shareholders. In its Report, ORA affirmed the Company's reported shared savings for the 2009 ending GCIM period. Therefore, Southwest Gas requests authority to appropriately account for the shareholder portion of savings.

This filing will not result in an increase or decrease in any rate or charge, conflict with any rate schedule or rule, or cause the withdrawal of service.

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.

¹ Pursuant to Southwest Gas' Preliminary Statement No. 17, the annual GCIM period begins November 1 of each year and concludes on October 31 of the following year.



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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

Noticing is not required pursuant to General Rule 4.2 in G.O. 96-B, since this advice letter is not requesting higher rates or charges, or more restrictive terms or conditions, than those currently in effect.



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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:

Valerie J. Ontiveroz
Regulatory Manager/California
Southwest Gas Corporation
P.O. Box 98510
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
Telephone: 702-876-7323
E-mail: valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By: 

Justin Lee Brown

Attachments

Distribution List

Advice Letter No. 980

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
Office of Ratepayer Advocates
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

The following individuals or entities have been served by electronic mail:

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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) #: **980**

Subject of AL: **To request authorization to make accounting entries to reflect shared savings associated with Southwest Gas' Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM).**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **GCIM**

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: **August 23, 2015**

No. of tariff sheets: **2**

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 proposed²: **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

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² Discuss in AL if more space is needed.