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December 31, 2015

Advice Letter 991-G

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

SUBJECT: Modify the GHGMA in the Preliminary Statement of Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff in Compliance with D.15-10-032

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 991-G is effective as of November 23, 2015.

Sincerely,

Edward Randolph

Director, Energy Division

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Justin Lee Brown, Vice President/Regulation and Public Affairs

November 23, 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. 991

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 991, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 45.6.

Sincerely

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Mice President/Regulation & Public Affairs

ULB:DM Enclosures



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November 23, 2015

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

California Gas Tariff

Cal. P.U.C.		Canceling Cal. P.U.C.
Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Sheet No.
1 st Revised Sheet No. 45.6	Preliminary Statement (Continued)	Original Sheet No. 45.6

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to modify the Greenhouse Gas Memorandum Account (GHGMA) in the Preliminary Statement of Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff in accordance with Decision (D.) 15-10-032.

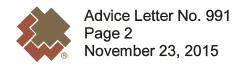
Background

On December 19, 2014, the Commission adopted D.14-12-040, which authorized natural gas utilities to establish a memorandum account to track Greenhouse Gas administrative costs incurred to comply with the California Air Resources Board natural supplier Capand-Trade Program.¹ Subsequently, on October 22, 2015, the Commission approved D.15-10-032, authorizing utilities to modify their existing memorandum accounts to record costs related to outreach. As such, Southwest Gas herewith revises its GHGMA to record outreach costs.

Effective Date

In accordance with D.15-10-032, this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (Effective Pending Disposition). Therefore,

¹ On January 20, 2015, Southwest Gas filed Advice Letter No. 967 to establish its GHGMA, effective January 1, 2015.



Southwest Gas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective November 23, 2015, which is the date filed.

Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based with specificity. 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 emailed. 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:

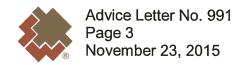
Mr. Justin Lee Brown Vice President/Regulation & Public Affairs Southwest Gas Corporation P.O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510 Facsimile: 702-364-3452

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(1), Southwest Gas believes it is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in G.O. 96-B since the tariff revisions proposed herein are being filed in compliance with D.14-12-040.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Ву:

Justin Lee Brown

Attachments

Distribution List

Advice Letter No. 991

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

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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:		Contact Person: Valerie J. Ontiveroz		
□ ELC	■ GAS	Phone #: (702) 876-7323		
□ PLC	☐ HEAT ☐ WATER	E-mail: valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com		
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)				
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WA		WATER = Water		
Advice Letter (AL) #: 991				
Subject of AL: Modify the GHGMA in the Preliminary Statement of Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff in compliance with D.15-10-032.				
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Memorandum Account				
AL filing type: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annual ■ One-Time ☐ Other				
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:				
Decision 15-10-032				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL Not applicable				
Summarize	differences between the AL	and the prior withdra	wn or rejected AL¹: Not applicable	
Resolution F	Required? ☐ Yes ■ No			
Requested effective date: November 23, 2015			No. of tariff sheets: 1	
Estimated sy	ystem annual revenue effec	t: (%):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 proposed ² : 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) Mr. Justin Lee Brown, Vice-President/Regulation & Public Affairs Southwest Gas Corporation P. O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510 E-mail: justin.brown@swgas.com Facsimile: 702-364-3452	

² Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT (Continued)

26. GREENHOUSE GAS MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (GHGMA)

26A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the GHGMA is to track the Company's administrative and outreach costs incurred to comply with the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) natural gas supplier Cap-and-Trade Program. The Company is authorized to establish the GHGMA pursuant to Decisions 14-12-040 and 15-10-032.

26B. APPLICABILITY

Costs recorded in the GHGMA will apply to all customer classes excluding end-use customers who emit 25,000 metric tons of CO2e or more per year and are directly regulated by the ARB and any other customers who elect to opt-in to direct regulation under ARB's rules.

26C. ACCOUNTING

The Company shall make the following entries to the GHGMA:

- 1. Debit entries equal to the Company's associated administrative and outreach costs that are directly associated with its Cap-and-Trade Program; and
- 2. An entry to record interest on the balance calculated as set forth in Section 12B of this Preliminary Statement.

26D. DISPOSITION

Costs recorded in the account may be recovered in rates only after request by the Company and approval by the Commission.

Advice Letter No. 991
Decision No. D.15-10-032

Issued by
Justin Lee Brown
Vice President

Date Filed November 23, 2015
Effective November 23, 2015
Resolution No.