

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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December 31, 2015

Advice Letter 991-G

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**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,

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

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,

Justin Lee Brown
Vice President/Regulation & Public Affairs

JLB:DM
Enclosures



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 991

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. Sheet No. | Title of Sheet | Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1 st Revised Sheet No. 45.6 | Preliminary Statement (<i>Continued</i>) | 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 Cap-and-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.



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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.



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Communications regarding this filing should be directed to:

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Southwest Gas Corporation
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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Lee Brown", written over a horizontal line.

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
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 (e-mail):

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Southern California Gas Company
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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 J. 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) #: **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 withdrawn or rejected AL¹: **Not applicable**

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: **November 23, 2015**

No. of tariff sheets: **1**

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

Utility Info (including e-mail)
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² Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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.