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December 17, 2015

Advice Letter 989

Justin Lee Brown
Vice President/Regulatory Affairs
Southwest Gas Corporation
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**Subject: In Compliance with FERC Order No. 809 Regarding
Modifications to Transportation Nomination Cycle
Times and a New Intraday Nomination Cycle**

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 989 is effective April 1, 2016.

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 13, 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. 989

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 989, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 252, 252.1 and 255.

Sincerely,

Justin Lee Brown
Vice President/Regulation & Public Affairs

JLB:jjp
Enclosures



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 989

November 13, 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.
2nd Revised Sheet No. 252	Rule No. 21 – Transportation of Customer-Secured Natural Gas	1st Revised Sheet No. 252
Original Sheet No. 252.1	Rule No. 21 – Transportation of Customer-Secured Natural Gas	
2nd Revised Sheet No. 255	Rule No. 21 – Transportation of Customer-Secured Natural Gas	1st Revised Sheet No. 255

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to modify Southwest Gas' Rule No. 21 – Transportation of Customer-Secured Natural Gas in compliance with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order No. 809, which yields changes to scheduling practices used by interstate pipelines, including changes to transportation nomination cycle times and a new intraday nomination cycle.

Background

On April 16, 2015, FERC issued Final Order No. 809 in Docket No. RM14-2-000, providing revisions to scheduling practices used by interstate pipelines. FERC Order No. 809 revised regulations to better align the scheduling of wholesale natural gas with electricity markets. Interstate pipelines are required to comply with these revisions on the Gas Day that begins at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time (7:00 a.m. Pacific Clock Time) on April 1, 2016.

Effective Date

Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter (AL) is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2, effective after Energy Division Approval, pursuant to General Order (G.O.) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests this AL be approved December 13, 2015, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed, with the proposed revisions to Rule No. 21, effective April 1, 2016.



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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. 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, NV 89193-8510
Facsimile: 702-364-3452

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(2), Southwest Gas is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in G.O. 96-B since this advice letter is filed in accordance with previously authorized procedures as noted herein.

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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Service (continued)

Communications regarding this filing should be directed to:

Valerie J. Ontiveroz
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
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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PGETariffs@pge.com

Southern California Gas Company
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San Diego Gas & Electric 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 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) #: **989**

Subject of AL: **In compliance with FERC Order No. 809 regarding modifications to transportation nomination cycle times and a new intraday nomination cycle.**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Compliance Filing**

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: **April 1, 2016**

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: **Rule No. 21 – Transportation of Customer-Secured Natural Gas**

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)
Mr. Justin Lee Brown,
Vice-President/Regulation & Public Affairs
Southwest Gas Corporation
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Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
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Facsimile: 702-364-3452

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

RULE NO. 21

TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-SECURED NATURAL GAS
(Continued)

C. QUANTITIES OF GAS (Continued)

Cycle 1 (Timely Nominations)	11:00 a.m. Pacific Clock Time on the day prior to flow.	C
Cycle 2 (Evening Nominations)	4:00 p.m. Pacific Clock Time on the day prior to flow.	
Cycle 3 (Intraday Nominations)	8:00 a.m. Pacific Clock Time on the flow day.	T
Cycle 4 (Intraday Nominations)	12:30 p.m. Pacific Clock Time on the flow day.	T
Cycle 5 (Intraday Nominations)	5:00 p.m. Pacific Clock Time on the flow day.	N N

Nominations Made to the Company: If the customer nominates to the Company, the customer or Agent must provide their nomination(s) to the Company via a Company-approved method no later than the nomination deadlines set forth below:

Cycle 1 (Timely Nominations)	9:30 a.m. Pacific Clock Time on the day prior to flow.	C
Cycle 2 (Evening Nominations)	2:30 p.m. Pacific Clock Time on the day prior to flow.	
Cycle 3 (Intraday Nominations)	6:30 a.m. Pacific Clock Time on the flow day.	T
Cycle 4 (Intraday Nominations)	11:00 a.m. Pacific Clock Time on the flow day.	C
Cycle 5 (Intraday Nominations)	3:30 p.m. Pacific Clock Time on the flow day.	N N

a. Customers or their Agents may submit Nominations for multiple days (Standing Nominations), provided such Nominations are within the term of the customer's transportation service agreement. The Company will confirm whether it has sufficient operational capacity to deliver all or a portion of the customer's gas.

RULE NO. 21

TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-SECURED NATURAL GAS
(Continued)

C. QUANTITIES OF GAS (Continued)

- b. Nominations received after a deadline will be processed for the following cycle with the exception that late Cycle 5 Nominations will not be processed. The Company will confirm the volumes nominated for Cycle 1 (Timely Nominations) through all five cycles, regardless of upstream cuts in scheduled quantities, unless the Company receives a revised Nomination from the responsible party for any subsequent cycle.
- c. Intraday Nominations will replace existing Standing Nominations only for the duration of the flow day requested.

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RULE NO. 21

TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-SECURED NATURAL GAS
(Continued)

D. TRADING OF IMBALANCE QUANTITIES (Continued)

2. Trading of imbalance quantities by customers may begin at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Clock Time on the 25th calendar day in the month of notification and must be completed by 3:00 p.m. Pacific Clock Time of the 30th day of the month in which the customer's imbalance statement is rendered. During the month of February, the trading period begins at 7:00 a.m. Pacific Clock Time on the 23rd calendar day of the month and ends at 3:00 p.m. Pacific Clock Time on the 28th calendar day of the month. If the end of the trading period falls on a weekend or holiday, the prior business day shall be the last day for trading to occur.
3. Trading of imbalance quantities may reduce a customer's imbalance toward, but not beyond, a zero imbalance level. A customer may not trade to establish an imbalance in the opposite direction of the customer's original imbalance.
4. Cumulative Imbalances for customers with multiple meters will be determined by aggregating all meters included under a particular transportation service agreement. Customers with multiple meters will not be allowed to trade imbalances based on individual meters or sales accounts.
5. The customer is solely responsible for contacting other transportation customers of the Company or of Southern California Gas Company to explore opportunities for trading imbalances. The customer is also solely responsible for any financial arrangements between trading partners occurring as a result of the completion of an imbalance trade.
6. Customers wishing to execute a trade of imbalance quantities must submit an Imbalance Trading (Form No. 880.0SCA for Southern California service area customers or Form No. 880.00NCA for Northern California and South Lake Tahoe service area customers) to the Company by the imbalance trading deadline. Such form shall be directed to a location and via a method specified by the Company. The Company will review, and approve as appropriate, all imbalance trading requests submitted by customers. Customers whose trade requests are approved will be sent revised transportation billing worksheets and invoices. The Company will not be responsible for, or involved with, the transfer of gas supply between customers or any related compensatory transactions between customers.