

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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February 5, 2016

**Advice Letter 990**

Justin Lee Brown  
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Southwest Gas Corporation  
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**Subject: Correction of Typographical Error in the Southern  
California Division Statement of Rates Applicable to  
Schedule No. GS-LUZ**

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 990 is effective January 1, 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 18, 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. 990

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 990, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 66 and 67.

Sincerely,

Justin Lee Brown  
Vice President/Regulation & Public Affairs

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Enclosures



# SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 990

November 18, 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.<br>Sheet No.     | California Gas Tariff<br>Title of Sheet                                      | Canceling<br>Cal. P.U.C.<br>Sheet No. |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 64th Revised<br>Sheet No. 66 | Statement of Rates - Rates Applicable to Southern<br>California Service Area | 63rd Revised<br>Sheet No. 66          |
| 47th Revised<br>Sheet No. 67 | Statement of Rates - Rates Applicable to Southern<br>California Service Area | 46th Revised<br>Sheet No. 67          |

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to correct a typographical error in Southwest Gas' Southern California Division Statement of Rates for Schedule No. GS-LUZ – LUZ Solar Partners Ltd. Natural Gas Service (GS-LUZ).

### **Background**

On November 26, 2014, Southwest Gas filed Advice Letter No. 959 to update its FCAM and Interstate Transportation Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ITCAM) balancing account surcharges, and to adjust transportation and storage rates to reflect forecast period upstream pipeline charges. Advice Letter No. 959, applicable to all rate schedules, was approved by the Energy Division on December 19, 2014, with rates effective January 1, 2015.<sup>1</sup> Due to an administrative error, the FCAM surcharge rate (\$.18603) applicable to GS-LUZ was not updated on the Southern California Division Statement of Rates Sheet Nos. 66 and 67 included in Advice Letter No. 959, and subsequently incorporated into the Company's California Gas Tariff.<sup>2</sup> In turn, the subsequent monthly Advice Letters which updated the Company's gas procurement charges and included Sheet No. 66 were also affected and did not contain the surcharge rate for GS-LUZ.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Energy Division approved Advice Letter No. 959, effective December 26, 2014. However, Southwest Gas did not implement the rate changes until January 1, 2015, consistent with the Company's request in the Advice Letter.

<sup>2</sup> The FCAM surcharge rate was correctly updated in Advice Letter No. 959 for all other applicable rate schedules.

<sup>3</sup> Since the FCAM surcharge rate was adjusted and approved in Advice Letter No. 959, Southwest Gas is only seeking to correct the typographical error associated with Advice Letter No. 959.



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### **Background** *(continued)*

Prior to January 2015, the customer<sup>4</sup> received two notifications regarding the FCAM surcharge rate. First, in October 2013, the customer was notified that it would be subject to the FCAM surcharge rate beginning on January 1, 2015. Then, in December 2014, the customer was notified of the upcoming January 1, 2015 rate change. Although the FCAM surcharge rate for GS-LUZ was not updated in the tariff, the customer was charged the correct rate each month beginning January 1, 2015.

### **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. Southwest Gas respectfully requests this Advice Letter be approved December 18, 2015, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed, pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 7.3 in General Order (G.O.) 96-B. However, since this is a correction to Advice Letter No. 959 that was approved effective January 1, 2015, Southwest Gas respectfully requests the tariff sheets filed herein also be made effective January 1, 2015.

### **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

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<sup>4</sup> There is only one customer on GS-LUZ.



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**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 its California Gas Tariff.

**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  
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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**

Advice Letter No. 990

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:

Pacific Gas & Electric 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) #: **990**

Subject of AL: **Correction of typographical error in the Southern California Division Statement of Rates applicable to Schedule No. GS-LUZ.**

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

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 AL<sup>1</sup>: **Not applicable**

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **January 1, 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: **Schedule No. GS-LUZ**

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>5</sup>: **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](mailto: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](mailto:justin.brown@swgas.com)**  
**Facsimile: 702-364-3452**

<sup>5</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**STATEMENT OF RATES**  
**RATES APPLICABLE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SERVICE AREA [1]**

| Schedule No. and Type of Charge   | Margin    | Charges [2]<br>and<br>Adjustments | Subtotal Gas<br>Usage Rate | Other Surcharges |           | Gas Cost  | Effective<br>Sales Rate |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
|   |           |                                   |                            | CPUC             | PPP       |           |                         |
| <b>GS-50-Core Natural Gas Service for Motor Vehicles</b>                |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| Basic Service Charge  | \$25.00   |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$25.00                 |
| Cost per Therm  | \$ .11199 | \$ .32239                         | \$ .43438                  | \$ .00068        | \$ .10346 | \$ .27208 | \$ .81060               |
| <b>GS-60-Core Internal Combustion Engine Gas Service</b>                |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| Basic Service Charge  | \$25.00   |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$25.00                 |
| Cost per Therm  | \$ .16584 | \$ .32239                         | \$ .48823                  | \$ .00068        | \$ .10346 | \$ .27208 | \$ .86445               |
| <b>GS-LUZ-Solar Electric Generation Gas Service</b>                     |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| Basic Service Charge  | \$50.00   |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$50.00                 |
| Cost per Therm  | \$ .04800 | \$ .18603                         | \$ .23403                  | \$ .00068        |           |           | \$ .23471               |
| <b>GS-66-Core Small Electric Power Generation Gas Service</b>           |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| Basic Service Charge  | \$25.00   |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$25.00                 |
| Cost per Therm  | \$ .23008 | \$ .32239                         | \$ .55247                  | \$ .00068        |           | \$ .27208 | \$ .82523               |
| <b>GS-70-Noncore General Gas Transportation Service</b>                 |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| Basic Service Charge  | \$100.00  |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$100.00                |
| Transportation Service Charge   | \$780.00  |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$780.00                |
| Cost per Therm  | \$ .12099 | \$ .22730                         | \$ .34829                  | \$ .00068        | \$ .10346 |           | \$ .45243               |
| <b>GS-VIC City of Victorville Gas Service</b>                           |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| Basic Service Charge  | \$11.00   |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$ 11.00                |
| Transportation Service Charge   | \$780.00  |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$780.00                |
| Cost per Therm  | \$ .34024 | \$ .32232                         | \$ .66256                  | \$ .00068        |           | \$ .27208 | \$ .93532               |
| <b>TFF-Transportation Franchise Fee Surcharge Provision</b>             |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| TFF Surcharge per Therm   |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$ .00335               |
| <b>TDS - Transportation Distribution System Shrinkage Charge</b>        |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| TDS Charge per Therm  |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$ .00207               |
| <b>MHPS-Master-Metered Mobile Home Park Safety Inspection Provision</b> |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           |                         |
| MHPS Surcharge per Space per Month                                      |           |                                   |                            |                  |           |           | \$ .21000               |



**STATEMENT OF RATES**  
**EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIVISION SCHEDULES [1]**

| Schedule No. and Type of Change  | Margin    | Charges [2]<br>and<br>Adjustments                       | Subtotal Gas<br>Usage Rate                    | Other Surcharges |                  | Gas Cost | Effective Sales<br>Rate |
|--|-----------|---|---|------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------------|
|  |           |   |   | CPUC             | PPP              |          |                         |
| <p>[1] Customers taking only transportation service will pay the Effective Sales Rate less the Interstate Reservation and Gas Cost components of the Effective Sales Rate, plus a Transportation Service Charge of \$780 per month and an amount for distribution shrinkage calculated by multiplying the currently effective Gas Cost rate per therm by the Lost and Unaccounted For Gas percentage of 0.76%. The PGA Balancing Account Adjustment is applicable to customers converting from sales service to transportation service for a period of 12 months. The volume charge for customer-secured natural gas transportation will also be subject to the TFF Surcharge.</p> <p>[2] The Charges and Adjustments applicable to each tariff rate schedule includes the following components:</p> |           |   |   |                  |                  |          |                         |
|  |           | GS-10,<br>GS-11,<br>GS-12,<br>GS-15,<br>GS-20,<br>GS-25 | GS-35,<br>GS-40,<br>GS-50,<br>GS-60,<br>GS-66 | GS-70            | GS-VIC           | GS-LUZ   |                         |
| Upstream Intrastate Charges  |           |   |   |                  |                  |          |                         |
| Storage  | \$        | .01445  |   |                  | \$ .01445        |          |                         |
| Variable   |           | .03291  | \$ .03291                                     |                  | .03291           |          |                         |
| Upstream Interstate Reservation Charges  |           | .05269  |   |                  | .05269           |          |                         |
| IRRAM Surcharge  |           | .00007  | .00007  |                  |                  |          |                         |
| Balancing Account Adjustments  |           |   |   |                  |                  |          |                         |
| FCAM*  |           | .21398  | .18603  | .21398           | \$ .18603        |          |                         |
| ITCAM  |           | .00829  | .00829  | .00829           |                  |          |                         |
| <b>Total Rate Adjustment</b>   | <b>\$</b> | <b>.32239</b>   | <b>\$ .22730</b>                              | <b>\$ .32232</b> | <b>\$ .18603</b> |          |                         |

\* The FCAM surcharge includes an amount of \$.18603 per therm related to the difference between Southwest Gas' authorized margin and recorded revenues intended to recover these costs.