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October 6, 2017

Southwest Gas Corporation
PO Box 98510
Las Vegas, NV 89193

RE: Docket No.: 16-10008
Investigation and rulemaking regarding the amendment of NAC 704.370, 704.3936, and 704.4185 pursuant to Assembly Bill 170 (2013).

Docket No.: 17-06030
Application of Southwest Gas Corporation filed under Advice Letter No. 506 to revise Gas Tariff No. 7 to modify Discontinuance, Termination, Restoration, and Refusal of Service Rule No. 6 pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 16-10008 and to modify Facilities Extensions Rule No. 9 to align the refund period for advances for all projects.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Regulatory Operations Staff has reviewed and processed the tariff sheets as filed in the above referenced dockets. Enclosed are copies of the tariff sheets which have been accepted for filing by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, effective September 27, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Biasotti".

Liz Biasotti
Administrative Assistant III

Enclosure(s)

cc: PUC Master File

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 - (4) The name, title and signature of the person certifying the emergency.

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F. TERMINATION OF SERVICE BY COMPANY WITHOUT NOTICE (Continued)

6. Upon an order of any court or the Commission.
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2. Refunds will be made annually, or intermittently within the annual period at the option of the Company. Amounts refunded may be accumulated to a minimum of \$50, or the total refundable balance if less than \$50.
3. When two or more parties make a joint advance on the same extension, refundable amounts will be distributed to these parties in the same proportion as their individual percentages of the total joint advance.
4. The refund period shall be ten years from the date of the completion of the extension, or a period mutually agreed upon by the Company and the applicant.
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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

June 16, 2017

Ms. Breanne Potter
Commission Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, NV 89701-3109

Dear Ms. Potter:

Southwest Gas Corporation herewith submits for filing Advice Letter No. 506.

Communications regarding this Advice Letter should be directed to:

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Regulatory Manager/Nevada
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Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
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Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Timperley
Regulatory Manager/Nevada

Enclosures

c: Eric Witkoski, Bureau of Consumer Protection
Anne-Marie Cuneo, Public Utilities Commission of Nevada



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 506

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) tenders herewith for filing the following tariff sheets applicable to its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7:

Proposed PUCN Sheet No.

1st Revised Sheet No. 169
2nd Revised Sheet No. 174
2nd Revised Sheet No. 186
2nd Revised Sheet No. 187

Supersedes PUCN Sheet No.

Original Sheet No. 169
1st Revised Sheet No. 174
1st Revised Sheet No. 186
1st Revised Sheet No. 187

Southwest Gas is making this filing to update its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 to reflect changes to Southwest Gas' Rule No. 9, which align the refund period for advances for all projects and appropriately credit projects for the additional verified incremental permanent load connected to a facilities extension. This filing also reflects changes to Southwest Gas' Rule No. 6, which address the Commission directive in paragraph 3 of the Order in Docket No. 16-10008 to conform to the revised regulations.

Rule No. 6

Docket No. 16-10008 was an Investigation and Rulemaking Docket opened by the Commission to amend Sections 704.370, 704.3936, and 704.4185 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), pursuant to Assembly Bill 170 (2013). The amendments approved in this docket recognize the authority of advanced practice registered nurses to issue statements certifying that any termination of utility service would be dangerous to the health of a utility customer. Paragraph 3 of the Commission's final order in Docket No. 16-10008 directed all jurisdictional utilities to review their current tariffs and, if necessary, file revisions to those tariffs to conform to the regulations. The proposed changes to Southwest Gas' Rule No. 6 conform with the approved regulations.

Rule No. 9

Currently, the refund period for advances relating to facilities extensions for individually metered subdivisions, tracts, housing projects, and multi-family dwellings is ten years. The refund period for advances for all other projects is currently five years. The proposed changes allow for a refund period of ten years for all facilities extension projects. This provides a uniform refund period for all projects, and is consistent with the time generally required for developers to complete projects. By establishing a longer time horizon in which developers can qualify for a refund of an advance, they have a greater opportunity to establish and grow the permanent load necessary for long term success of the project.

The changes also allow customers to receive the appropriate credit for additional verified incremental permanent load connected to a facilities extension. The current Tariff



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prohibits refunds associated with additional incremental permanent load realized (and verified) for additional customers that connect to a facilities extension or series of facilities extensions that were not contemplated with the original facilities extension. The changes eliminate that prohibition and allow credit for additional verified incremental permanent load connected to a facilities extension through a further extension or series of extensions. Southwest Gas' proposed Tariff changes provide additional flexibility for developers/customers and supports economic development within the Company's service territory. These changes also allow for the appropriate recognition of additional verified incremental permanent load connected to a further extension or series of extensions constructed beyond the original extension. These changes provide benefits to the developer/new customer through potentially lower required contributions, while continuing to protect existing customers through the economic feasibility test required in Rule No. 9.

This filing is made in accordance with the NAC Chapter 703, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The requested effective date for the proposed revisions to Southwest Gas' Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 is July 31, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
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By


Justin Lee Brown

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA
DRAFT NOTICE
(Applications, Tariff Filings, Complaints, and Petitions)

Pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) 703.162, the Commission requires that a draft notice be included with all applications, tariff filings, complaints and petitions. Please complete and include **ONE COPY** of this form with your filing. (Completion of this form may require the use of more than one page)

A title that describes the relief requested (see NAC 703.160(4)(a)):

Filing of Advice Letter No. 506 to update Southwest Gas Corporation’s Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 to reflect changes to its Rule No. 9, which align the refund period for advances for all projects and appropriately credit projects for the additional verified incremental permanent load connected to a facilities extension. This filing also reflects changes to Southwest Gas’ Rule No. 6, which address the Commission directive in paragraph 3 of the Order in Docket No. 16-10008 to conform to the revised regulations.

The name of the applicant, complainant, petitioner or the name of the agent for applicant, complainant or petitioner (see NAC 703.160(4)(b)):

Southwest Gas Corporation.

A brief description of the purpose of the filing or proceeding, including, without limitation, a clear and concise introductory statement that summarizes the relief requested or the type of proceeding scheduled **AND** the effect of the relief or proceeding upon consumers (see NAC 703.160(4)(c)):

Southwest Gas seeks an order authorizing it to update its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 to align the refund period for advances for all projects and appropriately credit projects for the additional verified incremental permanent load connected to a facilities extension. Southwest Gas believes these changes provide benefits to the developer/new customer through potentially lower required contributions, while continuing to protect existing customers through the economic feasibility test required in Rule No. 9.

This filing also reflects changes to Southwest Gas’ Rule No. 6, which address the Commission directive in paragraph 3 of the Order in Docket No. 16-10008 to conform to the revised regulations.

A statement indicating whether a consumer session is required to be held pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (“NRS”) 704.069(1):

Southwest Gas does not believe a consumer session is required.

If the draft notice pertains to a tariff filing, please include the tariff number **AND** the section number(s) or schedule number(s) being revised.

Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7
Sheet Nos. 169, 174, 186, 187

CERTIFICATION

Application For Tariff Approval Filed Under An Advice Letter

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada

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Amy L. Timperley, hereby certifies as follows:

1. I am an authorized representative of Southwest Gas Corporation.
(utility name)
2. Pursuant to NRS 704.100(1)(f), I attest that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry, the proposed change in schedule does not change any rate or result in an increase in the annual gross operating revenue of Southwest Gas Corporation in an amount that exceeds \$15,000.
(utility name)

I certify that the foregoing statements are true.

June 16, 2017

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy L. Timperley", is written over a horizontal line.

Signature

Amy L. Timperley

Printed Name