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February 14, 2018

**Advice Letter 1064-G**

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**SUBJECT: Establishment of Dairy Biomethane Pilot Project Solicitation Development  
Memorandum Account**

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 1064-G is effective as of January 28, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



## **SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

December 29, 2017

ATTN: Tariff Unit, Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)  
Advice Letter No. 1064

Enclosed herewith is an original and one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 1064, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet No. 45.12.

Sincerely,

Valerie J. Ontiveroz  
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Enclosures



# SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 1064

December 29, 2017

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or Company) (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.
Original Sheet No. 45.12	Preliminary Statement – (continued)	

### **Purpose and Background**

The purpose of this filing is to modify the Preliminary Statement of Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff to establish the Dairy Biomethane Pilot Project Solicitation Development Memorandum Account (DBPSMA) pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 4, in Decision (D.) 17-12-004.

On June 15, 2017, the Commission issued Rulemaking (R.) 17-06-015, to develop a framework providing direction to gas corporations to implement not less than five dairy biomethane pilot projects to demonstrate interconnection to the common carrier pipeline system and allow for rate recovery of reasonable infrastructure costs pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1383. On December 14, 2017, the Commission issued D.17-12-004, which establishes the implementation and selection criteria framework to implement the dairy biomethane pilots required by SB 1383.<sup>1</sup> D.17-12-004 requires the establishment of a memorandum account to record expenditures for solicitation development associated with the dairy biomethane pilot projects.

Should Southwest Gas be informed that a dairy biomethane pilot project has been selected within its service area, the Company will file additional advice letters to establish the required memorandum and balancing accounts, and to seek approval of the contracts with the selected pilot project pursuant to OPs 5 and 6 in D.17-12-004, respectively.

This Advice Letter will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

<sup>1</sup> D.17-12-004, OP 1 at p.23, adopts Appendix A – “Dairy Biomethane Pilot Implementation Framework” and Appendix B – “Selection Criteria and Framework”.



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### **Effective Date**

In accordance with OP 4 in D.17-12-004, this Advice Letter is classified as Tier 2 (Effective After Energy Division Approval) and subject to Energy Division disposition pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Therefore, Southwest Gas respectfully requests this Advice Letter be made effective January 28, 2018, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed.

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Justin Lee Brown

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
(Continued)

31. DAIRY BIOMETHANE PILOT PROJECT SOLICITATION DEVELOPMENT  
MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (DBPSMA)

31A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the DBPSMA is to track the Company's solicitation development expenditures related to the implementation of Health & Safety Code Section 39730.7(d)(2), which directs gas corporations to implement not less than five dairy biomethane pilot projects to demonstrate interconnection to the common carrier pipeline system, in accordance with the implementation and selection criteria framework adopted in Decision (D.) 17-12-004. The Company is authorized to establish the DBPSMA pursuant to D.17-12-004.

31B. TRACKING PROCEDURES

The Company shall maintain the DBPSMA by tracking the expenditures for solicitation development associated with the Dairy Biomethane Pilot Projects. Separate accounts will be maintained for each of the Company's three California rate jurisdictions. Interest on the tracked balance will be calculated as set forth in Section 12B of the Preliminary Statement.

31C. DISPOSITION

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