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Advice Letter 1113-G

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**SUBJECT: Establishment of the Customer Data Modernization Initiative Memorandum
Account Pursuant to Decision 19-01-006**

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 1113-G is effective as of October 25, 2019.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/
Director, Energy Division



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

October 25, 2019

Advice Letter No. 1113-G

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Establishment of the Customer Data Modernization Initiative
Memorandum Account Pursuant to Decision 19-10-006**

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its California Gas Tariff. The tariff sheets being modified because of this submission are listed on Attachment A.

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to establish the Customer Data Modernization Initiative Memorandum Account (CDMIMA) pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 3 in D.19-10-006.

Background

On April 26, 2019, Southwest Gas filed Application (A.) 19-04-022 requesting authority to implement the Customer Data Modernization Initiative (CDMI) and establish a two-way balancing account to record the revenues and costs associated with the CDMI between general rate cases. The CDMI consists of replacing the Company's two-critical customer-related data systems – Customer Service System and the Gas Transaction System.

On May 16, 2019, Southwest Gas filed an expedited motion requesting authority to establish the CDMIMA to record the costs associated with the implementation of the CDMI (Motion) that it has already begun to incur. As the CDMI is a large and financially significant project that should be implemented as soon as practicable so that Southwest Gas can continue to provide the service quality and safety its customers deserve and expect, Southwest Gas would face a significant financial burden should it move forward with the CDMI and not be able to recover the interim costs. Southwest Gas' Motion was uncontested. On October 10, 2019, the Commission approved D.19-10-006 granting Southwest Gas' request, noting that the CDMIMA will allow Southwest Gas the ability to record and timely track costs relating to the CDMI.¹ D.19-10-006 further notes that while the authority to establish the CDMIMA is granted, the Commission is not authorizing cost

¹ D.19-10-006, at pg. 4.



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recovery for the CDMI, since the question of whether cost recovery for the CDMI is appropriate will be determined in a later decision resolving A.19-04-022.²

Therefore, pursuant to D.19-10-006, Southwest Gas submits this Advice Letter to establish the CDMIMA.

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

Effective Date

Pursuant to OP 3 in D.19-10-006, Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending Energy Division disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be approved October 25, 2019, which is the date filed.

Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the California Public Utilities 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 submission, and shall be sent by letter via U.S. Mail, facsimile, or electronically. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

ATTN: Tariff Unit
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: 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, emailed or faxed to:

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² *Id.* at pgs. 4-5.



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Notice

Southwest Gas believes it is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 of GO 96-B, since this Advice Letter is being submitted pursuant to OP 3 in D.19-10-006 and will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule that are currently in effect.

Service

In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rule 7.2, 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 submission should be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By: 
Valerie J. Ontiveroz

Attachments

Distribution List

Advice Letter No. 1113

In conformance with GO 96-B, General Rule 4.3

The following individuals or entities have been served by electronic mail:

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ATTACHMENT A
Advice Letter No. 1113

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
10th Revised Sheet No. 2	Table of Contents (<i>Continued</i>)	9th Revised Sheet No. 2
Original Sheet No. 45.16	Preliminary Statement (<i>Continued</i>)	***

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510

California Gas Tariff

Canceling 10th Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2
9th Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2

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Decision No. 19-10-006

Issued by
Justin Lee Brown
Senior Vice President

Date Filed October 25, 2019
Effective October 25, 2019
Resolution No. _____

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
(Continued)

34. CUSTOMER DATA MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT
(CDMIMA)

34A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the CDMIMA is to record and track the costs associated with the implementation of the Company's Customer Data Modernization Initiative (CDMI). The Company is authorized to establish the CDMIMA pursuant to Decision 19-10-006.

33B. APPLICABILITY

The CDMIMA balance will be recovered from all customer classes, unless specifically requested for exclusion by the Company.

33C. ACCOUNTING

The Company shall make the following entries into the CDMIMA:

1. Debit entries equal to the Company's incremental operations and maintenance (O&M) expenses and capital related costs and taxes associated with the CDMI. The capital related costs include depreciation, taxes and return; and
2. An entry to record interest on the balance calculated as set forth in Section 12B of this Preliminary Statement.

33D. DISPOSITION

The balance in the CDMIMA shall be transferred to the two-way balancing account associated with the implementation of the CDMI, as proposed in Application 19-04-022. Once the balance is transferred, the CDMIMA shall be closed.

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ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person: Valerie J. Ontiveroz

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 1113

Tier Designation: Tier 1

Subject of AL: To establish the Customer Data Modernization Initiative Memorandum Account.

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Procurement

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.19-10-006

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: Not Applicable

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 10/25/19

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: Not applicable

Service affected and changes proposed¹: See 'Subject of AL' above

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: Not applicable

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

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ENERGY Advice Letter Keywords

Affiliate	Direct Access	Preliminary Statement
Agreements	Disconnect Service	Procurement
Agriculture	ECAC / Energy Cost Adjustment	Qualifying Facility
Avoided Cost	EOR / Enhanced Oil Recovery	Rebates
Balancing Account	Energy Charge	Refunds
Baseline	Energy Efficiency	Reliability
Bilingual	Establish Service	Re-MAT/Bio-MAT
Billings	Expand Service Area	Revenue Allocation
Bioenergy	Forms	Rule 21
Brokerage Fees	Franchise Fee / User Tax	Rules
CARE	G.O. 131-D	Section 851
CPUC Reimbursement Fee	GRC / General Rate Case	Self Generation
Capacity	Hazardous Waste	Service Area Map
Cogeneration	Increase Rates	Service Outage
Compliance	Interruptible Service	Solar
Conditions of Service	Interutility Transportation	Standby Service
Connection	LIEE / Low-Income Energy Efficiency	Storage
Conservation	LIRA / Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance	Street Lights
Consolidate Tariffs	Late Payment Charge	Surcharges
Contracts	Line Extensions	Tariffs
Core	Memorandum Account	Taxes
Credit	Metered Energy Efficiency	Text Changes
Curtable Service	Metering	Transformer
Customer Charge	Mobile Home Parks	Transition Cost
Customer Owned Generation	Name Change	Transmission Lines
Decrease Rates	Non-Core	Transportation Electrification
Demand Charge	Non-firm Service Contracts	Transportation Rates
Demand Side Fund	Nuclear	Undergrounding
Demand Side Management	Oil Pipelines	Voltage Discount
Demand Side Response	PBR / Performance Based Ratemaking	Wind Power
Deposits	Portfolio	Withdrawal of Service
Depreciation	Power Lines	