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May 8, 2020

**Advice Letter 1121-G
1121-G-A
1121-G-B**

Justin Lee Brown
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Southwest Gas Corporation
PO Box 98510
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

**SUBJECT: Energy Savings Assistance Program Bridge Funding Plan for January 1,
2021 - June 30, 2021.**

Dear Mr. Brown:

Advice Letter 1121-G, 1121-G-A, 1121-G-B is effective as of January 1, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward Randolph".

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



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

March 13, 2020

Advice 1121-G-B

(U 905 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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Purpose

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) hereby submits this supplemental Advice Letter to update Southwest Gas' Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program Bridge Funding Plan for January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 5 in Decision (D.) 19-11-005. This supplemental Advice Letter replaces in its entirety Advice Letter No. 1121-G-A submitted on February 28, 2020. There are no tariff sheets associated with this Advice Letter submission.

Background

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On December 18, 2019, Southwest Gas submitted its Tier 1 Advice Letter in compliance with OP 5. At the Energy Division's request, Southwest Gas submitted supplemental Advice Letter No. 1121-G-A on February 28, 2020 replacing the originally submitted Advice Letter in its entirety.

Energy Savings Assistance Bridge Funding Plan

In accordance with D.19-11-005, Southwest Gas developed an ESA Bridge Funding Plan setting forth the program bridge funding amount, source for bridge funds and treatment goals for the January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 bridge period. On February 28, 2020, Southwest Gas updated its original estimated budget of \$2,425,000 to \$2,700,000 and its household treatment goal of 1,000 homes to 900 homes for the period covering January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021.

Southwest Gas has updated its original anticipated unspent funds of \$2,700,000 to \$1,300,000 from ESA Program years 2018-2020. Additional revenue of approximately \$1,400,000 will be needed for the remainder of the bridge funding period. The following table illustrates Southwest Gas' updated proposed bridge funding amount for the period January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021:

¹ D.19-11-005 at pgs. 8-9.

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Southwest Gas' Bridge Funding January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021

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If the Commission has not approved Southwest Gas' 2021-2026 ESA and CARE Program Budget Applications by May 16, 2021, Southwest Gas will require additional ESA Program funding for the remainder of 2021 (July – December).

Effective Date

Pursuant to OP 5 in D.19-11-005, this Advice Letter is classified as Tier 1 (Effective Pending Disposition) and subject to Energy Division disposition pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests this Advice Letter be made effective on December 18, 2019, which is the originally requested effective date for Advice Letter No. 1121.

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Notice

Southwest Gas is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in GO 96-B since this Advice Letter is submitted in compliance with OP 5 in D.19-11-005.

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,

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 PLC HEAT

Contact Person:

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(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

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Tier Designation:

Subject of AL:

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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
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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
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ADVICE LETTER (AL) SUSPENSION NOTICE
ENERGY DIVISION

Utility Name: Southwest Gas

Date Utility Notified: January 17, 2020

Utility Number/Type: U 905-G

E-Mailed to: Valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com

Advice Letter Number(s): 1121-G

ED Staff Contact: Syreeta Gibbs

Date AL(s) Filed: December 18, 2019

ED Staff Email: syreeta.gibbs@cpuc.ca.gov

Utility Contact Person: Valerie Oniveroz

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INITIAL SUSPENSION (up to 120 DAYS from the expiration of the initial review period)

This is to notify that the above-indicated AL is suspended for up to 120 days for the following reason(s) below. If the AL requires a Commission resolution and the Commission's deliberation on the resolution prepared by Energy Division extends beyond the expiration of the initial suspension period, the advice letter will be automatically suspended for up to 180 days beyond the initial suspension period.

A Commission Resolution is Required to Dispose of the Advice Letter

Advice Letter Requests a Commission Order

Advice Letter Requires Staff Review

The expected duration of initial suspension period is 120 days

FURTHER SUSPENSION (up to 180 DAYS beyond initial suspension period)

The advice letter is suspended for up to 180 days beyond the initial suspension period.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Syreeta Gibbs at syreeta.gibbs@cpuc.ca.gov

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

December 18, 2019

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Finally, in the event the Southwest Gas' estimates of unspent funds from program years 2018-2020 significantly changes and/or Southwest Gas determines bridge funding will be

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needed, Southwest Gas requests the ability to submit another Advice Letter updating its bridge funding estimates.

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Advice Letter No. 1121-G

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ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY



ENERGY UTILITY

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

Company name/CPUC Utility No.:

Utility type:

ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person:

Phone #:
E-mail:
E-mail Disposition Notice to:

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #:

Tier Designation:

Subject of AL:

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL:

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL:

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:

No. of tariff sheets:

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%):

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

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:

Service affected and changes proposed¹:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

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	