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GAS (Corp ID 905)
Status of Advice Letter 1152G
As of December 18, 2020

Subject: Establishment of the General Rate Case Memorandum Account 2021

Division Assigned: Energy

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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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The Energy Division of the California Public Utilities Commission has processed your recent Advice Letter (AL) filing and is returning an AL status certificate for your records.

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

November 13, 2020

Advice Letter No. 1152-G

(U 905 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Establishment of the General Rate Case Memorandum Account 2021 Pursuant to the November 10, 2020 Administrative Law Judge Ruling

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 as a result of this submission are listed on Attachment A.

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to establish the General Rate Case Memorandum Account 2021 (GRCMA2021) pursuant to the Administrative Law Judge Ruling of Patricia B. Miles issued on November 10, 2020 (ALJ Ruling).

Background

On August 30, 2019, Southwest Gas filed Application (A.) 19-08-015 requesting authority to increase rates and charges for natural gas service in California, effective January 1, 2021.

On November 6, 2019, Southwest Gas filed a motion¹ requesting authority to establish a general rate case memorandum account to track the changes in revenue requirement beginning January 1, 2021 through the effective date of the final decision in A.19-08-015. Southwest Gas requested the memorandum account to ensure recovery of revenue shortfalls or the return of overcollections should there be any delay in the Commission's authorization of Southwest Gas' revenue requirement requests and the implementation of rates past January 1, 2021. Southwest Gas' Motion was uncontested. On November 10, 2020, the ALJ Ruling granted Southwest Gas' request.

Therefore, in accordance with the ALJ Ruling, Southwest Gas submits this Advice Letter to establish the GRCMA2021.

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

¹ *Motion of Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G) to Establish a General Rate Case Memorandum Account*, dated November 6, 2019 (Motion).



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Effective Date

In accordance with the ALJ Ruling, 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 November 13, 2020, which is the date submitted.

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 submission 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:

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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Senior Vice President/General Counsel
Southwest Gas Corporation
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Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
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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 in accordance with the ALJ Ruling 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.



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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 distribution 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

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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. 1152-G

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
13th Revised Sheet No. 2	Table of Contents	12th Revised Sheet No. 2
Original Sheet No. 45.19	Preliminary Statement (<i>Continued</i>)	
Original Sheet No. 45.20	Preliminary Statement (<i>Continued</i>)	

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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California Gas Tariff

Canceling 13th Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2
12th Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2

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Issued by
Justin Lee Brown
Senior Vice President

Date Filed November 13, 2020
Effective _____
Resolution No. _____

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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35. GENERAL RATE CASE MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT 2021 (GRCMA2021)

35A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the GRCMA2021 is to record and track the Company's margin revenue shortfalls caused by a delay of requested rate relief in its Test year 2021 general rate case Application 19-08-015 (A.19-08-015). The GRCMA2021 is an interest-bearing memorandum account. The GRCMA2021 is authorized pursuant to the Administrative Law Judge Ruling dated November 10, 2020. The GRCMA2021 is effective January 1, 2021.

35B. APPLICABILITY

The GRCMA2021 balance will be recovered from all customer classes, unless specifically requested for exclusion by the Company.

35C. ACCOUNTING

Entries to the GRCMA2021 will be made on a monthly basis for the period January 1, 2021 until such time as the decision and rate relief granted in A.19-08-015 become effective.

1. A debit or credit entry equal to the difference between the Company's currently authorized margin rates and the Company's margin rates proposed in A.19-08-015 calculated by multiplying, for each customer class, the difference between authorized and proposed margin rates by the throughput related to that customer class.
2. An entry to record interest on the GRCMA2021 balance calculated in entry (1) above, calculated by averaging the beginning and ending balance in the memorandum account at the rate of 1/12 of the most recent month's interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3-month), published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15. Should publication of the interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3-month) be discontinued, interest will accrue at the rate of 1/12 of the most recent month's interest rate on Commercial Paper, which most closely approximates the discounted rate, and which is published in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor publication.
3. At such time as Commission authorized margin rates in A.19-08-015 are determined, an adjusting entry calculated based on the gas throughput last adopted, will be made to reflect the difference between the Company's proposed margin rates and Commission authorized margin rates.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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35. GENERAL RATE CASE MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT 2021 (GRCMA2021)
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35D. DISPOSITION

Upon such time as a final decision is reached in A.19-08-015 in regard to the revenue requirement and rate design issues, an Advice Letter filing will be submitted to clear the balance in the GRCMA2021 and close the memorandum account.

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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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San Francisco, CA 94102
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