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Subject: Extension of Emergency Customer Protections to Support California Customers in Southwest Gas Corporation's Service Territory Through June 30, 2021 and Pursuant to Resolution M-4849

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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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- Advice Letter Number
- Name of Filer
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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

February 22, 2021

Advice Letter No. 1161-G

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Extension of Emergency Customer Protections to Support California Customers in Southwest Gas Corporation's Service Territory Through June 30, 2021 and Pursuant to Resolution M-4849

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or Company) hereby submits for approval to the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its California Gas Tariff. The tariff sheet being modified because of this submission is listed in Attachment A.

Purpose

This Tier 1 Advice Letter is submitted pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 2 of Resolution M-4849, *Authorization and Order Directing Utilities to Extend Emergency Customer Protections to Support California Customers Through June 30, 2021, and to File Transition Plans for the Expiration of the Emergency Customer Protections* (Resolution M-4849).

Background

In July 2019, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 19-07-015, which established a permanent set of emergency disaster customer protection measures that utilities are mandated to implement in the event the Governor of California or the President of the United States declares a state of emergency and the disaster has either resulted in the loss or disruption of the delivery or receipt of utility service and/or resulted in the degradation of the quality of utility service.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California related to COVID-19 to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the State of California in the event of a broader spread of COVID-19. As a result, and pursuant to OP 2 in D.19-07-015, Southwest Gas submitted Advice Letter 1130 on March 25, 2020 detailing the Emergency Disaster Relief Program (EDRP) customer protections implemented by the Company in response to COVID-19.



On April 16, 2020, the Commission adopted Resolution M-4842 (Resolution M-4842) ratifying the directives issued in the March 17, 2020 Letter from Executive Director Alice Stebbins implementing EDRP customer protections. Resolution M-4842 recognized that “The COVID-19 pandemic represents a different type of emergency, one where the threat – in this case, a virus—necessitates a response which impacts Californians’ ability to pay for utility service...Therefore...the Commission extends to California customers the emergency customer protections from D.19-07-015...through April 16, 2021, with an option to extend.”¹ All residential and small business customers in California are eligible for the emergency customer protections.²

Southwest Gas submitted Advice Letter 1130-A in compliance with Resolution M-4842 to establish the COVID-19 Pandemic Protections Memorandum Account (CPPMA) and address new requirements pertaining to EDRP Customer Protections implemented and those not implemented in response to COVID-19, as well as Southwest Gas’ Communications and Outreach Plan pertaining to COVID-19. Advice Letters 1130-B and 1130-C were subsequently submitted to offer additional clarifications and modify the CPPMA.³

On February 11, 2021, the Commission adopted Resolution M-4849 extending the customer protection measures for residential and small business customers adopted in D.19-07-015 and D.19-08-025 through June 30, 2021.

OP 2 in Resolution M-4849 states:

Electric, gas, communications, and water corporations subject to this Resolution shall file a Tier 1 Advice Letter no later than 10 days after this Resolution’s approval demonstrating compliance with the extension of Emergency Customer Protections to June 30, 2021. Should any of the actions utilities are taking to implement Emergency Customer Protections need be revised from already disposed Resolution M-4842 Advice Letter compliance filings, or if certain customer protections were inapplicable during the pandemic and not already noted and accepted as such in prior filings, these revisions should be noted in the compliance Advice Letter to this Resolution. Electric and gas corporations shall serve copies of the Advice Letters to R.18-03-011, A. 14-11-007, A.15-02-001, A.19-11-003, A.20-03-014, R.15-03-010, R.18-07-006, R.18-07-005, R.12-06-013, and A.19-09-014 proceeding service lists. Water corporations shall serve copies of the Advice Letters to R.18-03-011 and R.17-06-024 proceeding service lists. Communications utilities shall serve copies of the Advice Letters to the R.18-03-011 proceeding service list.

¹ Resolution M-4842, at pgs. 3-4.

² *Id.*, at pg. 4.

³ The referenced Advice Letters were approved by the Energy Division on December 16, 2020, effective March 4, 2020.



EDRP Customer Protections Extended

Southwest Gas extends the COVID-19 customer protections as outlined and approved in Advice Letters 1130, 1130-G-A, 1130-G-B and 1130-G-C through June 30, 2021. Southwest Gas does not propose any modifications to the protections adopted in these Advice Letters.

Additionally, in accordance with Resolution M-4849, Southwest Gas modifies its CPPMA as follows:

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Resolution M-4842, dated April 16, 2020, the purpose of the CPPMA is to record incremental costs and waived charges incurred by the Company associated with its implementation of the COVID-19 customer protections as outlined in Advice Letter No. 1130-A, ~~as~~ clarified in Advice Letter Nos. 1130-G-B and 1130-G-C. The COVID-19 customer protections apply to all Residential and Small Business Customers (non-residential customers) with an annual consumption of less than 10,000 therms and as defined in Rule No. 1- Definitions of this California Gas Tariff. **Resolution M-4849, dated February 11, 2020, extended the COVID-19 customers protections through June 30, 2021.** The CPPMA is effective March 4, 2020.

Effective Date

Pursuant to OP 2 in Resolution M-4849, this Advice Letter is classified as Tier 1 (Effective Pending Disposition) and is subject to Energy Division disposition pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests this Advice Letter be made effective on February 22, 2021, 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
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California Public Utilities Commission
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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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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 2 in Resolution M-4849.

Service

In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rule 7.2, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this Advice Letter and related tariff sheet to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list. Pursuant to OP 2 in Resolution M-4849, Southwest Gas will also serve this Advice Letter to all individuals on the established service lists in Rulemaking (R.) 18-03-011, Application (A.) 14-11-007, A.15-02-001, A.19-11-003, A.20-03-014, R.15-03-010, R.18-07-006, R.18-07-005, R.12-06-013, and A.19-09-014.

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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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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. 1161-G

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
1st Revised Sheet No. 45.19	Preliminary Statement – (continued)	Original Sheet No. 45.19

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
(Continued)

35. COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROTECTIONS MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (CPPMA)

35A. PURPOSE

Pursuant to Resolution M-4842, dated April 16, 2020, the purpose of the CPPMA is to record incremental costs and waived charges incurred by the Company associated with its implementation of the COVID-19 customer protections as outlined in Advice Letter No. 1130-A, and clarified in Advice Letter Nos. 1130-G-B and 1130-G-C. The COVID-19 customer protections apply to all Residential and Small Business Customers (non-residential customers) with an annual consumption of less than 10,000 therms and as defined in Rule No. 1-Definitions of this California Gas Tariff. Resolution M-4849, dated February 11, 2021, extended the COVID-19 customer protections through June 30, 2021. The CPPMA is effective March 4, 2020.

35B. APPLICABILITY

The CPPMA balance will be recovered from customers as authorized by the Commission.

35C. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

For costs associated with the implementation of the COVID-19 customer protections, the Company shall make the following entries to the CPPMA at the end of each month, net of Franchise Fees and Uncollectibles (FF&U), where applicable:

- a. A debit entry equal to the actual operation and maintenance (O&M) costs and capital-related costs (i.e., depreciation, taxes and return);
- b. A debit entry equal to waived charges;
- c. A debit entry for incremental uncollectible expenses;
- d. A debit entry for other incremental costs; and
- e. An entry to record interest on the CPPMA balance calculated as set forth in Section 12B of this Preliminary Statement.

Costs recorded in the CPPMA will be tracked by customer class.

35D. DISPOSITION

Costs recorded in the CPPMA may be recovered in rates only after a request by the Company and approval by the Commission either through a general rate case or other applicable proceeding.



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	