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Southwest Gas Corporation
GAS (Corp ID 905)
Status of Advice Letter 1172G
As of May 26, 2021

Subject: Disposition of the General Rate Case Memorandum Account 2021, in Compliance with Decision (D.) 21-03-052

Division Assigned: Energy

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Resolution Required: No

Resolution Number: None

Commission Meeting Date: None

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To: Energy Company Filing Advice Letter

From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

Subject: Your Advice Letter Filing

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.

The AL status certificate indicates:

- Advice Letter Number
- Name of Filer
- CPUC Corporate ID number of Filer
- Subject of Filing
- Date Filed
- Disposition of Filing (Accepted, Rejected, Withdrawn, etc.)
- Effective Date of Filing
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The Energy Division has made no changes to your copy of the Advice Letter Filing; please review your Advice Letter Filing with the information contained in the AL status certificate, and update your Advice Letter and tariff records accordingly.

All inquiries to the California Public Utilities Commission on the status of your Advice Letter Filing will be answered by Energy Division staff based on the information contained in the Energy Division's PAL database from which the AL status certificate is generated. If you have any questions on this matter please contact the:

Energy Division's Tariff Unit by e-mail to
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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

April 15, 2021

Advice Letter No. 1172-G

(U 905 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Disposition of the General Rate Case Memorandum Account 2021, in Compliance with Decision (D.) 21-03-052

Purpose

The purpose of this Advice Letter submission is to provide Southwest Gas Corporation's (Southwest Gas) proposed method to clear the balance in its General Rate Case Memorandum Account 2021 (GRCMA2021) in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 6, in D.21-03-052. There are no tariff sheets associated with this submission.

Background

On August 30, 2019, Southwest Gas filed Application (A.) 19-08-015,¹ 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 motion requesting authority to establish a general rate case memorandum account to track the change 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 Administrative Law Judge issued a Ruling² granting Southwest Gas' request.

Southwest Gas submitted Advice Letter No. 1152-G on November 13, 2020, in compliance with the ruling, establishing the GRCMA2021.

On August 3, 2020, Southwest Gas, the Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates) of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and the City of Victorville filed a *Joint Motion for Adoption of Settlement Agreement* resolving all outstanding issues in A.19-08-015. On March 25, 2021, the Commission approved D.21-03-052, authorizing the Joint Motion.

¹ *Application of Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G) for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Service in California, effective January 1, 2021.*

² *E-mail Ruling (1) Granting Motion of Southwest Gas Corporation to Establish a Memorandum Account and (2) Adopting Confidential Modeling Procedures, dated November 10, 2020.*

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Pursuant to OP 6 in D.21-03-052:

Within 21 days of the issuance of the Commission Decision approving the Settlement Agreement herein, Southwest Gas Corporation must submit a Tier 1 Advice Letter to the Commission's Energy Division with the tariff changes necessary to clear the balances in the memorandum account established pursuant to the November 10, 2020 ruling of the assigned Administrative Law Judge.

Additionally, on March 31, 2021, Southwest Gas submitted Advice Letter No. 1168 to implement margin rates approved in D.21-03-052, effective April 1, 2021.

Disposition of the GRCMA2021 Balance

In accordance with its GRCMA2021 Preliminary Statement, Southwest Gas has calculated the difference between margin rates authorized³ through March 31, 2021 and the margin rates approved in D.21-03-052. Effective April 1, 2021, Southwest Gas has ceased tracking the differences in margin in the GRCMA2021. The GRCMA2021 recorded balances, including interest, for the period January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021 are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1 GRCMA2021 Balances by Rate Jurisdiction as of March 31, 2021			
	Southern California	Northern California	South Lake Tahoe
January 2021	\$624,410	(\$415,382)	\$576,420
February 2021	\$409,571	(\$338,998)	\$493,724
March 2021	\$576,545	(\$320,245)	\$450,259
Interest through March 2021	\$244	(\$169)	\$239
Total (Over)/Under-Collection	\$1,610,770	(\$1,074,794)	\$1,520,642
Estimated Interest through September 30, 2021	\$940	(\$627)	\$887
Total to be included in FCAM	\$1,611,710	(\$1,075,421)	\$1,521,529

Southwest Gas proposes to clear the balances in Table 1 through its Fixed Cost Adjustment Mechanism (FCAM) balancing account rate adjustments included in its Annual Balancing Account Update Advice Letter submitted in November 2021, for rates effective January 1, 2022. At that same time, Southwest Gas will also make the appropriate tariff revisions to remove the GRCMA2021 from its tariff. Finally, Southwest Gas also seeks authorization to recover its estimated interest on the balances through

³ Advice Letter No. 1117-G – 2020 Post-Test Year Margin Adjustment in accordance with Decision 14-06-028 as modified by Decision 17-06-066, dated November 27, 2019, and approved effective January 1, 2020.



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September 30, 2021, which is also outlined in Table 1 above, and will be adjusted to reflect the actual monthly interest rates effective through September 2021.

Effective Date

Pursuant to OP 6 in D.21-03-052, Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending Energy Division disposition) in accordance with General Order (GO) 96-B. Therefore, Southwest Gas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective April 15, 2021, which is the date of submission.

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, email or facsimile. 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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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 compliance with OP 6 in D.21-05-032.



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Service

In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rule 7.2, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this Advice Letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached distribution list as well as to parties and interest persons on the official service list in A.19-08-015.

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. 1172-G

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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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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