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**Southwest Gas Corporation**  
**GAS (Corp ID 905)**  
**Status of Advice Letter 1249G**  
**As of March 21, 2023**

Subject: 2022 Annual Disconnections Rate Report and 2023 Disconnections Rate Cap Pursuant to Decision (D.) 22-08-037

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- Disposition of Filing (Accepted, Rejected, Withdrawn, etc.)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
- Other Miscellaneous Information (e.g., Resolution, if applicable, etc.)

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

February 1, 2023

**Advice Letter No. 1249-G**

(U 905 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: 2022 Annual Disconnections Rate Report and 2023 Disconnections Rate Cap Pursuant to Decision (D.) 22-08-037**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to provide its 2022 Annual Disconnection Rate report and 2023 Disconnections Rate Cap pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 2 in D.22-08-037.

**Background**

On June 11, 2020, the Commission issued D.20-06-003 in Rulemaking 18-07-005, which adopted immediate reforms to reduce residential customer disconnections and improve reconnection processes for disconnected customers served by Southern California Edison Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Gas Company (collectively, the Large Utilities). In Phase 1-A of this proceeding, the Commission considered whether to apply the Phase 1 requirements to small and multijurisdictional utilities (SMJUs). On August 25, 2022, the Commission approved D.22-08-037, ordering the SMJUs to implement residential customer protections and reporting requirements to reduce disconnections and ease reconnections of residential service, specifically the establishment of a disconnection rate cap. OP 2 states:

[The SMJUs] shall each file a Tier 1 Advice Letter with the following information within 30 days of the effective date of this decision and by February 1st each calendar year thereafter: (i) the total number of its California residential customers during the previous calendar year, (ii) the number of California residential customers it may disconnect during the current calendar year, calculated as the product of its disconnections rate cap and the total number of its California residential customers during the previous calendar year, and (iii) the number of California residential customers it disconnected during the previous year, compared with the number of California residential customers it was permitted to disconnect during the previous year.

Additionally, OP 1 in D.22-08-037 sets Southwest Gas' disconnection rate cap at 3.5%.



**Southwest Gas 2022 Disconnections Rate Report and 2023 Rate Cap**

(i) Total 2022 California residential customers	175,453 <sup>1</sup>	
(ii) Total California residential customers Southwest Gas may disconnect during 2023	175,453 x 3.5% = 6,041	
(iii) Total number of California residential customers Southwest Gas disconnected during 2022, compared with the number of residential customers it was permitted to disconnect during 2022	3,748 <sup>2</sup>	173,365 x 3.5% = 6,068

**Effective Date**

Pursuant to OP 2 in D.22-08-037 and General Order (GO) 96-B, this Advice Letter is classified as Tier 1 (Effective Pending Disposition). Southwest Gas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective February 1, 2023, which is the date submitted.

**Protest**

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission's Energy Division. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based with specificity and must be sent no later than 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter submission. Protests are to be submitted electronically to the Commission's Energy Division at:

Email: [edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov)

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this Advice Letter should be sent electronically to:

Ms. Valerie J. Ontiveroz  
Regulatory Manager/California  
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<sup>1</sup> Excludes secondary residential customers and residential gaslights.

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with D.21-06-036, Southwest Gas, along with the other California gas and electric utilities, were directed to suspend disconnections for nonpayment through September 30, 2021. However, Southwest Gas did not resume disconnections for non-payment until November 1, 2021. Additionally, Southwest Gas applied for the California Arrearage Payment Plan (CAPP) funding through the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD). Pursuant to CSD's CAPP Program requirements, utilities who applied for CAPP funding were restricted from disconnecting CAPP eligible customers for nonpayment during the CAPP application process and for an additional ninety (90) days after the CAPP benefit was applied. Southwest Gas applied the CAPP on March 9, 2022, therefore the additional 90-day disconnection moratorium for these 38,500 residential customers extended through June 7, 2022.



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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 D.22-08-037 and will not result in higher rates or charges, or more restrictive terms or conditions, than those currently in effect.

**Service**

In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rule 7.2, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this Advice Letter to interested parties shown on the attached list.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By:   
Valerie J. Ontiveroz

Attachments

**Distribution List**

Advice Letter No. 1249-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 proposed<sup>1</sup>:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

<sup>1</sup>Discuss 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	