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Southwest Gas Corporation
GAS (Corp ID 905)
Status of Advice Letter 1259G
As of May 31, 2023

Subject: Annual adjustment of income guidelines for CARE and ESA Programs.

Division Assigned: Energy

Date Filed: 05-01-2023

Date to Calendar: 05-10-2023

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| Disposition: | Accepted |
| Effective Date: | 06-01-2023 |

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

May 1, 2023

Advice Letter No. 1259-G

(U 905 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Annual adjustment of income guidelines for California Alternative Rates for Energy and Energy Savings Assistance Programs eligibility.

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 comply with the Energy Division's March 22, 2023, "Notice to update the income guidelines to Investor Owned and Small Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities providing services under the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Programs to update the income guidelines" (Energy Division Notice). The Notice directs utilities to update the income guidelines for the CARE and ESA Programs in accordance with Public Utility Code §739.1(a). The revised income guidelines are effective from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, for all new CARE and ESA Program enrollments, as well as CARE post enrollment verifications and recertifications.

Modifications to CARE Program Forms

Pursuant to the Energy Division Notice, Southwest Gas updated the income guidelines on its CARE Program Forms 902.6 (standard CARE Program application) and 902.16 (CARE Program application applicable to Master-Meter Tenants).

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

Effective Date

Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after Energy Division approval) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets submitted herein be approved effective May 1, 2023, which is thirty (30) days after



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submission. The revised income guidelines are effective June 1, 2023 pursuant to the Energy Division Notice.

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

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

Ms. Valerie J. Ontiveroz
Regulatory Manager/California
Email: valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(2), 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 accordance with the Energy Division Notice dated March 11, 2022.

Service

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

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

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ATTACHMENT A
Advice Letter No. 1259-G

| Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. | Title of Sheet | Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. |
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| 37th Revised Sheet No. 6 | Table of Contents (Continued) | 36th Revised Sheet No. 6 |
| 15th Revised Sheet No. 85 | Schedule Nos. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12 - CARE Residential Gas Service (Continued) | 14th Revised Sheet No. 85 |
| 14th Revised Sheet No. 94 | Schedule Nos. GS-35/GN-35/SLT-35 - Agricultural Employee Housing and Nonprofit Group Living Facility Gas Service | 13th Revised Sheet No. 94 |
| 17th Revised Sheet No. 296 | Application for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program (New and Recertification) (FORM 902.6 – 04/2023) | 16th Revised Sheet No. 296 |
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CARE RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. An approved CARE application and declaration of eligibility form is required from each customer for service under this schedule.
2. To qualify for service under this schedule, a customer can meet either of the following two eligibility requirements:

- a. Categorical Eligibility - One or more people in a household participate in any of the following public assistance programs: Medicaid/Medi-Cal (age 65 and over); Medicaid/Medi-Cal (age 65 and under); Medi-Cal for Families A&B (Healthy Families A&B); Supplemental Security Income (SSI); CalFresh/SNAP (Food Stamps); Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only); Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance; Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); National School Lunch Program (NSLP); or CalWORKS (TANF) or Tribal TANF.
- b. Income Eligibility - The total gross annual income, both taxable and nontaxable, from all sources for all persons in the applicant's household may not exceed the income limits shown below.

These income limits are effective from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

| <u>Number of Persons in Household</u> | <u>Total Gross Annual Income</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 - 2 | \$39,440 |
| 3 | \$49,720 |
| 4 | \$60,000 |
| 5 | \$70,280 |
| 6 | \$80,560 |
| 7 | \$90,840 |
| 8 | \$101,280 |

For households with more than eight persons, add \$10,280 annually for each additional person residing in the household. The above income levels are subject to change annually by the Commission.

3. A person who is claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return is not eligible for service under this schedule.

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Schedule Nos. GS-35/GN-35/SLT-35

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING AND
NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITY GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to gas service for nonprofit group living facilities, as defined in Rule No. 1 of this California Gas Tariff, where a minimum of 70 percent of the gas consumed under this schedule is for residential purposes, and to qualified migrant housing centers; privately-owned employee housing; or agricultural employee housing operated by nonprofit organizations.

TERRITORY

Throughout the Company's certificated California service areas, except as may hereafter be provided.

RATES

The commodity charges and basic service charge are set forth in the currently-effective Statement of Rates of this California Gas Tariff and are incorporated herein by reference.

The number of therms shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 2C of this California Gas Tariff.

Minimum Charge:

The minimum charge per meter per month is the basic service charge.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES

1. To be eligible for service under this schedule, the total gross annual income, both taxable and nontaxable, from all sources for each resident residing in the nonprofit group living facility may not exceed the Commission's CARE program eligibility income level shown below for a single-person household, and each resident may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return.

| <u>Household Size</u> | <u>Total Gross Annual Income</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 – 2 | \$39,440 |

The above income limit is effective from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

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California Gas Tariff

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16th Revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 296

APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY
(CARE) PROGRAM (NEW AND RECERTIFICATION) (FORM 902.6 - 04/2023)

(See Attached Form)

Advice Letter No. 1259
Decision No. _____

Issued by
Amy L. Timperley
Chief Regulatory Officer

Date Filed May 1, 2023
Effective _____
Resolution No. _____

Application for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program

Get a discount on your gas bill!

CARE provides a 20% discount on your gas bill every month for income-qualified customers. This discount is available for your primary residence only. The Southwest Gas bill must be in your name. You may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return other than your spouse's. You will need to renew your application every two years or when requested by Southwest Gas.

There are 2 ways to qualify!

1. Public Assistance Program Eligibility

If you or someone in your household participate(s) in any of the following programs, please select the program(s) below:

- Medicaid/Medi-Cal (age 65 and over)
- CalFresh/SNAP (Food Stamps)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Medicaid/Medi-Cal (under age 65)
- Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Medi-Cal for Families A&B (Healthy Families A&B)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- CalWORKS (TANF) or Tribal TANF
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

2. Income Eligibility

You can also qualify for CARE if you meet the income guideline qualifications based on your household income and household size. You do not need to complete this section if you qualify through an eligible Public Assistance Program and have completed the section above.

CARE Program Income Requirements (effective June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024)

| Number of persons living in my home | 1-2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | \$39,440 | \$49,720 | \$60,000 | \$70,280 | \$80,560 | \$90,840 | \$101,120 |

For each additional person, add \$10,280.

Total combined gross annual household income (from ALL sources)

The definition of "gross (before taxes) household income" is all money and noncash benefits available for living expenses from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable, before deductions, including expenses, for all people who live in your home.

Please provide your total combined gross annual household income, provide the number of persons living in your household, and select all income sources that apply.

Total combined gross annual household income:

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Number of persons living in my household:

+ =
 Adults + Children Total

- Wages or profit from self-employment
- Social Security/SSDI/SSI/SSP
- Cash and/or other income
- Scholarships/grants/aid used for living expenses
- TANF
- Pensions
- Disability or Workers' Compensation payments
- Unemployment benefits
- Rental/Royalty Income
- Interest/Dividends from: savings, stocks, bonds, or retirement accounts
- Insurance or Legal Settlements
- Spousal or Child Support

Entire application must be completed and signed. Please print clearly.

Your name (as shown on Southwest Gas bill)

Your home / gas service address (include apartment or space number)

City

State

ZIP Code

Southwest Gas account number

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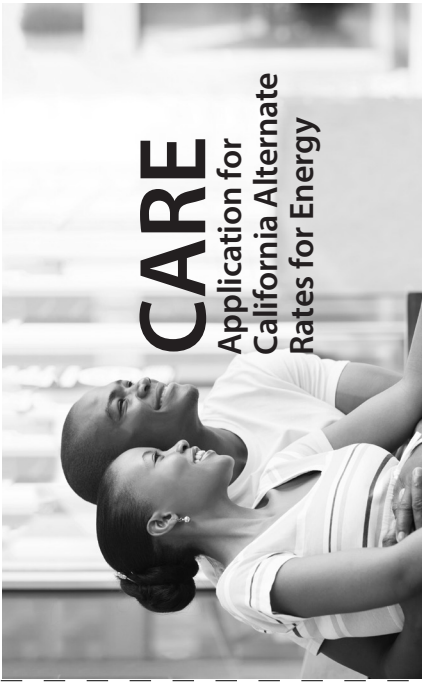
Contact phone number

If you have been provided a source code, please enter it above.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I understand that Southwest Gas reserves the right to verify my household eligibility and I agree to provide proof of eligibility, if asked. I agree to inform Southwest Gas within 30 days if I no longer qualify to receive the CARE discount. I understand that if I receive the CARE discount without meeting the qualifications I may be required to pay back the CARE discount I received. I understand that Southwest Gas can share my information with other utilities or their agents to enroll me in their assistance programs.

Signature

Date



CARE
Application for
California Alternate
Rates for Energy

- Get a **DISCOUNT** on your gas bill and **SAVE MONEY!**
- Check inside to see if you qualify. Enrolling is easy!



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For more information call:

Customer Solutions (877) 860-6020

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OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Whether you own or rent your residence, the **Energy Savings Assistance Program** is a great way to increase the energy efficiency of your home. It provides income-qualified customers with money-saving improvements at no cost.

EPP Billing - Your monthly bill will be averaged out to allow you to budget your energy costs and eliminate big payment swings.

Medical Baseline - If you depend on life-support or other equipment due to medical needs, you may be eligible for additional energy at the lowest price through the Medical Baseline Program.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - If you spend a high percentage of your income on energy bills, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance and weatherproofing services through this program administered by the California Department of Community Services and Development (866) 675-6623.

Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) - Get discounted telephone access when you meet similar income guidelines as the CARE Program. To learn more, contact your local phone service provider.

Visit swgas.com/caassist to learn more about these helpful programs and services.

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CARE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR TENANTS OF SUBMETERED
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (NEW AND RECERTIFICATION) (FORM 902.16 - 04/2023)

(See Attached Form)

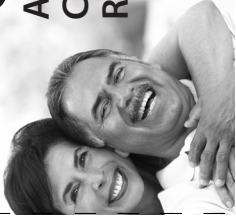
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Program Application for MASTER-METER TENANTS

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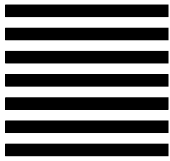
Check inside to see if you qualify.
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Tenants: To qualify for a rate discount through your facility landlord or manager, submetered tenants must meet these qualifications:

- Submetered tenants do not receive a gas bill from Southwest Gas.
- Submetered tenants receive gas service and a gas bill from their facility landlord or manager.

Other Assistance Programs You May Qualify For:

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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.

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