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August 2, 2024

Southwest Gas Corporation
8360 S Durango Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89113

RE: Docket No.: 24-04022
Application of Southwest Gas Corporation, filed under Advice Letter No. 539, to revise its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 to reflect revisions to the Equal Payment Plan.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Regulatory Operations Staff has reviewed and processed the tariff sheets as filed in the above referenced docket. Enclosed are copies of the tariff sheets which have been accepted for filing by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, effective August 1, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mahin Quintero".

Mahin Quintero
Operations Analyst

Enclosure(s)

cc: PUC Master File

RULE NO. 5

BILLS FOR SERVICE
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H. EQUAL PAYMENT PLAN

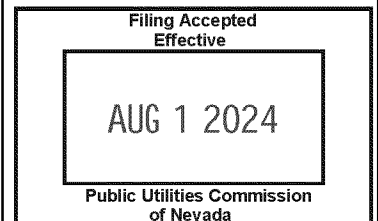
1. The Equal Payment Plan (EPP) is available to all residential customers receiving (or applicants qualifying and applying to receive) natural gas service.
2. If a customer requests to participate in the EPP and the customer has an arrearage when the request is made, the customer may not enter the EPP unless the customer:
 - a. Pays at least 50% of the arrearage upon entering the EPP; and
 - b. Agrees to pay the remaining arrearage in amounts that are apportioned over the first year of participation.
3. Participation in the EPP is subject to approval by the Company. Customers may sign up for the EPP at any time of year. The EPP amount will be initially based on the Customer's annual estimated bill divided into 12 equal monthly payments and may be adjusted as set forth in Section 6 herein.
4. The Company will render its regular monthly billing statement showing both the amount for actual usage for the period and the designated EPP amount. The customer will pay the designated EPP amount, plus any additional amount shown on the bill for materials, parts, labor or other charges.
5. On the yearly anniversary of enrollment in the EPP, the amount of the Customer's EPP bills will be compared and computed against the Customer's actual usage for the previous year. A new EPP amount will be computed for the following year, and any debit or credit balance remaining from the prior year will be divided into 12 equal amounts and incorporated into the new EPP monthly billing amount.

Issued:
April 18, 2024

Effective:

Advice Letter No.:
AL 539

Issued by
Amy L. Timperley
Senior Vice President/
Chief Regulatory Strategy
and Planning Officer



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H. EQUAL PAYMENT PLAN (Continued)

6. The EPP amount will be reviewed and may be adjusted each quarter to reduce the likelihood of an excessive debit or credit balance at the time of settlement, for changes in rates due to Commission-approved rate increases or decreases, or when estimates indicate that an overpayment or undercollection may occur by the end of the plan year.
7. The Company may remove from the EPP and place on regular billing any customer who fails to make two or more consecutive timely payments according to that customer's EPP obligation. Such a customer will then be subject to termination of service in accordance with Rule No. 6 for nonpayment of a bill.
8. Readmission to the EPP will be subject to approval by the Company and payment in full of all past due amounts.
9. A customer may voluntarily withdraw from the EPP at any time. Any amounts then owing for usage in excess of usage already paid for under the EPP will become due and payable at the customer's next regular billing, in accordance with the Company's filed tariff schedules. Any EPP payments in excess of amounts based upon actual usage at the time of withdrawal will be applied to the customer's next regular monthly bill or will be refunded if so requested by the customer.

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

April 18, 2024

Ms. Trisha Osborne
Assistant Commission Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, NV 89701-3109

Dear Ms. Osborne:

Southwest Gas Corporation (Company) herewith submits for filing Advice Letter No. 539 to revise the Company's Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 to reflect revisions to the Company's Equal Payment Plan (EPP). The Company requests proposed revisions to the subject tariff sheets become effective June 1, 2024.

An electronic payment in the amount of \$10.00 has been included with this submission for the required filing fee.

Communications regarding this Advice Letter should be directed to:

Richard Crane
Regulatory Manager
Southwest Gas Corporation
P.O. Box 98510
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
Telephone: 702-876-7201
E-mail: richard.crane@swgas.com

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Crane
Regulatory Manager

Enclosures

c: Ernest Figueroa, BCP
Anne-Marie Cuneo, PUCN



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 539

April 18, 2024

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or Company) tenders herewith for filing the following tariff sheets applicable to its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 (Tariff):

Proposed PUCN Sheet No.

2nd Revised Sheet No. 162

2nd Revised Sheet No. 163

Supersedes PUCN Sheet No.

1st Revised Sheet No. 162

1st Revised Sheet No. 163

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 704.110, Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 701B.245, 703.535, 704.116, 704.953 through 704.9718, and all other applicable sections of Chapters 703 and 704 of the NAC, as well as the relevant provisions of its Tariff, Southwest Gas respectfully files this Advice Letter to modify its Tariff to reflect changes to the Company's Equal Payment Plan (EPP). The proposed Tariff changes will remove the requirement for customers participating in the EPP to pay all settlement amounts owed in their respective annual anniversary settlement month. Instead, a new EPP will be calculated for the following year that will consider any debit or credit settlement amount remaining from the prior year. The Company believes these Tariff changes provide for an improved customer experience and are in the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,
SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By 

Richard Crane

CERTIFICATION

Application For Tariff Approval Filed Under An Advice Letter

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada

1150 E. William Street
Carson City, NV 89701-3109
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Las Vegas, NV 89148-7674
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_____, hereby certifies as follows:

1. I am an authorized representative of _____.
(utility name)
2. Pursuant to NRS 704.100(1)(f), I attest that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, formed after a reasonable inquiry, the proposed change in schedule does not change any rate or result in an increase in the annual gross operating revenue of _____ in an amount that exceeds \$15,000.
(utility name)

I certify that the foregoing statements are true.

Date

Signature

Printed Name

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA
DRAFT NOTICE
(Applications, Tariff Filings, Complaints, and Petitions)

Pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) 703.162, the Commission requires that a draft notice be included with all applications, tariff filings, complaints and petitions. Please complete and include **ONE COPY** of this form with your filing. (Completion of this form may require the use of more than one page.)

A title that generally describes the relief requested (see NAC 703.160(5)(a)):

The name of the applicant, complainant, petitioner or the name of the agent for the applicant, complainant or petitioner (see NAC 703.160(5)(b)):

A brief description of the purpose of the filing or proceeding, including, without limitation, a clear and concise introductory statement that summarizes the relief requested or the type of proceeding scheduled **AND** the effect of the relief or proceeding upon consumers (see NAC 703.160(5)(c)):

A statement indicating whether a consumer session is required to be held pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (“NRS”) 704.069(1)¹:

If the draft notice pertains to a tariff filing, please include the tariff number **AND** the section number(s) or schedule number(s) being revised.

¹ NRS 704.069 states in pertinent part:

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 9 and 11 of NRS 704.110, the Commission shall conduct a consumer session to solicit comments from the public in any matter pending before the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.061 to 704.110, inclusive, in which:

(a) A public utility has filed a general rate application, an application to recover the increased cost of purchased fuel, purchased power, or natural gas purchased for resale, an annual deferred energy accounting adjustment application pursuant to NRS 704.187 or an annual rate adjustment application; and

(b) The changes proposed in the application will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue, as certified by the applicant, in an amount that will exceed \$50,000 or 10 percent of the applicant’s annual gross operating revenue, whichever is less.