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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

October 18, 2024

Advice Letter No. 1309-G

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Quarterly Report on Status of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), or Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors and Science Act (CHIPS) Projects Pursuant to Resolution E-5254

Purpose

The purpose of this Advice Letter is for Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) to submit its quarterly report in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 5 in Resolution E-5254 (Resolution). There are not tariff sheets associated with this submission.

Background

In 2021, Congress passed the IIJA, which appropriated more than \$62 billion to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to create and fund 60 new programs, including 16 demonstration and 32 deployment programs. This federal funding aligns with the Commission's goals of improving energy infrastructure to support zero carbon emissions, grid reliability, safety, and affordability for electric and gas customers. On January 24, 2022 and November 28, 2022, Commission President Alice Busching Reynolds sent two letters to California's gas and electric investor-owned utilities (IOUs)¹ to gather additional information on how the IOUs plan to seek and utilize matching funds that are not directly ratepayer funded.

In 2022 Congress passed IRA and CHIPS. While the IIJA relies more on grants to utility providers, the IRA's principal climate and energy-related tools are tax rebates and consumer credits or incentives, whereas CHIPS invests in research and development to catalyze commercialization of new clean energy technologies faster and at cheaper price points. However, like the IIJA, specific programs and details of the IRA and CHIPS require matching funds (although not necessarily from IOU ratepayers) while others are still under development, allowing for grant or other utility-focused opportunities to be announced at a future time.

On April 6, 2023, the Commission approved the Resolution, which adopted a process for the IOUs to request cost recovery for match funding and tax liabilities pursuant to any funds received from IIJA's Clean Energy Infrastructure Grant Programs administered by the DOE,

¹ Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc., Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, PacifiCorp d.b.a. Pacific Power, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, Southern California Gas Company, and Southwest Gas.

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IRA, and CHIPS. The Resolution also adopted an advice letter process for IOUs to track and report costs and grant project progress. OP 5 in the Resolution states:

Starting in Q3 of 2023 until all projects funded with IIJA grants are completed and implemented or Energy Division has notified the IOU that further reporting is no longer needed...[the IOUs]...shall submit quarterly Tier 1 Information-Only advice letters containing, at a minimum, the information requested in Table 2 of this Resolution...²

Southwest Gas Quarterly Status Report on Federal Funding through IIJA, IRA or CHIPS

Southwest Gas does not have any planned projects that meet the DOE's criteria for federal grant funding under IIJA, IRA or CHIPS at this time. As such, Southwest Gas has not included a quarterly report attachment for Third Quarter 2024 with this Advice Letter.

This submission will not increase any current rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

Effective Date

Pursuant to OP 5 in Resolution 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 October 18, 2024, 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

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

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² Resolution E-5254 at pg. 20.



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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 5 in the Resolution 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: 
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Attachments