



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Justin Lee Brown , Vice President/Regulation and Public Affairs

January 5, 2015

ATTN: Tariff Unit
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4005
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)
Advice Letter No. 965

Enclosed herewith are an original and one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 965, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 6, 27, 28, 302, and 303/304.

Sincerely,

Justin Lee Brown

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Enclosures



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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or the Company) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for filing the following tariff sheet:

California Gas Tariff		
<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling Cal.P.U.C.Sheet No.</u>
12th Revised Sheet No. 6	Table of Contents (<i>Continued</i>)	11th Revised Sheet No. 6
2nd Revised Sheet No. 27	Preliminary Statement (<i>Continued</i>)	1st Revised Sheet No. 27
2nd Revised Sheet No. 28	Preliminary Statement (<i>Continued</i>)	1st Revised Sheet No. 28
1st Revised Sheet No. 302	Automatic Payment Plan Application and Agreement (FORM 923.0 10/2009)	Original Sheet No. 302
1st Revised/ 2nd Revised Sheet Nos. 303/304	Held for Future Use	Original/ 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 303/304

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to update Southwest Gas' California Gas Tariff in regards to the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Program. First, Southwest Gas is replacing all references to the Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) with ESA in Preliminary Statement 16D – Low Income Energy Efficiency Balancing Account (LIEEBA). Second, Southwest Gas is removing Form No. 913.45 – *California Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Program Customer Agreement* from its Gas Tariff since this form is now maintained by its ESA Program administrator and is therefore no longer a Company form. Additional ministerial revisions have been made in conformance with the proposed changes noted herein.



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Effective Date

Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as a Tier 2 filing (effective after Energy Division approval). Southwest Gas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective February 4, 2015, which is thirty (30) days from the date of filing.

Protest

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter within 20 days of the filing. The protest should set forth the grounds upon which it is based and should be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest.

Protests should be mailed or faxed to:

Investigation, Monitoring & Compliance Program Manager
California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002
San Francisco, CA 94102
Facsimile: 415-703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 at the same address as above, and mailed or faxed to:

Mr. Justin Lee Brown
Vice President/Regulation and Public Affairs
Southwest Gas Corporation
P.O. Box 98510
Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510
Facsimile: 702-364-3452

Notice

Southwest Gas believes noticing requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in G.O. 96-B are not applicable since this filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedules or rules.

Service

In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3, Southwest Gas is mailing copies of this advice letter and related tariff sheets to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list.



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Communications regarding this filing should be directed to:

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Southwest Gas Corporation
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Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By _____
Justin Lee Brown

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Advice Letter No. 965

In Conformance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3

The following individual has been served by regular, first-class mail:

Joe Como, Acting Director
Office of Ratepayer Advocates
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

The following individuals or entities have been served by electronic mail (email):

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Southern California Gas Company
SNewsom@semprautilities.com

San Diego Gas & Electric Company
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CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)**

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: **Valerie Ontiveroz**

Phone #: **(702) 876-7323**

E-mail: **Valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com**

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **965**

Subject of AL: **To update SWG' CA Gas Tariff in regards to the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) programs.**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **ESA/Forms**

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL **Not applicable**

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: **Not applicable**

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: **February 4, 2015**

No. of tariff sheets: **5**

Estimated system annual revenue effect: **Not applicable**

Estimated system average rate effect (%): **Not applicable**

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: **Not applicable**

Service affected and changes proposed¹: **See 'Subject of AL' above**

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: **Not applicable**

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

**CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Utility Info (including e-mail)
Mr. Justin Lee Brown,
Vice-President/Regulation & Public Affairs
Southwest Gas Corporation
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Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510
E-mail: justin.brown@swgas.com
Facsimile: 702-364-3452**

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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16. PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM (PPP) BALANCING ACCOUNTS (Continued)

16A. PURPOSE (Continued)

5. PPP SURCHARGE RATE CALCULATION

The PPP Surcharge shall be calculated in accordance to formulas and throughput volumes specified in Decision 04-08-010.

16B. APPLICABILITY

The PPP Balancing Accounts apply, as appropriate, to all sales and transportation service in the Company's California service areas as set forth in Rate Schedule No. G-PPPS.

16C. REVISION DATE

Decision 04-08-010 requires the Company to file an advice letter with the proposed PPP Surcharges by October 31 of each year, with a requested effective date of January 1 of the following year. The Company may file at other times if failure to make the rate change would result in a forecasted total rate increase of 10 percent or more on January 1 of the following year, as provided for in Decision 04-08-010.

16D. ENERGY SAVINGS ASSISTANCE BALANCING ACCOUNT (ESABA)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the ESABA is to balance the Company's Commission-authorized Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) program costs, including outreach, administrative, and program audit costs, with the PPP Surcharge revenue that recovers these costs. The ESABA is a one-way balancing account. Any actual program costs in excess of amounts authorized by the Commission are not recoverable.

If the ESA portion of PPP Surcharge revenue amounts recorded in the ESABA exceed the authorized program costs expended, the difference is carried forward to supplement the subsequent year's program. The difference will not be used to reduce the ESA portion of the PPP Surcharge for the subsequent year's program unless authorized by the Commission. Customer refunds will only occur when the Commission authorizes such.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
(Continued)

16. PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM (PPP) BALANCING ACCOUNTS (Continued)

16D. ENERGY SAVINGS ASSISTANCE BALANCING ACCOUNT (ESABA) (Cont.)

2. ESABA ADJUSTMENT

If amounts collected in the ESABA are less than the authorized program costs expended, the balance in the ESABA will be amortized into rates by dividing the balance in the account at the end of the most recent available month by the three-year average (consecutive 36-month period) based on the most recently available billed gas volumes. The ESABA will be amortized into rates in accordance with Section No. 17C of this Preliminary Statement. The current ESABA Adjustment rate is a component of the PPP Surcharge set forth in the currently effective Statement of Rates and Schedule No. G-PPPS of this California Gas Tariff.

3. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE

Separate accounts will be maintained for the Company's California service areas. The Company shall make the following entries to the ESABA:

- a. On a monthly basis, a debit entry equal to the Company's actual Commission-authorized ESA program costs, including outreach, administrative, and program audit costs;
- b. On a monthly basis, a credit entry equal to the revenue collected through the ESA component, including the ESABA Adjustment, of the Company's PPP Surcharge;
- c. An entry to reflect any difference between the payments of the ESA portion of the PPP Surcharge collected by the Company and remitted to the BOE, and the funding obtained from the Gas Consumption Surcharge Fund for such program costs; and
- d. For amounts held on account by the Company, a monthly entry to record interest on the account calculated as set forth in Section No. 12B of this Preliminary Statement. While ESA surcharge collections are in the possession of the State, the applicable interest is the actual amount of interest that accrued while the remittances were on deposit in the Gas Consumption Surcharge Fund.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PLAN APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT (FORM 923.0 10/2009)

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

**Sign up for the
Automatic Payment Plan**

Now you can pay your gas bill conveniently and automatically without writing a check or mailing an envelope.

What is the Automatic Payment Plan?

The Automatic Payment Plan (APP) is a program for Southwest Gas customers that allows you to pay your gas bill with an automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account.

Who can enroll?

Any Southwest Gas customer with a valid checking or savings account can enroll.

How do I enroll?

Apply online at www.swgas.com or complete the application on the reverse side and return it to Southwest Gas. Within one or two billing cycles, notice of enrollment will appear on your gas bill. Please continue to make payments until you receive notice that an automatic payment will be made.

The APP application asks for a routing number and an account number. Where do I find them?

The routing number:

A routing number identifies the location of your bank or other financial institution. It is usually the first nine digits found at the bottom left corner of a personal check or savings account deposit slip and is located between these symbols **⑆XXXXXXXXX⑆**. If you cannot locate the routing number, your local financial institution will be able to help you.

The account number:

Your account number is located on the bottom of your personal check or savings account deposit slip directly to the right of this symbol **⑆** but does not include your check number. The number of digits in the account number varies among financial institutions.

Will I still receive a bill from Southwest Gas? How will I know how much will be deducted from my account?

Yes, you will continue to receive a bill showing the amount due. Your bank account will be debited on the due date as shown on your gas bill. If you prefer not to receive a paper bill in the mail, please visit our Web site at www.swgas.com for paperless billing options.

Please see reverse side for application.

Have you considered enrolling in the Equal Payment Plan (EPP) along with the APP?

The EPP is a convenient program for residential customers that distributes annual gas costs into estimated equal monthly payments. Usage is reviewed on a quarterly basis and payments may be adjusted. By enrolling in both programs, you know what your bill will be each month and are assured that it will be paid on time. For more information about the EPP, visit our Web site at www.swgas.com or call (877) 860-6020.

Form 923.0 (10/2009) 320 Front



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
Automatic Payment Plan Application and Agreement

To enroll in the Automatic Payment Plan, complete this application and return to:

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION • PO BOX 1498 • VICTORVILLE CA 92393-9969

You may also return this application with your gas bill payment. Within one or two billing cycles, notice of enrollment will appear on your gas bill.

Continue to make payments until notice of enrollment appears on your gas bill.

Please hand print in black ink.

Name (as shown on gas bill)

Southwest Gas account number - - Contact phone number - -

Service address (include apartment or space number)

City State ZIP Code

Name of financial institution Checking Savings

Name (as shown on checking or savings account)

Routing number (9 digits) Account number (length varies)

I hereby authorize Southwest Gas and the financial institution designated on this application to charge the account I have specified for payment of my monthly gas bill. I have the right to stop payment of a charge by notifying Southwest Gas no later than three (3) business days before the debit date. I understand that a fee will be charged to my account for each request returned for insufficient funds. If two requests are returned for insufficient funds, I may be excluded from the plan. In addition, I understand that both the financial institution and Southwest Gas reserve the right to terminate this payment plan and/or my participation therein. Should I choose to withdraw from the plan, I will notify Southwest Gas.

Signature _____ Date Signed _____

Please visit our Web site at www.swgas.com or call (877) 860-6020 if you have questions.
Form 923.0 (10/2009) 320 Reverse

IF ACTUAL COPY OF FORM IS REQUIRED, PLEASE NOTIFY COMPANY

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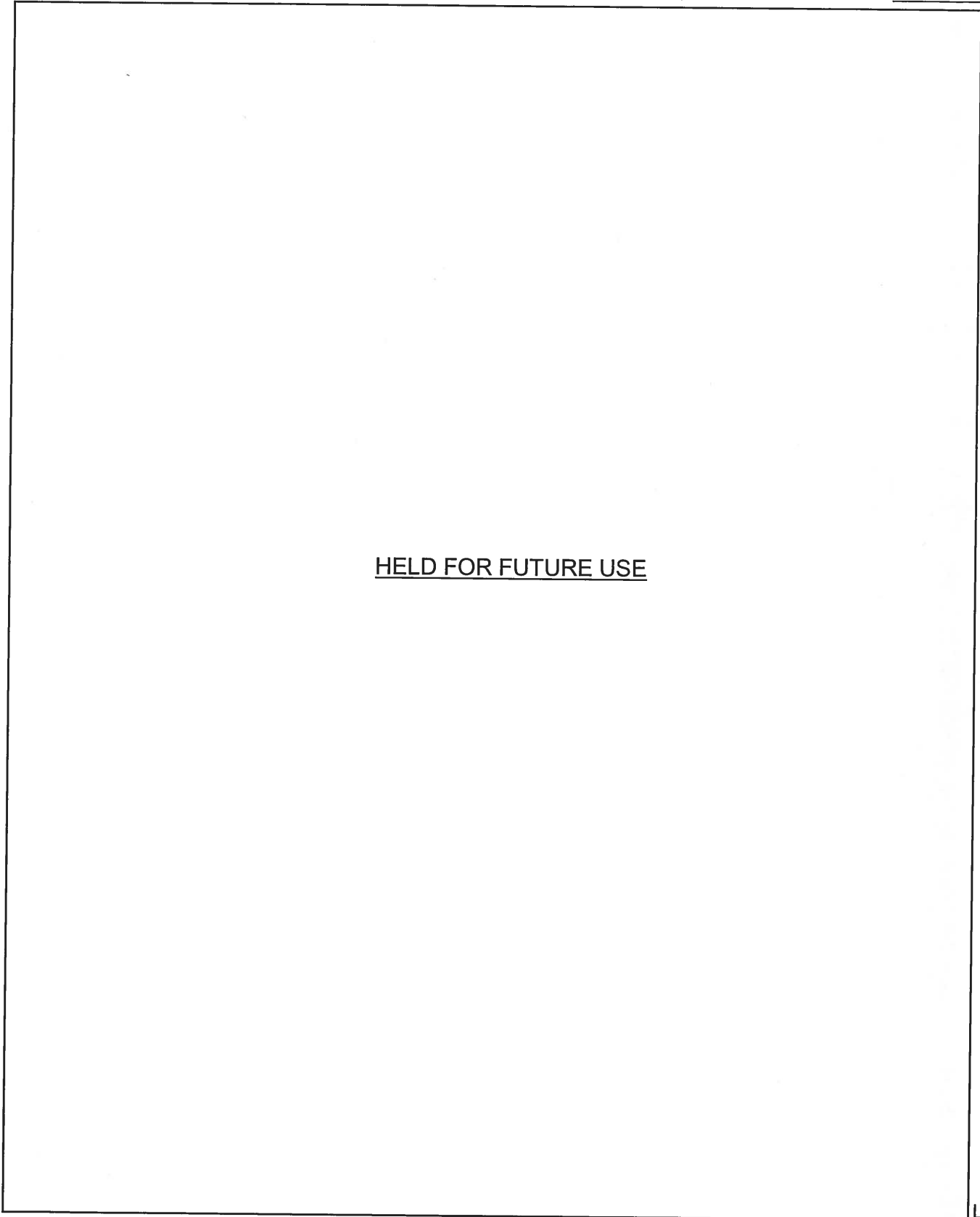
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