

January 10, 2014

**Advice Letter 926-G** 

Don Soderberg, Vice-President/Pricing Southwest Gas Corporation P O Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

# SUBJECT: ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME CRITERIA FOR CARE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO AB 327

Dear Mr. Soderberg:

Advice Letter 926-G is effective January 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

Edward Ramlogh

Edward F. Randolph, Director Energy Division



# SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Justin Lee Brown, Vice President/Pricing

November 27, 2013

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. 926

Enclosed herewith is one (1) copy of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 926, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 6, 85, 94, 296, 298, and 299.

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) (U 905 G) tenders herewith for filing revisions to its tariff, which affect the following tariff sheets:

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
6th Revised Sheet No. 6	Table of Contents (Continued)	5th Revised Sheet No. 6
4th Revised Sheet No. 85	Schedule No. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12 - CARE Residential Gas Service <i>(Continued)</i>	3rd Revised Sheet No. 85
4th Revised Sheet No. 94	Schedule No. GS-35/GN-35/SLT-35 – Agricultural Employee Housing and Nonprofit Group Living Facility Gas Service	3rd Revised Sheet No. 94
4th Revised Sheet No. 296	Application for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program (Form 902.6 01/2014)	3rd Revised Sheet No. 296
4th Revised Sheet No. 298	CARE Program Application for Tenants of Submetered Residential Facilities (Form 902.16 01/2014)	3rd Revised Sheet No. 298
4th Revised Sheet No. 299	Application for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program (Recertification) (Form 902.70 01/2014)	3rd Revised Sheet No. 299

### California Gas Tariff

#### Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to revise the above listed tariff sheets in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 327, which revises Section 739.1 (a) of the Public Utilities (PU) Code to require that the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program (CARE) eligibility for a one-person household be based on income guidelines for a two-person household. AB 327 was approved by the Governor on October 7, 2013, and becomes effective January 1, 2014.

In addition to updating the CARE income guidelines, the contractor phone number for the Energy Savings Assistance Program has been changed to Richard Heath and Associates (RHA) contact information. RHA is now administering the contractors for both Southern and Northern California to provide customers with one point of contact. Doing so will ensure that customers enroll with the appropriate contractor in their area.



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#### Effective Date

Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective January 1, 2014.

#### 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/Pricing Southwest Gas Corporation P.O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510 Facsimile: 702-222-1475

#### **Notice**

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(1), Southwest Gas is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in GO 96-B since this advice letter is filed in compliance with AB 327.

#### <u>Service</u>

In accordance with GO 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:

Ed Gieseking Director/Pricing and Tariffs Southwest Gas Corporation P.O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510 Telephone: 702-364-3271 E-mail:ed.gieseking@swgas.com Debra S. Gallo Director/Government and State Regulatory Affairs Southwest Gas Corporation P.O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510 Telephone: 702-876-7163 E-mail: <u>debra.gallo@swgas.com</u>

Respectfully submitted, SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

B Justin Lee Brown Attachments

# **DISTRIBUTION LIST**

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Southern California Edison Company Pacific Gas & Electric Company Sierra Pacific Power Company San Diego Gas & Electric Company Southern California Gas Company Southern California Water Company Duane Morris, LLP

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Schedule Nos. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12

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### CARE RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE (Continued)

# SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. To be eligible for service under this schedule, 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 January 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014.

Number of		Number of	
Persons In	Total Gross	Persons In	Total Gross
Household	Annual Income	Household	Annual Income
1 - 2	\$31,020	6	\$63,180
3	\$39,060	7	\$71,220
4	\$47,100	8	\$79,260
5	\$55,140		

For households with more than six persons, add \$8,040 annually for each additional person residing in the household.

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

An approved application and declaration of eligibility form is required from each customer for service under this schedule. Recertification will be required every two years and whenever a customer moves.

Service under this schedule is for residential purposes at only one residential location at any one time and is applicable only to a customer's permanent primary residence.

- 2. Eligible customers shall be billed on this schedule commencing with the next regularly scheduled billing period after receipt and approval of application by the Company.
- 3. Eligibility information provided by the customer on the application form may be subject to verification by the Company. Refusal or failure of a customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to the Company, upon request of the Company, shall result in removal from 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

1-2 Persons

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.

Total Gross Annual Income \$31,020

### The above income limit is effective from January 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014.

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#### APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM (FORM 902.6 01/2014)

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Company name/CPUC Utility No.	Southwest Gas Co	rporation (U 905 G)					
Utility type:	Contact Person:	Edward Gieseking					
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Tariff schedules affected: Schedule Nos. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12 and GS-35/GN-35/SLT-35							
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1</sup> : See 'Subject of AL' above							
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <b><u>Not applicable</u></b>							
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:							
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 $^{\rm 1}$  Discuss in AL if more space is needed.