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March 17, 2009

Advice Letter 814

John P. Hester, Sr. Vice-President
Regulatory Affairs and Energy Resources
Southwest Gas Corporation
P O Box 98510
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

**Subject: To Update Schedules in Compliance with
Assembly Bill (AB) 2857**

Dear Mr. Hester:

Advice Letter 814 is effective March 12, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Roger C. Montgomery, Vice President/Pricing

January 30, 2009

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division
Attention: Julie A. Fitch, Director
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4004
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)
Advice Letter No. 814

Dear Ms. Fitch:

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 814, together with California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 6854-G through 6857-G.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Montgomery

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Enclosures



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 814

January 30, 2009

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

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>
6854-G	Schedule Nos. GS/GN-20/SLT-20	6778-G
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Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to revise the above listed tariff sheets in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 2857 and Decision (D.)08-12-019 to extend benefits under the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) program to residential users of natural gas who are submetered, but reside in master-meter multi-family accommodations where not all of the dwelling units are individually submetered.

Effective Date

Southwest 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 96-B. Southwest respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be made effective as soon as possible and no later than March 12, 2009.

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



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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. John P. Hester, Senior Vice President
Regulatory Affairs and Energy Resources
Southwest Gas Corporation
P.O. Box 98510
Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510
Facsimile: 702-876-7037

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(1), Southwest is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in G.O. 96-B since this advice letter is filed in compliance with D.08-12-019.

Service

In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3, Southwest is mailing 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 
Roger C. Montgomery

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Advice Letter No. 814

In Conformance with G.O. 96-B, General Rule 4.3

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

Director/Division of Ratepayer Advocates

Schedule Nos. GS-20/GN-20/SLT-20

MULTI-FAMILY MASTER-METERED GAS SERVICE
(Continued)

RATES (Continued)

If the customer qualifying for the standard medical allowance can demonstrate to the Company's satisfaction that the 25-therm allowance is insufficient to meet the life-support and comfort requirements of the eligible resident, the Company shall make a determination as to the additional quantity required and round such quantity to the next higher 25 therms.

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

For billing purposes, the baseline quantity shall be determined by multiplying the allowable baseline quantity per residential unit by the number of qualifying residential units.

California Alternate Rates For Energy (CARE) Program Discount:

If an individual submetered tenant of a multi-family master-metered customer meets the eligibility criteria established in Schedule Nos. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12, that tenant shall be eligible for the CARE discount.

For billing purposes, the Company will bill the master-metered customer the discounted rate for the number of eligible submetered tenants. It is the responsibility of master-metered customers to pass the CARE discount to the eligible tenant and to notify the Company when the submetered tenant moves.

Minimum Charge:

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Residential service under this schedule includes service to residential units and mobile home units, but does not include enterprises such as rooming houses, boarding houses, dormitories, rest homes, military barracks, stores, restaurants, service stations, and other similar establishments.

Schedule Nos. GS-20/GN-20/SLT-20

MULTI-FAMILY MASTER-METERED GAS SERVICE
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

2. As a condition to service under this schedule, a master-meter customer must attach to his application for such service a Declaration of Eligibility for Baseline Rates stating the number of occupied units to be billed. The total baseline allowance will be determined on this declaration.
3. It is the responsibility of the customer to advise the Company within 15 days following any change in the number of residential dwelling units and mobile home spaces utilizing gas service. Failure to do so may result in the loss of baseline rates.

The number of residential units eligible for baseline allowances is subject to verification by the Company. In the event the Company ascertains a customer's ineligibility of a baseline allowance, an appropriate adjusted bill may be rendered to the customer.

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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: **Roger C. Montgomery**

Phone #: **(702)876-7321**

E-mail: **roger.montgomery@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) #: **814**

Subject of AL: **To update Schedules in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 2857.**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **CARE/Compliance**

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

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

D.08-12-19

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

Tier Designation: 1 2 3

Requested effective date: **March 12, 2009**

No. of tariff sheets: **4**

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: **GS-20/GN-20/SLT-20**

Service affected and changes proposed¹: **Not applicable**

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
jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov**

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¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.