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May 29, 2007

Advice Letter: 779

Roger C. Montgomery  
Vice President/Pricing  
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Southwest Gas Corporation  
P O Box 98510  
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

Subject: Annual Adjustment of Income Criteria for CARE Program Eligibility

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

Advice Letter 779 is effective June 1, 2007. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean H. Gallagher".

Sean H. Gallagher, Director  
Energy Division

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**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

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California Public Utilities Commission  
Energy Division  
Attention: Sean Gallagher, Director  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4004  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)  
Advice Letter No. 779

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

Enclosed herewith are six (6) copies of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 779, together with: 1) California Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 6467-G through 6473-G; and 2) California - South Lake Tahoe Gas Tariff Sheet Nos. 5, 32, 37 and 199.

Sincerely,

  
Roger C. Montgomery

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# SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Advice Letter No. 779

May 10, 2007

## 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

| Cal. P.U.C.<br>Sheet No. | Title of Sheet   | Canceling<br>Cal. P.U.C.<br>Sheet No. |
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| Cal. P.U.C.<br>Sheet No.      | Title of Sheet  | Canceling<br>Cal. P.U.C.<br>Sheet No. |
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| Third Revised<br>Sheet No. 32 | Schedule No. GLT-212 - Limited<br>Income Residential Natural Gas<br>Service | Second Revised<br>Sheet No. 32        |
| Third Revised<br>Sheet No. 37 | Schedule No. GLT-222 - Limited<br>Income General Natural Gas<br>Service     | Second Revised<br>Sheet No. 37        |



**California – South Lake Tahoe Gas Tariff (*Continued*)**

| <u>Cal. P.U.C.<br/>Sheet No.</u> | <u>Title of Sheet</u>   | <u>Canceling<br/>Cal. P.U.C.<br/>Sheet No.</u> |
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| Third Revised<br>Sheet No. 199   | Notice and Application for California<br>Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)<br>Program (Form 913.30 05/2007) | Second Revised<br>Sheet No. 199                |

The purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission Resolution E-3524 and May 1, 2007 notice from the Energy Division. The notice directs all energy utilities to revise their respective tariffs to reflect the Commission’s annual adjustment of income criteria for CARE Program eligibility.

Southwest respectfully requests that the tariff sheets submitted herewith be made effective June 1, 2007, pursuant to Resolution E-3524 and the May 1, 2007 notice.

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 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

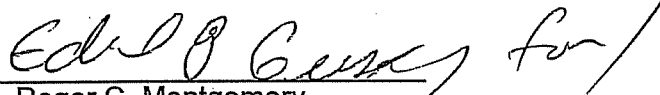
Copies should also be mailed to the attention of Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 at the same address as above, and mailed and faxed to:

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

In accordance with General Order 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, 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. 779

In Conformance with G.O. 96-A, III-G

Southern California Edison Company

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Sierra Pacific Power Company

San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Southern California Gas Company

Director/Division of Ratepayer Advocates

Schedule No. GS-12/GN-12

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.

| <u>Number of Persons<br/>In Household</u> | <u>Total Gross<br/>Annual Income</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 or 2                                    | \$ 29,300                            |
| 3   | 34,400                               |
| 4   | 41,500                               |
| 5   | 48,600                               |
| 6   | 55,700                               |

For households with more than six persons, add \$7,100 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.

Schedule No. GS-35/GN-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, 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 gas service areas in its Southern and Northern California Divisions, 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.

Minimum Charge:

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

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES

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 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.

|               | <u>Total Gross<br/>Annual Income</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Each Resident | \$ 29, 300                           |

**NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM (FORM 913.30 05/2007)**

**SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION  
NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM**

**Get a discount on your gas bill!**

CARE provides a 20% discount on your gas bill every month for income-qualified customers. This discount is available for your primary residence only.

Review the chart below, and if you think you may qualify, complete and return this application.

**CARE Program Income Requirements**

**Maximum Household Income: (effective June 1, 2007 through May 31, 2008)**

| Number of persons living in my home             | 1 or 2                                   | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        |
|---|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total combined annual income (from ALL sources) | \$29,300                                 | \$34,400 | \$41,500 | \$48,600 | \$55,700 |
|   | For each additional person, add \$7,100. |          |          |          |          |

The definition of "gross (before taxes) household income" is all money and noncash benefits available for living expenses from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable, before deductions, including expenses, for all people who live in your home. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

**Please check (✓) ALL sources of your income.**

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries  | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships, grants, or other aid used for living expenses      | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' compensation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Food stamps     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interest or dividends from savings accounts, stocks or bonds, or retirement accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> Profit from self-employment (IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, line 29) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security or SSI | <input type="checkbox"/> Child support   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment benefits  | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability payments  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pensions               | <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental or royalty income   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance settlements  | <input type="checkbox"/> Gifts           |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal settlements      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Income    |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> TANF (AFDC)            |  |

Total combined annual household income:

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Number of persons living in my household:

+   =

Adults                  Children                  Total

See Maximum Household Income listed above.

Qualification for the CARE Program is based on your household income and household size.

**CARE RATE APPLICATION**

Source Code (Southwest Gas Use Only) **S | W | G | C - 7 | 0 | 0 | 0**

**I certify:**

- The Southwest Gas bill is in my name.
- I understand Southwest Gas reserves the right to verify my household's income.
- I am not claimed on another person's income tax return.
- I will renew my application every two years or when requested by Southwest Gas.

Entire application must be completed and signed.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Your name

Your home address (include apartment or space number)

City

State

ZIP Code

-      -

Southwest Gas account number

Contact phone number

Mailing address (if different from home address) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I agree to provide proof of income, if asked. I agree to inform Southwest Gas if I no longer qualify to receive the CARE discount. I understand that if I receive the CARE discount without meeting the qualifications I may be required to pay back the CARE discount I received. I understand that Southwest Gas can share my information with other utilities or their agents to enroll me in their assistance programs.

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Schedule No. GLT-212

LIMITED INCOME  
RESIDENTIAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE  
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

4. Limited Income Household (Limited Income Residence)

A Limited Income Household is a household where the total annual gross income from all sources is no more than what is shown on the table below based on the number of persons in the household. Total annual gross income shall include income of all persons from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable, and shall be no more than:

| <u>No. of Persons<br/>In Household</u> | <u>Total Annual<br/>Gross Income</u> |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 or 2                                 | \$29,300                             |
| 3                                      | 34,400                               |
| 4                                      | 41,500                               |
| 5                                      | 48,600                               |
| 6                                      | 55,700                               |

For each additional person, add \$7,100.

5. Non-Profit Group Living Facilities (facilities with six [6] or less beds) – Eligibility Criteria

In order for the customer to be considered a qualified non-profit group living facility, each of the following conditions must be met:

- A. The facility must certify that it is operated by a corporation that has received a letter of determination by the Internal Revenue Service stating the corporation is tax-exempt due to its not-for-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).
- B. The facility must be either a homeless shelter, transitional housing (e.g., for drug rehabilitation, a half-way house, etc.), a short- or long-term care facility (hospice, nursing homes, seniors' or children's homes), or a group home for physically or mentally disabled persons.

With the exception of homeless shelters, all facilities must certify that 100% of the residents (excluding caregiver) of the facility meet the California Alternate Rates for Energy eligibility standard for a single-person household. A single-person household is eligible for California Alternate Rates for Energy if the total gross annual income from all sources, both taxable and non-taxable, is not greater than \$29,300.

Schedule No. GLT-222

LIMITED INCOME  
GENERAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE  
(Continued)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Continued)

2. Eligible facilities shall begin receiving the California Alternate Rates for Energy no more than one billing period after receipt and approval of its application by the Company
3. Information provided by the applicant is subject to verification by the Company. Refusal or failure of a customer to provide documentation of eligibility acceptable to the Company, upon request by the Company, shall result in the denial or termination of service under this rate schedule.
4. Customers who wrongfully declare eligibility or fail to notify the Company when they no longer meet the eligibility requirements may be rebilled for the period of ineligibility under their otherwise applicable rate schedule.
5. It is the responsibility of the Customer to notify the Company within 30 days of any changes in the Customer's eligibility status.
6. Non-Profit Group Living Facilities (facilities with seven [7] or more beds)

A. Eligibility Criteria

In order for the customer to be considered a qualified non-profit group living facility, each of the following conditions must be met:

- i) The facility must certify that it is operated by a corporation that has received a letter of determination by the Internal Revenue Service stating the corporation is tax-exempt due to its not-for-profit status under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3).
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NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR  
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM  
(FORM 913.30 05/2007)



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|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total combined annual income (from ALL sources) | \$29,300 | \$34,400 | \$41,500 | \$48,600 | \$55,700 |

For each additional person, add \$7,100.

The definition of "gross (before taxes) household income" is all money and noncash benefits available for living expenses from all sources, both taxable and nontaxable, before deductions, including expenses, for all people who live in your home. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

**Please check (✓) ALL sources of your income.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wages or salaries   | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships, grants, or other aid used for living expenses      | <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' compensation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Food stamps     |
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Total combined annual household income:

\$    ,

Number of persons living in my household:

+   =    
Adults Children Total

See Maximum Household Income listed above.

Qualification for the CARE Program is based on your household income and household size.

**CARE RATE APPLICATION**

Source Code (Southwest Gas Use Only)  S  W  G  C  -  7  0  0  0

I certify:

- The Southwest Gas bill is in my name.
- I understand Southwest Gas reserves the right to verify my household's income.
- I am not claimed on another person's income tax return.
- I will renew my application every two years or when requested by Southwest Gas.

Entire application must be completed and signed.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your name

Your home address (include apartment or space number)

City State ZIP Code

-  -   
Southwest Gas account number Contact phone number

Mailing address (if different from home address) City State ZIP Code

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct. I agree to provide proof of income, if asked. I agree to inform Southwest Gas if I no longer qualify to receive the CARE discount. I understand that if I receive the CARE discount without meeting the qualifications I may be required to pay back the CARE discount I received. I understand that Southwest Gas can share my information with other utilities or their agents to enroll me in their assistance programs.

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Issued by  
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Date Filed May 10, 2007  
Effective June 1, 2007  
Resolution No. E-3524



**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) #: **779**

Subject of AL: **Annual adjustment of income criteria for CARE Program eligibility.**

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

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Resolution E-3524/May 1, 2007 Energy Division Notice**

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 AL<sup>1</sup>: **Not applicable**

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **June 1, 2007**

No. of tariff sheets: **7 in CA Gas Tariff  
and 4 in CA South Lake Tahoe Tariff**

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: **CA Gas Tariff - Schedule Nos. GS-12/GN-12 and GS-35/GN-35;  
South Lake Tahoe Tariff - Schedule Nos. GLT-212 and GLT-222**

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: **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  
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San Francisco, CA 94102  
jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Utility Info (including e-mail)  
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Senior Vice-President  
Reg. Affairs & Energy Resources  
Southwest Gas Corporation  
P. O. Box 98510  
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510  
Facsimile: 702-876-7037**

<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
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May 1, 2007

**NOTICE TO INVESTOR OWNED UTILITIES PROVIDING SERVICE UNDER CARE AND LIEE  
(at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline Level)**

Energy Division is issuing this notice to establish the income limitations for the California Alternate Rate for Energy Program (CARE) and the Low Income Energy Efficiency Program (LIEE).<sup>1</sup>

The Commission in Resolution E-3524, adopted February 19, 1998, ordered the Director of the Energy Division (Director) to communicate new income levels to carriers by letter not later than May 1 of each year. The Commission further ordered the Director to require energy utilities to file revised tariffs effective June 1 of each year reflecting the new income levels.

In Decision 05-10-044<sup>2</sup> income guidelines for the CARE program for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and SouthWest Gas Company (SouthWest) became available to all, investor owned utility (IOU), customers with incomes between 175% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) levels. The same expanded income eligibility, at the 200% FPG criteria, was applied to the IOU Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) program participants. Therefore all low income CARE and LIEE applicants are subject to the same income qualification guidelines. Ordering paragraph 1 of Decision 06-12-036 added Sierra Pacific (Sierra) to the change in the CARE and LIEE income qualification guidelines to 200% from 175% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) level.

The process of determining the change in the income limitation for the CARE and LIEE programs is simple and is set forth in Appendix A of this letter. Following this process, the Energy Division has determined the revised income limits for 2007-2008 to be as follows:

**These income limits are effective from June 1, 2007, to May 31, 2008.**

| Household Size  | CARE & LIEE                                  |
|-----------------|--|
|                 | LIEE: 60+ Years & Handicapped ( at 200% FPG) |
| 1 - 2           | 29,300                                       |
| 3               | 34,400                                       |
| 4               | 41,500                                       |
| 5               | 48,600                                       |
| 6               | 55,700                                       |
| Each Additional | 7,100  |

<sup>1</sup> The Commission authorized the Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRA) by Decisions 89-07-062 and 89-09-044. LIRA became CARE, effective January 1, 1995, in accordance with SB 491. Commission Decision 01-06-010, dated June 7, 2001 and Decision 02-01-040, dated January 9, 2002 authorized higher income eligibility guidelines for the CARE and LIEE programs of Southern California Edison Company, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company. The Commission also authorized higher income eligibility guidelines for the CARE and LIEE programs of the small and multi-jurisdictional energy utilities consistent with those adopted for the four large energy utilities in Decision 02-01-040, dated January 9, 2002.

<sup>2</sup> At Ordering Paragraph 1, dated October 27, 2005.

## APPENDIX A

| <b>Method of Computing Revised Income Eligibility Levels for CARE, LIEE and LIEE 60+ Yrs and Handicapped (at 200% of FPG) Beginning June 1, 2007</b>   |               |                  |            |                            |
|--|---------------|------------------|------------|----------------------------|
|  | a             | b                | c          | d                          |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS</b>   | <b>FACTOR</b> | <b>OLD LEVEL</b> | <b>RAW</b> | <b>ROUNDED<sup>3</sup></b> |
| 1 or 2   | 1.024         | \$28,600         | 29,286     | 29,300                     |
| 3  | 1.024         | \$33,600         | 34,406     | 34,400                     |
| 4  | 1.024         | \$40,500         | 41,472     | 41,500                     |
| 5  | 1.024         | \$47,400         | 48,538     | 48,600                     |
| 6  | 1.024         | \$54,300         | 55,603     | 55,700                     |
| Difference between 3 & 4   |               |                  |            |                            |
| Each Additional  | 1.024         | \$6,900          | 7,066      | 7,100                      |
| Note: The incremental difference between "1 or 2" and "3" (\$5,100) will always be less than the amount for each additional household member (\$7,100). The additional household member adder is applied to household member levels 5 and 6. |               |                  |            |                            |

Rules for Computing Income Levels (As set forth in Resolution E-3524, dated February 19, 1998)

- (1) The prior period income levels are multiplied by a factor of one plus the inflation factor (Column a + b = c).
- (2) The inflation factor to be used is the "final" CPI-U (Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers) for the prior year, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The inflation factor is usually available in January of each year.
- (3) The percentage increase factor is three digits to the right of the decimal. Examples: 2.0% = .020; 8.5% = .085.
- (4) All income level amounts are rounded to the nearest \$100. If the raw number ends rounds to 50 or above, the number should be rounded to the next higher \$100. Examples: 19,326 = 19,300; 16,654 = 16,700.
- (5) The amount for "each additional" should be rounded to the difference between 3 and 4 household members. If the rounding differs, the amount for the "each additional" should be set to the difference between 3 and 4 household members.

<sup>3</sup> Column "d" contains rounded data for income levels 1 or 2, 3, and 4. The data in column "d" for income levels 5 and 6 contain the additional household member adder of \$7,100.

Pursuant to Resolution E-3524, the utilities are requested to file revised tariffs with the Energy Division reflecting the income levels noted above by **May 14, 2007**. The tariffs will become effective **June 1, 2007**. All tariffs, internet sites and printed materials about CARE and/or LIEE are to display the income eligibility guidelines up through a household of six, as shown in the above table. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact **Hazlyn Fortune at (415) 703-1809, e-mail: hcf@cpuc.ca.gov**.

Sincerely,

Sean Gallagher, Director  
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