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May 16, 2013

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MAY 20 2013  
REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Southwest Gas Corporation  
PO Box 98510  
Las Vegas, NV 89193

RE: Docket No.: 13-03035  
Application of Southwest Gas Corporation filed under Advice Letter No. 482 to revise Gas  
Tariff No. 7 to increase the transaction fee charged by a third-party vendor for paystation  
payments.

To Whom It May Concern:

With reference to the above-captioned docket, enclosed is a copy of the tariff sheet which  
was accepted for filing by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada effective May 15, 2013.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Thompson  
Administrative Assistant III

Enclosure(s)

cc: PUC Master File

**STATEMENT OF RATES  
OTHER SERVICE CHARGES**

Description	Southern Nevada	Northern Nevada
<u>Service Establishment Charge</u> <sup>1/</sup>		
Normal Service	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Expedited Service	40.00	40.00
<u>Customer-Requested Meter Tests</u>		
First Test	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Subsequent Tests <sup>2/</sup>	7.50	7.50
<u>Returned Item Charge</u>		
Per Item	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
<u>Transaction Fees</u>		
Credit Card Payments <sup>3/</sup>	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
Paystation Payments <sup>4/</sup>	1.50	1.50
<u>Street and Outdoor Lighting  Permanent Disconnection Fee</u> <sup>5/</sup>		
Per Device	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00

- <sup>1/</sup> Subject to adjustment for any taxes or governmental impositions.
- <sup>2/</sup> For customers whose annual usage exceeds 180,000 therms per year, the Company may, at its sole discretion, charge the customer for any costs actually incurred by the Company in performing the meter test.
- <sup>3/</sup> A transaction fee is assessed and paid directly to the third-party vendor for transactions processed using a credit (including debit) card for amounts up to \$300.00. An additional transaction fee is assessed for each multiple of \$300.00
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- <sup>5/</sup> Applicable to lighting devices served under Schedule No. SG-L/NG-L when the customer has requested permanent disconnection from the Company's distribution system.

<p>Issued:  March 28, 2013</p> <p>Effective:  May 1, 2013</p> <p>Advice Letter No.:  482</p>	<p align="center">Issued by  John P. Hester  Senior Vice President</p>	<p align="center">Filing Accepted  Effective</p> <p align="center"><b>MAY 15 2013</b></p> <p align="center">Public Utilities Commission  of Nevada</p>
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## SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

March 28, 2013

Ms. Donna Skau, Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
Capitol Plaza  
1150 East William Street  
Carson City, NV 89701-3109

Dear Ms. Skau:

Southwest Gas Corporation herewith submits for filing Advice Letter No. 482, to update the transaction fees a third-party vendor may charge a customer for payment at a paystation. In addition, as required pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code Section 703.162, a copy of the Draft Notice Application has also been included.

Respectfully,

*Debra S. Gallo by cmg*

Debra S. Gallo, Director  
Government & State Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures



# SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Justin Lee Brown, Vice President/Pricing

Advice Letter No. 482

March 20, 2013

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Southwest Gas Corporation tenders herewith for filing the following tariff sheet application to its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7:

<u>PUCN Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling PUCN Sheet No.</u>
2nd Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 15	Statement of Rates - Other Service Charges	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 15

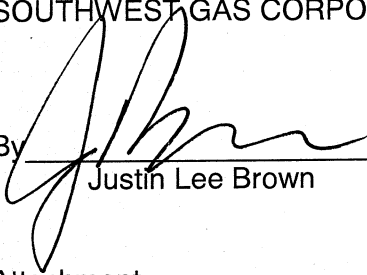
Pursuant to NAC 704.339(10)(c), adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (Commission) on January 13, 2005, a third-party vendor may charge a customer a fee for the use of a credit card to make a payment, provided the fee has been reviewed and approved by the Commission.

On October 7, 2005, the Commission approved Southwest Gas' application filed under Advice Letter No. 414, which allows customers to make payments via third-party vendors that charge customers a transaction fee. Customers electing to utilize this payment option pay the fee directly to the third-party vendor. The current transaction fee is \$1.00. The third-party vendor has increased the transaction fee to \$1.50. Southwest Gas requests the Commission approve the filing with an effective date of May 1, 2013.

Southwest Gas respectfully requests that the Commission approve the above-referenced tariff sheet, which updates the third-party transaction fee. This filing is made in accordance with Nevada Administrative Codes, NAC Chapter 703, of the Commission's Rules and Practices and Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

By   
 Justin Lee Brown

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# Draft Notice Application for Applications, Petitions and Complaints

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The Commission requires a draft notice be included with all applications, petitions and complaints. See Nevada Administrative Code 703.162. Please include one copy of this form with your filing.

- I. Include a title that describes the relief requested, or proceeding scheduled pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) 703.160 (5)(a.)

**Southwest Gas Corporation is filing Advice Letter No. 482 to update the charges a third-party vendor charges customers for paystation transaction fees.**

- II. Include the name of the applicant, complainant, petitioner, or the name of the agent for same pursuant to NAC 703.160 (5)(b).

**Southwest Gas Corporation**

- III. Include a paragraph with a brief description of the purpose of the filing or proceeding with an introductory statement in plain English understandable to a person of average knowledge and intelligence, that summarizes the relief requested or proceeding scheduled, **AND** its impact upon consumers, pursuant to NAC 704.160 (5)(c).

**Pursuant to NAC 704.339(10)(c), adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (Commission) on January 13, 2005, a third-party vendor may charge a customer a fee for the use of a credit card to make a payment, provided the fee has been reviewed and approved by the Commission. Southwest Gas is updating its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 to reflect an increase in third-party fees for paystation payments from \$1.00 to \$1.50.**

- IV. A declaration by the applicant, petitioner, or complainant whether a consumer session is required by Nevada Revised Statute (“NRS”) 704.069 (1). NAC 703.162 (2)<sup>1</sup>

**A consumer session for this filing is not required.**

- V. If the draft notice pertains to a tariff filing, please include the tariff number and the section number(s) or schedule number(s) being revised.

**Southwest Gas is requesting approval to modify the following in its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7: Statement of Rates – Other Service Charges, Sheet No. 15.**

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<sup>1</sup> **NRS 704.069 Commission required to conduct consumer session for certain rate cases; Commission required to conduct general consumer session annually in certain counties.**

1. The Commission shall conduct a consumer session to solicit comments from the public in any matter pending before the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.061 to 704.110, inclusive, in which:

(a) A public utility has filed a general rate application, an application to recover the increased cost of purchased fuel, purchased power, or natural gas purchased for resale or an application to clear its deferred accounts; and

(b) The changes proposed in the application will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue, as certified by the applicant, in an amount that will exceed \$50,000 or 10 percent of the applicant’s annual gross operating revenue, whichever is less.

2. In addition to the case-specific consumer sessions required by subsection 1, the Commission shall, during each calendar year, conduct at least one general consumer session in the county with the largest population in this state and at least one general consumer session in the county with the second largest population in this state. At each general consumer session, the Commission shall solicit comments from the public on issues concerning public utilities. Not later than 60 days after each general consumer session, the Commission shall submit the record from the general consumer session to the Legislative Commission.