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July 17, 2009

Southwest Gas Corporation
PO Box 98510
Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

RE: Docket No.: 09-05036
Application of Southwest Gas Corporation filed under Advice Letter No. 453 to revise Gas Tariff No. 6 to increase the transaction fee charged by and paid directly to the third-party vendor for payments processed using a credit card.

To Whom It May Concern:

With reference to the above-captioned docket, enclosed are copies of the tariff sheet which was accepted for filing by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada effective July 15, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary L. Thompson".

Mary L. Thompson
Administrative Assistant III

Enclosure(s)

cc: PUC Master File



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

May 21, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Re: **Southwest Gas Corporation**
Advice Letter No. 453

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) herewith submits for filing Advice Letter No. 453. In addition, Southwest has included a Draft Notice Application, pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code NAC 703.162.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (702) 876-7163.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra S. Gallo ^{By} 

Debra S. Gallo, Director
Government & State Regulatory Affairs

Attachments



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Roger C. Montgomery, Vice President/Pricing

Advice Letter No. 453

May 21, 2009

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) tenders herewith for filing the following tariff sheet application to its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 6:

<u>PUCN Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling PUCN Sheet No.</u>
Sixth Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 20	Statement of Rates - Other Service Charges	Fifth Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 20

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's 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 for Credit Card Payments is \$3.50. Western Union Speedpay (Speedpay), the third-party vendor has increased their transaction fee to \$3.75.

Southwest respectfully requests that the Commission approve the above referenced tariff sheet which updates Speedpay's 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 Roger C. Montgomery
Roger C. Montgomery

Attachment

**STATEMENT OF RATES
OTHER SERVICE CHARGES**

Description	Service Supplied Under Schedules	
	SG-1 through SG-90	NG-10 through NG-90
<u>Service Establishment Charge</u> ^{1/}		
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 ^{2/}	7.50	7.50
<u>Returned Item Charge</u>		
Per Item	\$10.00	\$10.00
<u>Transaction Fees</u>		
Credit Card Payments ^{3/}	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75
Paystation Payments ^{4/}	1.00	1.00
<u>Street and Outdoor Lighting Permanent Disconnection Fee</u> ^{5/}		
Per Device	\$60.00	\$60.00

- ^{1/} Subject to adjustment for any taxes or governmental impositions.
- ^{2/} For customers whose annual usage exceeds 180,000 therms per year, the Utility may, at its sole discretion, charge the customer for any costs actually incurred by the Utility in performing the meter test.
- ^{3/} 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
- ^{4/} A transaction fee is assessed and paid directly to the third-party vendor for payment processed at a Paystation location.
- ^{5/} Applicable to lighting devices permanently disconnected from Utility's distribution system, Schedule Nos. SG-33 and NG-30 only.

<p>Issued:</p> <p align="center">May 21, 2009</p> <p>Effective:</p> <p align="center">June 1, 2009</p> <p>Advice Letter No.:</p> <p align="center">453</p>	<p align="center">Issued by John P. Hester Senior Vice President</p>	
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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.)

Filing of Advice Letter (A.L. No. 453) by Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), for authority to update the third-party 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).

Southwest seeks authority from the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (Commission), pursuant to NAC 704.339(10)(c), to update Southwest’s tariff regarding third-party transaction fees.

- 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)¹

A consumer session is not required under NRS 704.069 or NAC 702.162.

- 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 Corporation Nevada Gas Tariff No. 6

Sixth Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 20

¹ **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.