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REGULATORY AFFAIRS

May 1, 2009

Southwest Gas Corporation PO Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193

RE:

Docket No.: 09-03031

Southwest Gas Corporation filed Advice Letter No. 452 to adjust Northern and Southern Nevada Base Tariff Energy Rates effective May 1, 2009.

To Whom It May Concern:

With reference to the above-captioned docket, enclosed are copies of the tariff sheets which were accepted for filing by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada effective May 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Thompson

Administrative Assistant III

Enclosure(s)

cc:

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SOUTHWEST GRS CORPORATION

Roger C. Montgomery, Vice President/Pricing

March 31, 2009

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

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Southwest Gas Corporation herewith submits for filing Advice Letter No. 452. The workpapers and documentation to support the calculations contained in this filing have been provided under separate cover to Regulatory Operations Staff and the Bureau of Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted,

Pager C. Mortz

Roger C. Montgomery

RCM:pr Attachments

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

Proposed P.U.C.N Sheet No.	Supersedes P.U.C.N Sheet No.
34th Revised Sheet No. 12	33rd Revised Sheet No. 12
35th Revised Sheet No. 13	34th Revised Sheet No. 13
34th Revised Sheet No. 14	33rd Revised Sheet No. 14
33rd Revised Sheet No. 16	32nd Revised Sheet No. 16
35th Revised Sheet No. 17	34th Revised Sheet No. 17
34th Revised Sheet No. 18	33rd Revised Sheet No. 18

The purpose of this filing is to adjust Southwest's Southern and Northern Nevada Base Tariff Energy Rates. Rates for Southwest's Southern Nevada customers will decrease \$0.03459 per therm and rates for Southwest's Northern Nevada customers will decrease \$0.00474 per therm. These rates will become effective May 1, 2009.

Customers are being notified of the rate change by means of a bill insert included with each bill beginning approximately April 8, 2009, as required by NRS 704.110(8) (b)(1). Copies of the bill inserts are attached. No other notice is required per NRS 703.320.

This filing is made in accordance with the Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 703, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Roger C. Montgomery

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Schedule Number & Type of Charge	De	livery Charge	_	ase Tariff nergy Rate	Ener	eferred gy Account justment	ı	Currently Effective ariff Rate	
SG-1 – Single-Family Residential Gas Service									
Summer (May – October)									
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	8.50					\$	8.50	
Commodity Charge per Therm:									
First 15 Therms	\$.35149	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$	1.09258	
Over 15 Therms		.16050		.78187	(.04078)		.90159	
<u> Winter (November – April)</u>									
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	8.50					\$	8.50	
Commodity Charge per Therm:									
First 45 Therms	\$.35149	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$	1.09258	
Over 45 Therms		.16050		.78187	(.04078)		.90159	
SG-2 – Multi-Family Apartment Residential Gas Service									
Summer (May – October)									
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	8.50					\$	8.50	
Commodity Charge per Therm:									
First 10 Therms	\$.35149	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$	1.09258	
Over 10 Therms		.16050		.78187	(.04078)		.90159	
Winter (November – April)									
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	8.50					\$	8.50	
Commodity Charge per Therm:									
First 20 Therms	\$.35149	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$	1.09258	
Over 20 Therms		.16050		.78187	(.04078)		.90159	
SG-5(S) – Small General Gas Service							æ	24.50	
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	21.50					\$	21.50	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.25803	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.99912	
SG-5(M) – Medium General Gas Service									
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	30.00					\$	30.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.20748	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.94857	
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STATEMENT OF RATES

<u>EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO SOUTHERN NEVADA DIVISION SCHEDULES</u>

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Schedule Number & Type of Charge	Deliv	very Charge	_	lase Tariff nergy Rate	Ener	eferred gy Account justment	E	Currently Effective ariff Rate	
SG-5(L) – Large General									
Gas Service Basic Service Charge per Month	\$ 15	50.00					\$	150.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.15398	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.89507	
SG-5(TE) –Transportation Eligible Gas Service									
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$ 8	50.00					\$	850.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.04123	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.78232	
Demand Charge 4/	Ψ		•		•	,	\$.023477	
SG-7 – Master-Metered Mobile Home Park Gas Service									
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$ 1	25.00		•			\$	125.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.21461	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$	0.95570	
SG-9 - Air-Conditioning Gas Service								04.50	
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	21.50					\$	21.50	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.05161	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.79270	
SG-13 –Water Pumping Gas Service							\$	50.00	
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	50.00					Ф	50.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.07824	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.81933	
SG-15 –Small Electric Generation Gas Service									
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	21.50					\$	21.50	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.06647	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.80756	

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				Gas	Cost			
Schedule Number & Type of Charge	Deli	very Charge		Base Tariff nergy Rate	Enei	Deferred gy Account ljustment	Е	Currently Effective ariff Rate
SG-21 – Gas Service for 5/ Compression on Customer's Premises								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	21.50					\$	21.50
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.11825	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.85934
SG-33 – Street and Outdoor Lighting Gas Service								
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.21548	\$.78187	(\$.04078)	\$.95657
SG-71 – Optional Gas Service	As sp	pecified on She	et Nos. 6) through 63.				

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^{2/} The average cost of purchased gas is based on sales in therms.

Oustomers taking transportation service will pay the Basic Service Charge, the Delivery Charge per therm, and Demand Charge, if applicable, of the Currently Effective Tariff Rate for each meter included in the transportation service agreement, plus an amount of \$.00814 per therm for distribution system shrinkage as defined in Rule No. 1 of this Nevada Gas Tariff for all volumes of gas not delivered through a direct connection to one of the utility's upstream interstate pipelines, and a Transportation Service Charge of \$500.00 per month per individually qualifying premise. For purposes of calculating Payment for Excess Imbalances, the Imbalance Commodity Charge is \$.76375 per therm and the Imbalance Reservation Charge is \$.07014 per therm. For customers converting from sales service, an additional amount equal to the currently effective Deferred Energy Accounting Adjustment will be assessed for a period of 12 months.

^{4/} The total monthly demand charge for Transportation Eligible General Gas Service is equal to the unit rate shown multiplied by the customer's billing determinant.

^{5/} The charges for Schedule No. SG-21 are subject to adjustments for applicable state and federal taxes on fuel used in motor vehicles.

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STATEMENT OF RATES

EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO NORTHERN NEVADA DIVISION SCHEDULES 1/2/3/

				Gas				
Schedule Number & Type of Charge	De	livery Charge	-	ase Tariff nergy Rate	Ener	eferred gy Account justment	E	Currently Effective ariff Rate

NG-10 – Single-Family Residential Gas Service								
Summer (May – October)								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	8.50					\$	8.50
Commodity Charge per Therm:								
First 20 Therms	\$.48722	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$	1.37159
Over 20 Therms		.15374		.97407	(.08970)		1.03811
<u> Winter (November – April)</u>								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	8.50					\$	8.50
Commodity Charge per Therm:								
First 65 Therms	\$.48722	\$.97407	(\$	08970)	\$	1.37159
Over 65 Therms		.15374		.97407	(.08970)		1.03811
NG-11 – Multi-Family Apartment Residential Gas Service								
<u>Summer (May – October)</u>								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	8.50					\$	8.50
Commodity Charge per Therm:							_	
First 10 Therms	\$.48722	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$	1.37159
Over 10 Therms		.15374		.97407	(.08970)		1.03811
<u> Winter (November – April)</u>							_	
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	8.50					\$	8.50
Commodity Charge per Therm:							_	
First 30 Therms	\$.48722	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$	1.37159
Over 30 Therms		.15374		.97407	(.08970)		1.03811
NG-18 – Air-Conditioning Gas Service								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	24.00					\$	24.00
Commodity Charge per Therm:			_					
All Usage	\$.06866	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$.95303

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Schedule Number & Type of Charge	<u>D</u>	elivery Charge	Base	Gas of Tariff Energy Rate	Ener	Peferred gy Account ljustment	Currently Effective Fariff Rate	
NG-22(S) – Small General Gas Service								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	24.00					\$ 24.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.40286	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$ 1.28723	
NG-22(M) – Medium General Gas Service								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	32.00					\$ 32.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.25408	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$ 1.13845	
NG-22(L) – Large General Gas Service								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	150.00					\$ 150.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.15332	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$ 1.03769	
NG-22(TE) – Transportation Eligible Gas Service								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	850.00					\$ 850.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.03571	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$.92008	
Demand Charge ^{4/}							\$.023674	
NG-24 – Master-Metered Mobile Home Park Gas Service								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	175.00					\$ 175.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.19298	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$ 1.07735	
NG-28 – Small Electric Generation Gas Service								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	24.00					\$ 24.00	
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.12727	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$ 1.01164	
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Schedule Number & Type of Charge	De	livery Charge		ase Tariff ergy Rate	Ener	eferred gy Account justment	l	Currently Effective ariff Rate
NG-30 – Street and Outdoor Lighting Gas Service								
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.34043	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$	1.22480
NG-34 – Water Pumping Gas Service								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	50.00					\$	50.00
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.07811	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$.96248
NG-36 – Gas Service for Compression <u>5/</u> NG-36 – on Customer's Premises								
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$	24.00					\$	24.00
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$.09375	\$.97407	(\$.08970)	\$.97812
NG-60 - Optional Gas Service	As	specified on She	et Nos. 1	28 through 13	31.			
NG-90 - Alternative Sales Service	As	specified on She	et Nos. 1	31A through 1	131B.			

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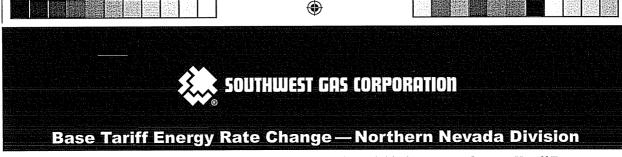
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^{4/} The total monthly demand charge for Transportation Eligible General Gas Service is equal to the unit rate shown multiplied by the customer's billing determinant.

^{5/} The charges for Schedule No. NG-36 are subject to adjustments for applicable state and federal taxes on fuel used in motor vehicles.



On March 31, 2009, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) filed its quarterly Base Tariff Energy Rate (BTER) change with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. Effective May 1, 2009, natural gas rates for Southwest's Northern Nevada customers will decrease by \$0.00474 per therm.

The table on the back of this notice shows the changes for the average monthly bill for each customer class. The change to individual customer bills will vary depending on the amount of gas consumed.

Monthly bills that reflect usage both before and after the effective date will be prorated to reflect the days billed at the old and new rates.

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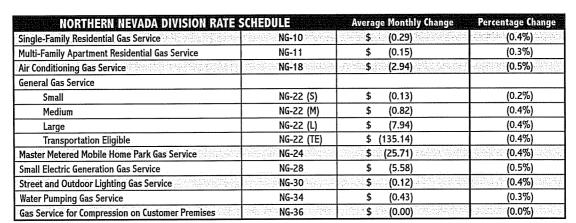
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For additional information, please call customer assistance at the number listed on your bill. Customers may send written comments or protests to:

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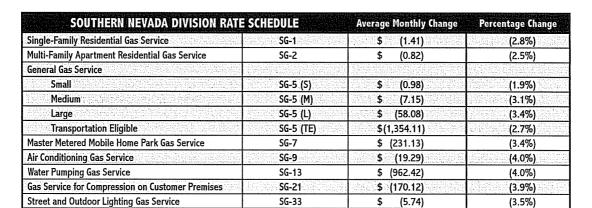
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