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October 1, 2009

Southwest Gas Corporation  
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Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

RE: Docket No.: 09-03012  
Application of Southwest Gas Company filed under Advice Letter No. 450 to revise Gas Tariff No. 6 to establish high pressure and low pressure transportation shrinkage rates in Southern Nevada in compliance with the Order issued in Docket Nos. 08-03033 and 08-05010.

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 October 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Thompson  
Administrative Assistant III

Enclosure(s)

cc: PUC Master File



## SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Donald L. Soderberg, Vice President/External Affairs, Regulatory Affairs & Energy Resources

September 22, 2009

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

Subject: Docket No. 09-03012

Commission Secretary:

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.

36th Revised Sheet No. 14  
6th Revised Sheet No. 342  
5th Revised Sheet No. 343  
4th Revised Sheet No. 344

Supersedes P.U.C.N. Sheet No.

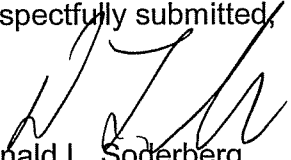
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3rd Revised Sheet No. 344

The purpose of this filing is to submit tariff sheets in compliance with the Commission's Order, issued in Docket No. 09-03012 and approved on September 16, 2009. The Order approved revisions to the shrinkage rate and the shrinkage calculation methodology in Southern Nevada. The new high pressure and low pressure shrinkage rates are effective October 1, 2009.

The attached tariff sheets also include the stipulated and approved definition of the shrinkage rate.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Donald L. Soderberg

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Attachments

**STATEMENT OF RATES**  
**EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO SOUTHERN NEVADA DIVISION SCHEDULES** <sup>1/2/3/</sup>  
*(Continued)*

Schedule Number & Type of Charge	Delivery Charge	Gas Cost		Currently Effective Tariff Rate
		Base Tariff Energy Rate	Deferred Energy Account Adjustment	
<u>SG-21 – Gas Service for Compression on Customer's Premises</u> <sup>5/</sup>				
Basic Service Charge per Month	\$ 21.50			\$ 21.50
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$ .11825	\$ .73572	(\$ .04078)	\$ .81319
<u>SG-33 – Street and Outdoor Lighting Gas Service</u>				
Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage	\$ .21548	\$ .73572	(\$ .04078)	\$ .91042
<u>SG-71 – Optional Gas Service</u>	As specified on Sheet Nos. 60 through 63.			
<u>SG-90 – Alternative Sales Service</u>	As specified on Sheet Nos. 63A through 63B.			

- 1/ The charges shown above are subject to adjustments for taxes and assessments.
- 2/ The average cost of purchased gas is based on sales in therms.
- 3/ Customers taking transportation service will pay the Basic Service Charge, the Delivery Charge per therm, and the Demand Charge, if applicable, of the Currently Effective Tariff Rate for each meter included in the transportation service agreement, plus an amount for distribution shrinkage for all volumes of gas not delivered through a direct connection to one of the Company's upstream interstate pipelines. The high pressure shrinkage rate is \$.00025 per therm, and the low pressure shrinkage rate is \$.00672 per therm. In addition, the customer will also pay 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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DEFINITIONS  
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Shrinkage: The difference between the amount of gas received by the Company and the amount of gas delivered to the Company's customers over the same time period.

Shrinkage Rate: The rate used to recover the cost of shrinkage from non-exempt transportation customers. In Southern Nevada, the high pressure shrinkage rate will be calculated using the ratio of the high-pressure-system miles of pipe to the system total miles of pipe for both the high and low pressure systems, consistent with the calculation approved by the Commission in Docket No. 09-03012. High pressure includes all pipe systems that have a Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of 125 psig or greater. Low pressure includes all pipe systems that have a MAOP of less than 125 psig. Customers receiving service off of a high pressure system will pay the high pressure shrinkage rate for all applicable therms. Customers receiving service off of a low pressure system will pay the low pressure shrinkage rate for all applicable therms.

Single-Family Residential: A detached house or any other permanent residential dwelling, excluding multi-family apartments, that receives the benefits of natural gas service through an individual meter.

Standing Nomination: A Daily Nomination which is effective for multiple Gas Days. Standing Nominations cannot exceed the term of the customer's Transportation Service Agreement. A Standing Nomination can be replaced by a new Daily Nomination or Intra-day Nomination; however, upon the expiration of such replacement Nomination, the Standing Nomination becomes effective again.

Subdivision: An area for single-family dwellings which may be identified by filed plans.

Summer Season: The 6-month period beginning May 1 and ending October 31.

Tariff: The entire body of effective rates, charges and rules, collectively, of the Utility, as set forth herein.

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DEFINITIONS

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Tariff Sheet:	An individual sheet of the tariff schedules.
Temporary Service:	Service to premises, enterprises or activities which are provisional or interim in nature, or where it is known in advance that the service will be of limited duration. Service which, in the opinion of the Utility, is for operations of a speculative character, or the permanency of which has not been established, is also considered temporary service.
Termination of Service:	The intentional cessation of service by the Utility to a customer which has not been requested by the customer and which occurs pursuant to the tariff of the Utility.
Therm:	A unit of heating value equivalent to 100,000 British Thermal Units (Btu).
Third Person:	Any person or public agency willing to receive notification of the pending termination of service of a residential customer, who assumes no liability for the payment of the customer's bill.
Timely Payment:	The payment of a bill for service prior to the date the bill is past due, unless otherwise specified.
Transmission Main:	A pipeline installed for the purpose of transmitting gas from a source of supply to distribution center, storage facility or large volume customer(s).
Transportation Billing Quantity:	A customer's monthly scheduled transportation quantity or, if transportation service is provided at separate premises under a single service agreement, the sum of a customer's metered quantities, including the effect of any adjustment for cycle billing.
Utility:	Southwest Gas Corporation.

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DEFINITIONS

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| Utility's Operating Convenience: | The term refers to the utilization, under certain circumstances of facilities or practices not ordinarily employed which contribute to the overall efficiency of the Utility's operations; it does not refer to customer convenience nor to the use of facilities or adoption of practices required to comply with applicable laws, ordinances, rules or regulations, or similar requirements of public authorities. |
| Weighted Average Cost:           | (WACOG) The unit price of gas including the actual cost of the gas and delivery charges.   |
| Winter Season:                   | The 6-month period beginning November 1 and ending April 30.   |

All Definitions are subject to interpretation by the Commission from time to time as the case for such interpretation may arise.

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