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May 21, 2014

Southwest Gas Corporation PO Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193

RE:

Docket No.: 14-04028

Application of Southwest Gas Corporation filed under Advice Letter No. 489 to revise Gas

Tariff No. 7 to make ministerial corrections.

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 12, 2014.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Thompson

Administrative Assistant III

Mary Thompson

Enclosure(s)

cc:

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7. TRANSPORTATION IMBALANCE SERVICE (Continued)

7.2 Payment for Excess Imbalances

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Positive excess imbalances shall be retained by the Company and the excess imbalance eliminated after the customer's bill is credited with the lower of the following two gas costs for each therm of the excess imbalance in addition to the customer's applicable transportation volume charge:

- (1) Fifty percent (50%) of the Imbalance Commodity Charge, which is defined as the total annualized test period commodity cost purchased by the Company for sales customers subject to the Annual Rate Adjustment plus applicable upstream pipeline volumetric charges, divided by the total volume of gas purchased by such customers over the same period. The rate is shown in Footnote 2 of the Statement of Rates of this Nevada Gas Tariff; or
- (2) The lowest incremental cost of gas, including the lowest incremental upstream interstate transportation charges, purchased by the Company during the same month.

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Negative excess imbalances shall be eliminated after the customer is billed the higher of the following two gas costs for each therm of the excess imbalance in addition to the customer's applicable transportation volume charge:

- (1) One hundred-fifty percent (150%) of the sum of the Imbalance Commodity Charge and the Imbalance Reservation Charge. The Imbalance Commodity Charge is defined in Section 7.2 a. (1) herein. The Imbalance Reservation Charge is defined as the total annualized pipeline capacity and storage charges during the Annual Rate Adjustment test period, divided by the total volume of gas purchased by such customers over the same period. Both rates are shown in Footnote 2 of the Statement of Rates of this Nevada Gas Tariff; or
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RULE NO. 6

<u>DISCONTINUANCE</u>, <u>TERMINATION</u>, <u>RESTORATION</u> AND <u>REFUSAL OF SERVICE</u> (Continued)

F. TERMINATION OF SERVICE BY COMPANY WITHOUT NOTICE (Continued)

- 6. Upon an order of any court or the Commission.
- 7. If an event that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled (a force majeure) occurs which requires termination of service.
- 8. If the location at which service is provided has been abandoned.
- 9. If the Company has tried diligently to serve notice in accordance with Section C hereof but has been unable to give such a notice.

G. RESTORATION OF SERVICE

- 1. Reestablishment. The Company shall restore service to a customer as soon as conditions permit:
 - a. When the customer has complied with all rules pertaining to payments, deposits, safety and other requirements;
 - b. Upon the order of any court of competent jurisdiction or the Commission; or
 - c. Upon the receipt of a statement from a licensed physician or public health official certifying that termination of service has constituted an emergency affecting the health of the customer or another person who is a permanent resident of the premises where service has been terminated.
- 2. Natural gas service to a mobile home park having a master meter or a multi-family complex will be prioritized ahead of all other scheduled service orders, except for emergencies.

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RULE NO. 9

FACILITIES EXTENSIONS (Continued)

GENERAL (Continued) Α.

- The cost of relocating mains and/or services at the customer/applicant 9. request will be performed at the expense of the customer/applicant. The cost of main and/or service work performed may be adjusted to recover the cost of federal income taxes in accordance with the Nevada Administrative Code.
- 10. Relocation of facilities will be mandatory and at the customer's expense when actions of the customer restrict the Company's access to, or the safety of the Should access not be given to the Company, service may be terminated at the Company's discretion.
- 11. Investments in main and/or service extensions are made by the Company on the basis of economic feasibility. Economically feasible means, the cost to install and operate an incremental investment in mains and/or services is supported by the revenue to be derived from the related incremental investment. Economic feasibility will be determined using the Incremental Contribution Method (ICM).
- 12. In unusual circumstances, when the application of this rule appears impractical or unjust to either party, the Company or the applicant may refer the matter to the Commission for special ruling or for the approval of special conditions which may be mutually agreed upon, prior to commencing construction.
- Branch Services. The Company, at its option, may install a branch service for 13. units on adjoining premises.

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Justin Lee Brown, Vice President/Regulatory Affairs

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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. 489 to make ministerial corrections in Southwest Gas' Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7.

Communications regarding this Advice Letter should be directed to:

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Respectfully submitted.

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Eric Witkoski, BCP Michael Saunders, BCP Anne-Marie Cuneo, PUCN



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

Proposed P.U.C.N Sheet No.	Supersedes P.U.C.N Sheet No.
2nd Revised Sheet No. 6	1st Revised Sheet No. 6
1st Revised Sheet No. 78	Original Sheet No. 78
1st Revised Sheet No. 79	Original Sheet No. 79
1st Revised Sheet No. 174	Original Sheet No. 174
3rd Revised Sheet No. 183	2nd Revised Sheet No. 183

Southwest Gas is making this filing to make the following ministerial corrections to Southwest Gas' Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7.

P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 6

To correct the title to Rule No. 9 on the Table of Contents Page to coincide with the changes approved in Southwest Gas' Advice Letter No. 468.

P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 78

To update the Footnote reference in Section 7.2.a.1 to Footnote 2.

P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 79

To update the Footnote reference in Section 7.2.b.1 to Footnote 2.

P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 174

To make a correction to the heading in Section F to make it consistent with the preceding page heading.

P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 183

To reinstate the reference to the Company's Branch Services inadvertently omitted during the changes approved in Southwest Gas' Advice Letter No. 468.

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,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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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 Advice Letter No. 489 to make ministerial corrections to Southwest Gas' Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7.

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

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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, <u>AND</u> its impact upon consumers, pursuant to NAC 704.160 (5)(c).

Southwest Gas is making this filing to make the following ministerial corrections to its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7. This filing has no impact on customer's rates.

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

A consumer session for this filing is not required.

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

Southwest Gas is requesting approval to modify the following in its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7: Table of Contents, PUCN Sheet No. 6; Schedule No. ST-1/NT-1, PUCN Sheet Nos. 78 and 79; Rule No. 6 – Discontinuance, Termination, Restoration and Refusal of Service, PUCN Sheet No. 174; and Rule No. 9 – Facilities Extension, Sheet No. 183.

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 <u>NRS 704.061</u> to <u>704.110</u>, 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.