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Subject: Annual adjustment of income guidelines for California Alternative Rates for Energy and Energy Savings Assistance Programs eligibility and Compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 2672

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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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May 1, 2025

Advice Letter No. 1333-G

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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Annual adjustment of income guidelines for California Alternative Rates for Energy and Energy Savings Assistance Programs eligibility and Compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 2672.

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to its California Gas Tariff. The tariff sheets being modified as a result of this submission are listed on Attachment A.

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this submission is to comply with the Energy Division's March 26, 2025, "Notice to update the income guidelines to Investor Owned and Small Multi-Jurisdictional Utilities providing services under the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Programs to update the income guidelines" (Energy Division Notice). The Notice directs utilities to update the income guidelines for the CARE and ESA Programs in accordance with Public Utility Code §739.1(a). The revised income guidelines are effective from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, for all new CARE and ESA Program enrollments, as well as CARE post enrollment verifications and recertifications. Additionally, this Advice Letter also complies with AB 2672 concerning Southwest Gas' CARE Expanded Program and Homekey housing facilities.

Modifications to Tariff Rate Schedules and CARE Program Forms

Pursuant to the Energy Division Notice, Southwest Gas updated the income guidelines on 1) Schedule Nos. GS-12/GN-12/SLT-12 – CARE Residential Gas Service; 2) Schedule Nos. GS-35/GN-35/SLT-35 – Agriculture Employee Housing and Nonprofit Group Living Facility Gas Service; and 3) CARE Program Forms 902.6 (standard CARE Program application) and 902.16 (CARE Program application applicable to Submetered Master-Meter Tenants). Southwest Gas also modifies CARE Form 902.2 – *Application for Qualified Nonprofit Group Living Facilities for [CARE] Program,* to include Homekey facilities in Eligibility Criteria and Certification Requirements. Redlined edits for this form are included in Attachment B.



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This Advice Letter will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule.

Effective Date

Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after Energy Division approval) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B. Southwest Gas respectfully requests that the tariff sheets submitted herein be approved May 31, 2025, which is thirty (30) days after submission. The revised income guidelines are effective June 1, 2025 pursuant to the Energy Division Notice.

Protest

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission's Energy Division. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based with specificity and must be sent no later than 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter submission. Protests are to be submitted electronically to the Commission's Energy Division at:

In addition, protests and all other correspondence regarding this Advice Letter should be sent electronically to:

Ms. Valerie J. Ontiveroz Senior Manager/Regulatory Affairs and Compliance Email: <u>valerie.ontiveroz@swgas.com</u> <u>regserve@swgas.com</u>

<u>Notice</u>

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(2), Southwest Gas is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in GO 96-B since this Advice Letter is submitted in accordance with the Energy Division Notice dated March 24, 2025.

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<u>Service</u>

In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rule 7.2, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this Advice Letter and related tariff sheets to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list.

Respectfully submitted, SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

alerie By: Valerie J. Ontiveroz

Attachments

Distribution List

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AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING AND NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITY GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to gas service for nonprofit group living facilities, as defined in Rule No. 1 of this California Gas Tariff, where a minimum of 70 percent of the gas consumed under this schedule is for residential purposes, and to gualified migrant housing centers; privatelyowned employee housing; or agricultural employee housing operated by nonprofit organizations.

TERRITORY

Throughout the Company's certificated California service areas, except as may hereafter be provided.

RATES

The commodity charges and basic service charge are set forth in the currently-effective Statement of Rates of this California Gas Tariff and are incorporated herein by reference.

The number of therms shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 2C of this California Gas Tariff.

Minimum Charge:

The minimum charge per meter per month is the basic service charge.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Α. NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES
 - 1. To be eligible for service under this schedule, the total gross annual income, both taxable and nontaxable, from all sources for each resident residing in the nonprofit group living facility may not exceed the Commission's CARE program eligibility income level shown below for a single-person household, and each resident may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return.

	Household Siz	ze Total Gross Annual Income				
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APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM (FORM 902.2 - 05/2025)

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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM

Discount

If qualified, a nonprofit group living facility will be eligible for a discount on all rate elements of that portion of its bill for energy serving the residential end-users.

Instructions

- 1. Read the information provided in this application.
- 2. **Determine** if the facility meets the eligibility criteria for a nonprofit group living facility. The facility must meet ALL criteria in order to qualify for the 20% discount.
- 3. **Complete** the entire application (please print or type). Nonprofit corporations must complete this application for all qualified satellites.
- Attach all required documents. The application is not considered complete without documents.
- 5. Mail to: ATTN CARE Southwest Gas Corporation PO Box 1498 Victorville, CA 92393-1498

Eligibility Criteria

Examples of potentially eligible nonprofit group living facilities consist of licensed or permitted homeless shelters, transitional housing, short- or long-term care facilities (hospices, nursing homes, seniors' or children's homes), group homes for mentally or physically disabled and/or disadvantaged persons or satellite facilities of a properly licensed "mothership" facility; and other nonprofit group living facilities that may not have a license or permit (homeless shelters, women's shelters or hospices).

The facility MUST meet all of the following criteria:

- The discount shall be used for the direct benefit of the income eligible residents in the facility (e.g., improved quality of care or improved food service).
- A licensed or appropriately permitted nonprofit establishment where 100% of the residents meet the Commission's existing CARE income eligibility standard for a single-person household.
- A minimum of 70% of the energy consumed on site must be used for residential purposes.
- Homeless shelters, women's shelters, or hospices that would otherwise qualify but are not licensed or do not possess a Conditional Use Permit, may qualify. Such facilities may qualify provided adequate proof satisfactory to Southwest Gas is submitted and approved showing that

its residents meet the CARE income eligibility requirements, and that its services are being provided to benefit income eligible residents.

 A nonprofit owner and/or operator of a governmentsubsidized residential facility may be eligible if services besides lodging are provided to residents, and all other eligibility criteria are met.

For Homeless Shelters & Homekey Housing

- Homeless shelters must provide verification to Southwest Gas that they provide at least 6 beds for a minimum of 180 days out of the year for persons who have no alternative residence.
- Homeless shelters and Homekey facilities operated in a government-owned or subsidized building by a nonprofit organization may qualify for CARE so long as the nonprofit entity is the Southwest Gas customer of record for the site, and a minimum of 70% of the energy consumed on site is used for residential purposes (eating or sleeping).

Individual Eligibility Guidelines

• Each resident whose total gross annual income (taxable and non-taxable) from all sources is no more than 200% of the federal poverty level income guidelines and is not claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return.

Exclusions

- Publicly-owned and government-subsidized housing facilities are not qualifying group living facilities. A group living facility that would otherwise qualify for CARE would not be ineligible because compensation for room, board, or services is provided by a governmental agency on behalf of the resident under a disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Administration (SSA), or other governmental assistance program.
- Facilities such as student housing and/or dorms, military barracks, fraternities and/or sororities are excluded.
- The discount cannot be used to offset any direct governmental subsidies.
- Any for-profit entity is ineligible.

Certification Requirements

- Facilities must recertify every two years to receive CARE.
- Nonprofit status of the corporation and/or facility, including homeless shelters, must be evidenced by including a letter of tax-exempt nonprofit status under Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501(c)(3). Applicants for Homekey facilities are also required to provide a California state tax exemption form in addition to the IRS 501(c)(3) form.
- Services provided to residents of licensed or permitted group living facilities must be evidenced by including a current certification from the appropriate state licensing

agency or copy of Conditional Use Permit along with the application. Homeless shelters are not required to certify provision of services, but must meet the minimum operational requirements and provide, if permitted, a copy of a current Conditional Use Permit. Homekey facilities must provide a license issued by the appropriate agency that permits Homekey facilities to provide housing.

- Other non-licensed or non-permitted facilities must provide adequate proof satisfactory to Southwest Gas that its residents meet the income eligibility requirements, and that its services are being provided to benefit income eligible residents.
- Except for homeless shelters, the facility must provide proof of every resident's eligibility by completing a CARE application form (properly authorized by the resident). Individual documentation of income may be waived for those seeking lodging at homeless shelters.
- At the time of each certification, all participating facilities, including homeless shelters, are required to demonstrate to Southwest Gas that they have passed on the discount for the benefit of the income eligible residents. Reasonable certification shall include a statement of the dollar amount of the annual discount and an explanation of how those funds were spent for the benefit of the income eligible residents.

About the Discount

PU Code Section 739 extends CARE program benefits to nonprofit group living facilities that provide a service, such as meals or rehabilitation, in addition to lodging, for the direct benefit of income eligible residents. This discount is required by state law and is under the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Note: Facilities receiving the discount are subject to verification by Southwest Gas. Facilities receiving the discount inappropriately will be re-billed at the correct rate.

For additional information, please call:

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Or visit our website at: www.swgas.com/caassist

Application

Name on Southwest Gas Bill	Account Number	Account Number		
Service Address	City	State	ZIP Code	
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code	
IRS Nonpr	ofit Tax ID #			
Name of Corporation/Facility Attach cop	by of IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) Letter of Tax-Exempt N	Nonprofit Status	
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Name on any other current license or Conditional Use Permit for the Corporation/Facility	Total Number of Residents of Facility		Number of Residents who meet ility Guidelines as stated above	
Is the facility operating as a satellite of a licensed, "mothership" facility? [] Yes If Yes, provide name of "mothership" facility and attach a copy of current "mot	No	Name on Southwest Gas B	ill	
Address of satellite facility(ies)				
State primary purpose of the facility and the services offered:				
Is at least 70% of the facility's energy used for residential purposes?	No			
Does the facility receive any funding from a governmental agency?	No			
If Yes, please explain type of funding and which governmental agency provides	the funding			
As an authorized representative of the facility, I certify, under pena California, that the above information is true and accurate. I am au- have verified the eligibility of the residents. I further certify that the improved quality of care or improved food service, of the residents renewal of this facility's license from the appropriate licensing ager request additional proof of eligibility and verification.	thorized by this facility e discount shall be us of the facility. I am re	ty to sign this applic ed for the direct be esponsible for the a	cation and nefit, such as annual	

California Consumer Privacy Act ("CCPA") - NOTICE AT COLLECTION

Under the CCPA, Southwest Gas is required to notify you of the personal information we collect about you and why we collect it. This notice applies solely to customers, users, and others who reside in the state of California. A list of the categories of personal information we may collect about you and how we use such information can be found in our CCPA Privacy Policy at https://www.swgas.com/ccpa.

Date Signed

Telephone Number

Authorized Representative Signature

Authorized Representative Name (please print)

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APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM (NEW AND RECERTIFICATION) (FORM 902.6 - 05/2025)

(See Attached Form)

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Application for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program

Get a discount on your gas bill!

CARE provides a discount on your gas bill every month for eligible and income-qualified customers at your primary residence. The Southwest Gas bill must be in your name. You may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return other than your spouse's. You will need to renew your application every two years or when requested by Southwest Gas.

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OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- Whether you own or rent, the energy savings assistance program provides incomequalified customers with money-saving energy-efficient home improvements at no cost.
- EPP Billing Average out your monthly bill to budget your energy costs and eliminate big payment swings.
- Medical Baseline If you depend on life-support or other equipment due to medical needs, you may be eligible for additional energy at the lowest price through the Medical Baseline Program.
- · Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) If you spend a high percentage of your income on energy bills, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance and weatherproofing services. Contact the California Department of Community Services and Development at (866) 675-6623.
- Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) Get discounted phone access when you meet similar income guidelines as the CARE program. To learn more, contact your local phone service provider.
- Visit swgas.com/caassist to learn more about these helpful programs and services.

CALIFORNIA CUSTOMERS

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CARE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR TENANTS OF SUBMETERED RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (NEW AND RECERTIFICATION) (FORM 902.16 - 05/2025)

(See Attached Form)

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Application for California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program for Submetered Master-Meter Tenants

Get a discount on your gas bill!

CARE provides a discount on your gas bill every month for eligible and income-qualified submetered master-meter tenants. You may not be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return other than your spouse's. You will need to renew your application every two years or when requested by Southwest Gas.

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Tenants: To qualify for a rate discount through your facility landlord or manager, submetered tenants must meet these qualifications:

- Submetered tenants do not receive a bill from Southwest Gas
- Submetered tenants receive gas service and a gas bill from their facility landlord or manager.

For more information call:

Customer Solutions	<u>(877) 860-6020</u>
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OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR:

- Whether you own or rent, the energy savings assistance program provides income-qualified customers with money-saving energy-efficient home improvements at no cost.
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) If you spend a high percentage of your income on energy bills, you may be eligible to receive financial assistance and weatherproofing services through the California Department of <u>Community Services and Development at (866) 675-6623.</u>
- Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) Get discounted phone access when you meet similar income guidelines as the CARE program. To learn more, contact your local phone service provider.
- Visit swgas.com/caassist to learn more about these helpful programs and services.

CALIFORNIA CUSTOMERS

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Under the CCPA, Southwest Gas is required to notify you of the personal information we collect about you and why we collect it. This notice applies solely to customers, users, and others who reside in the state of California. A list of the categories of personal information we may collect about you and how we use such information can be found in our CCPA Privacy Policy on our website at www.swgas.com/ccpa.

ADVICE LETTER NO. 1333 ATTACHMENT B

Form 902.2 Redlines



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM

Discount

If qualified, a nonprofit group living facility will be eligible for a 20%-discount on all rate elements of that portion of its bill for energy serving the residential end-users.

Instructions

- 1. **Read** the information provided in this application.
- 2. **Determine** if the facility meets the eligibility criteria for a nonprofit group living facility. The facility must meet ALL criteria in order to qualify for the 20% discount.
- 3. **Complete** the entire application (please print or type). Nonprofit corporations must complete this application for all qualified satellites.
- Attach all required documents. The application is not considered complete without documents.
- 5. Mail to: ATTN CARE Southwest Gas Corporation PO Box 1498 Victorville, CA 92393-1498

Eligibility Criteria

Examples of potentially eligible nonprofit group living facilities consist of licensed or permitted homeless shelters, transitional housing, short- or long-term care facilities (hospices, nursing homes, seniors' or children's homes), group homes for mentally or physically disabled and/or disadvantaged persons or satellite facilities of a properly licensed "mothership" facility; and other nonprofit group living facilities that may not have a license or permit (homeless shelters, women's shelters or hospices).

The facility MUST meet all of the following criteria:

- The discount shall be used for the direct benefit of the income eligible residents in the facility (e.g., improved quality of care or improved food service).
- A licensed or appropriately permitted nonprofit establishment where 100% of the residents meet the Commission's existing CARE income eligibility standard for a single-person household.
- A minimum of 70% of the energy consumed on site must be used for residential purposes.
- Homeless shelters, women's shelters, or hospices that would otherwise qualify but are not licensed or do not possess a Conditional Use Permit, may qualify. Such facilities may qualify provided adequate proof satisfactory to Southwest Gas is submitted and approved showing that

its residents meet the CARE income eligibility requirements, and that its services are being provided to benefit income eligible residents.

 A nonprofit owner and/or operator of a governmentsubsidized residential facility may be eligible if services besides lodging are provided to residents, and all other eligibility criteria are met.

For Homeless Shelters & Homekey Housing

- Homeless shelters must provide verification to Southwest Gas that they provide at least 6 beds for a minimum of 180 days out of the year for persons who have no alternative residence.
- Homeless shelters and Homekey facilities operated in a government-owned or subsidized building by a nonprofit organization may qualify for CARE so long as the nonprofit entity is the Southwest Gas customer of record for the site, and a minimum of 70% of the energy consumed on site is used for residential purposes (eating or sleeping).

Individual Eligibility Guidelines

• Each resident whose total gross annual income (taxable and non-taxable) from all sources is no more than 200% of the federal poverty level income guidelines and is not claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return.

Exclusions

- Publicly-owned and government-subsidized housing facilities are not qualifying group living facilities. A group living facility that would otherwise qualify for CARE would not be ineligible because compensation for room, board, or services is provided by a governmental agency on behalf of the resident under a disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Administration (SSA), or other governmental assistance program.
- Facilities such as student housing and/or dorms, military barracks, fraternities and/or sororities are excluded.
- The discount cannot be used to offset any direct governmental subsidies.
- Any for-profit entity is ineligible.

Certification Requirements

- Facilities must recertify every two years to receive CARE.
- Nonprofit status of the corporation and/or facility, including homeless shelters, must be evidenced by including a letter of tax-exempt nonprofit status under Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501(c)(3). <u>Applicants for Homekey</u> <u>facilities are also required to provide a California state tax</u> <u>exemption form in addition to the IRS 501(c)(3) form.</u>
- Services provided to residents of licensed or permitted group living facilities must be evidenced by including a current certification from the appropriate state licensing

agency or copy of Conditional Use Permit along with the application. Homeless shelters are not required to certify provision of services, but must meet the minimum operational requirements and provide, if permitted, a copy of a current Conditional Use Permit. <u>Homekey facilities</u> <u>must provide a license issued by the appropriate agency</u> <u>that permits Homekey facilities to provide housing.</u>

- Other non-licensed or non-permitted facilities must provide adequate proof satisfactory to Southwest Gas that its residents meet the income eligibility requirements, and that its services are being provided to benefit income eligible residents.
- Except for homeless shelters, the facility must provide proof of every resident's eligibility by completing a CARE application form (properly authorized by the resident). Individual documentation of income may be waived for those seeking lodging at homeless shelters.
- At the time of each certification, all participating facilities, including homeless shelters, are required to demonstrate to Southwest Gas that they have passed on the discount for the benefit of the income eligible residents. Reasonable certification shall include a statement of the dollar amount of the annual discount and an explanation of how those funds were spent for the benefit of the income eligible residents.

About the Discount

PU Code Section 739 extends CARE program benefits to nonprofit group living facilities that provide a service, such as meals or rehabilitation, in addition to lodging, for the direct benefit of income eligible residents. This discount is required by state law and is under the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Note: Facilities receiving the discount are subject to verification by Southwest Gas. Facilities receiving the discount inappropriately will be re-billed at the correct rate.

For additional information, please call:

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Or visit our website at: www.swgas.com/caassist

Application

Name on Southwest Gas Bill	Account Number	Account Number						
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Authorized Representative Signature

Telephone Number

Date Signed

Authorized Representative Name (please print)



California Public Utilities Commission

ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)							
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If yes, specification of confidential information: Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:							
Resolution required? Yes No							
Requested effective date:	No. of tariff sheets:						
Estimated system annual revenue effect (%):							
Estimated system average rate effect (%):							
When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).							
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Service affected and changes proposed ^{1:}							
Pending advice letters that revise the same tar	iff sheets:						

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division Attention: Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102 Email: <u>EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</u>	Name: Title: Utility Name: Address: City: State: Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx: Email:
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