

August 28, 2025

# Advice Letter No. 1343-G

(U 905 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

<u>Subject</u>: Second Quarter 2025 Biomethane Gas Plan Report Pursuant to Decision (D.) 20-05-003

The purpose of this Advice Letter is for Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) to submit its Biomethane Gas Plan (BGP) Quarterly Report pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 8 in D.20-05-003.<sup>1</sup> There are no tariff sheets being modified because of this submission.

### Background

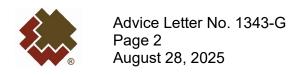
On May 7, 2020, the Commission issued D.20-05-003 authorizing Southwest Gas to revise its California Gas Tariff to: 1) make permanent the temporary modifications to the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism (GCIM) in Preliminary Statement 17 that the Commission previously approved in October 2016 (2016 Modification); 2) implementation of the BGP within the GCIM; and 3) modification of Southwest Gas' transportation customer balancing requirements and Operational Flow Orders (OFOs) provisions in Rule No. 21 – Transportation of Customer-Secured Natural Gas (Rule No. 21). Specifically, the BGP provides the mechanism to pass all renewable gas costs and revenues through to Southwest Gas customers. OP 8 in D.20-05-003 states:

Southwest Gas Corporation shall provide the Commission's Energy Division with quarterly reports on its Biomethane Gas Program (BGP) activities relating to the approval of the BGP Modification and Rule 21 Modification herein authorized. Prior to submitting the preliminary quarterly report, Southwest Gas Corporation shall request input and approval from the Commission's Energy Division in developing the reporting template.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to OP 8, Energy Division approved Southwest Gas' reporting template. Additionally, given that D.20-05-003 does not include reporting due dates, Energy Division approved of the following BGP quarterly reporting schedule:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> D.20-05-003 issued in Application 19-02-002, Application of Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G) for Authority to Revise its California Gas Tariff to Modify the Gas Cost Incentive Mechanism, implement a Biomethane Gas Program, and Modify Transportation Customer Balancing Requirements and Operational Flow Orders, filed February 1, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> D.20-05-003 at pg. 23.



Quarter	Gas Flow Dates	Accounting Period	Report Due Date
1	January – March	February – April	May 31
2	April – June	May – July	August 31
3	July – September	August – October	November 30
4	October - December	November – January	February 28

Energy Division also directed Southwest Gas to submit the report through a Tier 1 Advice Letter to provide parties more notice and transparency.

Although BGP quarterly reporting began in calendar year 2021, Southwest Gas did not have any biomethane gas purchases. Therefore, quarterly reporting began in calendar year 2022.<sup>3</sup>

## **Biomethane Gas Plan Report**

Southwest Gas submits its second quarter 2025 Biomethane Gas Plan Report for the April through June 2025 gas flow dates (Attachment A). The report reflects BGP activity with respect to Southwest Gas' Southern California service territory. No biomethane gas purchases were made in Southwest Gas' Northern California service territory.

The report is submitted in both public and confidential versions. The confidential report is being submitted to the Energy Division under separate cover along with the *Declaration of Christopher Brown Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Data*.

This submission will not increase any current rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

## **Effective Date**

Pursuant to Energy Division direction, Southwest Gas believes this Advice Letter should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending Energy Division disposition) pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B and per the direction of Energy Division Staff. Southwest Gas respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be accepted effective August 28, 2025, which is the date submitted.

#### **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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In lieu of quarterly Advice Letters, Southwest Gas submitted written correspondence to Energy Division Staff confirming that it had not made any biomethane gas purchases for each quarter in 2021.



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than 20 days after the date of this Advice Letter submission. Protests are to be submitted electronically to the Commission's Energy Division at:

Email: edtariffunit@cpuc.ca.gov

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

Valerie J. Ontiveroz, Senior Manager/Regulatory Affairs & Compliance Laurie Brown, Regulatory Manager/California

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# **Notice**

Southwest Gas believes it is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 of GO 96-B, since this Advice Letter is being submitted pursuant to OP 8 in D.20-05-003 and will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other schedule or rule that are currently in effect.

# **Service**

In accordance with GO 96-B, General Rule 7.2, Southwest Gas is serving copies of this Advice Letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached distribution list and the service list in A.19-02-002.

Respectfully submitted, SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Valerie J. Ontiveroz

Attachments

# **Distribution List**

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In conformance with GO 96-B, General Rule 4.3

The following individuals or entities have been served by electronic mail:

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#### Southwest Gas Corporationn (U 905 G) Advice Letter No. 1343-G

# Southern California Service Territory

Biomethane Gas Program Activity Quarterly Report April 2025 - June 2025 (May 2025 - July 2025 accounting period)

			Total BG	P Purchases				
<u>Supplier</u>	Exhibit No.	<u>Package</u>	<u><b>Delivery Dates</b></u> April 2025 - June 2025 April 2025 - June 2025 Total BGP Purchases	Quantity (Dth)	Average Price (\$/Dth) \$ \$	Total Cost (\$) \$	Environmental Attributes (Yes/No) No No	Included in Supply Portfolio (Yes/No) Yes Yes
			BGP Purchases Not In	ncluded In Supply	Portfolio			
		Total BGP	Non-Supply Portfolio Purchases	Quantity (Dth)	Average Price (\$/Dth)	Total Cost (\$)		
			BGP Sales (excludes quantit	ies included in s	upply portfolio	))		
Supplier N/A	Exhibit No. N/A	<u>Package</u> N/A Total	<u><b>Delivery Dates</b></u> N/A BGP Non-supply Portfolio Sales	Quantity (Dth)	Average Price (\$/Dth) \$ - \$ -	Total Cost (\$) \$ -	Environmental Attributes (Yes/No) No	Included in Supply Portfolio (Yes/No) No
			BGP Purchases Incl	uded In Supply Po	ortfolio			
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3.46%

BGP Supply Portfolio Purchases cost percent of total purchase cost

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# Northern California Service Territory

Biomethane Gas Program Activity Quarterly Report April 2025 - June 2025 (May 2025 - July 2025 accounting period)

			Total BC	SP Purchases				
<u>Supplier</u> N/A	Exhibit No. N/A	<u>Package</u> N/A	<u>Delivery Dates</u> N/A Total BGP Purchases	Quantity (Dth)	Average Price (\$/Dth) \$ - \$ -	Total Cost (\$) \$ -	Environmental Attributes (Yes/No) No	Included in Supply Portfolio (Yes/No) No
			BGP Purchases Not	Included In Supply	Portfolio			
		Total BGP No	n-Supply Portfolio Purchases	Quantity (Dth)	Average Price (\$/Dth)  \$ -	Total Cost (\$)		
	BGP Sales (excludes quantities included in supply portfolio)							
<u>Buyer</u> N/A	<u>Exhibit No.</u> N/A	<u>Package</u> N/A Total BG	<u><b>Delivery Dates</b></u> N/A iP Non-supply Portfolio Sales	Quantity (Dth)	Average Price (\$/Dth) \$ - \$ -	<u>Total</u> <u>Revenue (\$)</u> \$ -	Environmental Attributes (Yes/No) No	Included in Supply Portfolio (Yes/No) No
			BGP Purchases Inc	luded In Sunnly P	Portfolio			
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	Total period (		portation and storage cost (\$) al period gas supply costs (\$)					

0.00%

BGP Supply Portfolio Purchases cost percent of total purchase cost





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# ADVICE LETTER UMMARY



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MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)						
Company name/CPUC Utility No.:						
Utility type:  ELC GAS WATER  PLC HEAT	Contact Person: Phone #: E-mail: E-mail Disposition Notice to:					
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE  ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water  PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water	(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)					
Advice Letter (AL) #:	Tier Designation:					
Subject of AL:						
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):						
AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annu-						
ii At submined in compliance with a Commissi	on order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:					
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL:						
Summarize differences between the AL and th	e prior withdrawn or rejected AL:					
Confidential treatment requested? Yes	No					
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).						
Tariff schedules affected:						
Service affected and changes proposed <sup>1:</sup>						
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff 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: <a href="mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov">EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov</a>

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# **ENERGY Advice Letter Keywords**

Affiliate	Direct Access	Preliminary Statement
Agreements	Disconnect Service	Procurement
Agriculture	ECAC / Energy Cost Adjustment	Qualifying Facility
Avoided Cost	EOR / Enhanced Oil Recovery	Rebates
Balancing Account	Energy Charge	Refunds
Baseline	Energy Efficiency	Reliability
Bilingual	Establish Service	Re-MAT/Bio-MAT
Billings	Expand Service Area	Revenue Allocation
Bioenergy	Forms	Rule 21
Brokerage Fees	Franchise Fee / User Tax	Rules
CARE	G.O. 131-D	Section 851
CPUC Reimbursement Fee	GRC / General Rate Case	Self Generation
Capacity	Hazardous Waste	Service Area Map
Cogeneration	Increase Rates	Service Outage
Compliance	Interruptible Service	Solar
Conditions of Service	Interutility Transportation	Standby Service
Connection	LIEE / Low-Income Energy Efficiency	Storage
Conservation	LIRA / Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance	Street Lights
Consolidate Tariffs	Late Payment Charge	Surcharges
Contracts	Line Extensions	Tariffs
Core	Memorandum Account	Taxes
Credit	Metered Energy Efficiency	Text Changes
Curtailable Service	Metering	Transformer
Customer Charge	Mobile Home Parks	Transition Cost
Customer Owned Generation	Name Change	Transmission Lines
Decrease Rates	Non-Core	Transportation Electrification
Demand Charge	Non-firm Service Contracts	Transportation Rates
Demand Side Fund	Nuclear	Undergrounding
Demand Side Management	Oil Pipelines	Voltage Discount
Demand Side Response	PBR / Performance Based Ratemaking	Wind Power
Deposits	Portfolio	Withdrawal of Service
Depreciation	Power Lines	