PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 VAN NESS AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

February 2, 2012



Advice Letter 879

Don Soderberg, Vice-President/Pricing Southwest Gas Corporation P O Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193-8510

Subject: In Compliance with O.P. 5 in D.11-11-009 to Establish a Public Purpose Program Memorandum Account (PPPMA)

Dear Mr. Soderberg:

Advice Letter 879 is effective November 28, 2011.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director

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Energy Division



Donald L. Soderberg, Vice President/Pricing

November 23, 2011

ATTN: Edward Randolph, Director Energy Division California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4004 San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject:

Southwest Gas Corporation (U 905 G)

Advice Letter No. 879

Dear Mr. Randolph:

Enclosed herewith are five (5) copies of Southwest Gas Corporation's Advice Letter No. 879, together with California Gas Tariff P.U.C. Sheet Nos. 43, and 44-45.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Edward B. Gieseking directly at (702) 364-3271.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Soderberg

DLS:kt Enclosures



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) (U 905 G) hereby tenders for filing the following tariff sheets:

California Gas Tariff

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.

Title of Sheet

Canceling Cal. P.U.C.

Sheet No.

Original Sheet No. 43 Preliminary Statement (Continued)

Original

Held for Future Use

Sheet Nos. 44-45

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this filing is to establish the Public Purpose Program Memorandum Account (PPPMA) in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 5 in Decision No. (D.)11-11-009¹. In accordance with D.11-11-009, the PPPMA will track the difference between the revenue requirement adopted in D.11-11-009 and what Southwest requested in its application for approval of low-income assistance programs and budgets for program years 2012-2014 (Application 11-06-019). The allocation of monthly Energy Savings Assistance Program and California Alternative Rates for Energy Program revenue requirements required by OP 6 of D.11-11-009 is attached.

Effective Date

Pursuant to OP 3.5 in D.11-11-009, this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and is classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition). Southwest respectfully requests that this Advice Letter be made effective November 28, 2011, which is the date of filing.

Protest

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter within 20 days of the filing. The protest should set forth the grounds upon which it is based and should be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. Protests should be mailed to:

¹ Issued in Application 11-06-016, et al.



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Investigation, Monitoring & Compliance Program Manager California Public Utilities Commission, Energy Division 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002 San Francisco, CA 94102 Facsimile: 415-703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 at the same address as above, and mailed and faxed to:

Mr. John P. Hester, Senior Vice-President Regulatory Affairs and Energy Resources Southwest Gas Corporation P.O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510 Facsimile: 702-876-7037

Notice

Pursuant to Energy Industry Rule 3.1(1), Southwest is exempt from the notice requirements set forth in General Rule 4.2 in G.O. 96-B since the tariff revisions proposed herein are being filed in compliance with D.11-11-009.

Service

In accordance with General Order 96-B, General Rule 4.3, Southwest is mailing 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

Donald L. Soderberg

Attachments

DISTRIBUTION LIST

Advice Letter No. 879

In Conformance with G.O. 96-B, General Rule 4.3

Southern California Edison Company

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Sierra Pacific Power Company

San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Southern California Gas Company

Southern California Water Company

R. Thomas Beach

Duane Morris, LLP

Director/Division of Ratepayer Advocates

California Gas Tariff

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Canceling

Original Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS (Continued)

21. PUBLIC PURPOSE PROGRAM MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (PPPMA)

21A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the PPPMA is to record the difference between the Company's Public Purpose Program (PPP) revenue requirement authorized in Decision (D.)11-11-009 and that requested by the Company in Application (A.)11-06-016 beginning January 1, 2012.

21B. APPLICABILITY

CARE and NonCARE costs recorded in the PPPMA will be recovered from customers in the same manner as the Company's authorized PPP revenue requirement.

21C. DISPOSITION

Costs recorded in the PPPMA will be reconciled with the Company's PPP expenses and revenues recorded pursuant to Section 17 Public Purpose Program (PPP) Balancing Accounts (Section 17) of the Preliminary Statements of this California Gas Tariff. Costs, including interest calculated as set forth in Section 12B of these Preliminary Statements, in excess of those recoverable pursuant to Section 17 may be recovered in rates only after request by the Company and approval by the Commission.

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Issued by John P. Hester Senior Vice President Date Filed November 23, 2011

Effective November 23, 2011

Resolution No.

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P.O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510 California Gas Tariff	Canceling	Original	Cal. P.U.C	. Sheet No. . Sheet No.	44-45
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SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION COMPARISON OF AUTHORIZED AND REQUESTED ESAP AND CARE REVENUE REQUIREMENTS

								Six-Month
Description	,	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Jun-12	Total
Energy Savings Assistance Program [1]								
Authorized in D.11-11-009	⋄	264,391 \$	264,391 \$	264,391 \$	264,391 \$	264,391 \$	264,391 \$	1,586,347
Requested in A.11-06-016		252,071	252,071	252,071	252,071	252,071	252,071	1,512,424
Estimated (Under-) / Over-Collection	\$	12,321 \$	12,321 \$	12,321 \$	12,321 \$	12,321 \$	12,321 \$	73,923
CARE Program [2]								
Authorized in D.11-11-009	s	756,135 \$	756,135 \$	756,135 \$	756,135 \$	756,135 \$	756,135 \$	4,536,810
Requested in A.11-06-016		969,780	969,780	969,780	969,780	969,780	969,780	5,818,680
Estimated (Under-) / Over-Collection	\$	(213,645) \$	(213,645) \$	(213,645) \$	(213,645) \$	(213,645) \$	(213,645) \$	(1,281,870)

^[1] ESAP costs and revenues are balanced in a one-way balancing account pursuant to Section 17 of the Preliminary Statements of Southwest's California Gas Tariff, ESAP expenses in excess of the amounts authorized in D.11-11-009 will be recorded in the Public Purpose Program Memorandum Account for future recovery.

Gas Tariff. CARE program expenses in excess of the amounts authorized in D.11-11-009 will be recovered from / refunded to customers through Southwest CARE [2] CARE program costs and revenues are balanced in a two-way balancing account pursuant to Section 17 of the Preliminary Statements of Southwest's California balancing account.