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September 25, 2013

Southwest Gas Corporation PO Box 98510 Las Vegas, NV 89193

RE:

Docket No.: 13-07027

Application of Southwest Gas Corporation filed under Advice Letter No. 483 to revise Gas Tariff No. 7 to update Definitions Rule No. 1 to clarify the applicability of Single-Family Residential Gas Service Schedule No. SG-RS/NG-RS and Multi-Family Residential Gas Service Schedule No. SG-RM/NG-RM.

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 September 25, 2013.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Thompson

Administrative Assistant III

Enclosure(s)

cc:

PUC Master File

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2nd Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 1st Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No.

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SCHEDULE NO. SG-RS/NG-RS

SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to customers receiving gas service in a single-family residential structure.

TERRITORY

Throughout the Company's certificated Nevada 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 Nevada Gas Tariff, and are incorporated herein by reference.

The minimum charge per month is the basic service charge, as applicable.

LATE CHARGE

The monthly bill is due and payable as of the date of presentation. Included in the bill will be a late charge of five percent (5%) on the first \$200 of the monthly bill, plus two percent (2%) of any balance above \$200, which will be imposed if payment is not received by the next month's billing.

BASE TARIFF ENERGY RATE (BTER) AND DEFERRED ENERGY ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT (DEAA)

The rates specified for this schedule are subject to increases or decreases in the cost of purchased gas in accordance with those provisions set forth in Chapter 704 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC).

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Except as qualified in this schedule, all of the General Terms and Conditions are applicable to this schedule and are hereby made a part hereof.

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SCHEDULE NO. SG-RM/NG-RM

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to customers receiving gas service in a multi-family residential structure.

TERRITORY

Throughout the Company's certificated Nevada Service Areas, except as may hereafter be provided.

<u>RATES</u>

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

The minimum charge per month is the basic service charge, as applicable.

LATE CHARGE

The monthly bill is due and payable as of the date of presentation. Included in the bill will be a late charge of five percent (5%) on the first \$200 of the monthly bill, plus two percent (2%) of any balance above \$200, which will be imposed if payment is not received by the next month's billing.

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RULE NO. 1

DEFINITIONS (Continued)

Master Meter Customer:

A customer served by a master meter system.

Master Meter System: A pipeline system for distributing gas within, but not limited to, a definable area, such as a mobile home park, housing project, or apartment complex, where the operator purchases metered gas from an outside source for resale through an exterior or underground pipeline to more than one building. The gas distribution pipeline system supplies the ultimate consumer who either purchases the gas directly through a meter or by other means, such as by rents.

Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ): The maximum daily quantity of gas the Company agrees to receive or deliver, in a twenty-four (24) hour period, at each receipt or

Delivery point or in the aggregate as specified in the service

agreement.

Mcf:

1,000 cubic feet.

Meter:

A measuring device and its related facilities, such as automated

reading devices, regulators and valves.

Mobile Home:

A portable unit designed and built to be towed on its own chassis and connected to utilities. It is without a permanent foundation and

is designed for year-round living.

Multi-Family

Residential Structure:

Any structure where three (3) or more permanent residential dwellings joined by common walls each receive the benefits of

natural gas service through an individual meter installed as part of

a multiple-meter assembly.

Multi-Family Complex: A location at which more than one dwelling unit receives the benefits of a natural gas service through a single meter including. without limitation, apartment complexes and mobile home parks.

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RULE NO. 1

DEFINITIONS (Continued)

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-pressuresystem 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 Structure: A permanent residential dwelling, excluding multi-family residential structures, 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 six (6) month period beginning May 1 and ending October 31.

Tariff:

The entire body of effective rates, charges and rules, collectively,

of the Company, as set forth herein.

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July 24, 2013

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 (Company) herewith submits for filing Advice Letter No. 483, to clarify the applicability of the Company's Schedule Nos. SG-RS/NG-RS Single-Family Residential Gas Service and SG-RM/NG-RM Multi-Family Residential Gas Service. In addition, as required pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code Section 703.162, a copy of the Draft Notice Application has also been included.

Respectfully,

Debra S. Gallo by cmy.

Debra S. Gallo, Director

Government & State Regulatory Affairs

Enclosures



Justin Lee Brown, Vice President/Pricing

Advice Letter No. 483

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PUBLIC UTILITES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Southwest Gas Corporation (Company) tenders herewith for filling the following tariff sheets applicable to its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7:

PUCN Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Canceling PUCN Sheet No.
2nd Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 16	Schedule No. SG-RS/NG-RS Single-Family Residential Gas Service	1 st Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 16
2nd Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 17	Schedule No. SG-RM/NG-RM Multi-Family Residential Gas Service	1 st Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 17
2nd Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 141	Rule No. 1 - Definitions	1 st Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 141
1st Revised P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 144	Rule No. 1 - Definitions	Original P.U.C.N. Sheet No. 144

The purpose of this filing is to clarify the applicability of the Company's Schedule Nos. SG-RS/NG-RS Single-Family Residential Gas Service and SG-RM/NG-RM Multi-Family Residential Gas Service. This filing simplifies the definitions for Single-Family Residential and Multi-Family Residential and makes corresponding edits to the applicability sections for the Company's Schedule Nos. SG-RS/NG-RS Single-Family Residential Gas Service and SG-RM/NG-RM Multi-Family Residential Gas Service.

The current definition for Multi-Family Residential required updating to reflect the applicability of the Multi-Family Residential rate schedule and incorporate the basis for the rate class with respect to the efficiencies realized through a multiple-meter assembly. The definition for Single-Family Residential was updated to make it consistent with the updated definition of Multi-Family Residential. These clarifications align the definitions of Multi-Family Residential and Single-Family Residential with the intent of the rate classes as developed in Docket Nos. 04-03011 and 09-04003.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

Justin Lee Brown

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SCHEDULE NO. SG-RS/NG-RS

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SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE

APPLICABILITY

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SCHEDULE NO. SG-RM/NG-RM

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE

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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 is filing Advice Letter No. 483 to update Southwest Gas' Rule No. 1 – Definitions for Multi-Family Residential and Single-Family Residential to reflect the applicability of the Company's Schedule Nos. SG-RM/NG-RM Multi-Family Residential Gas Service and SG-RS/NG-RS Single-Family Residential Gas Service.

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

Southwest Gas Corporation

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).

The current definition for Multi-Family Residential required updating to reflect the applicability of the Multi-Family Residential rate schedule and incorporate the basis for the rate class with respect to the efficiencies realized through a multiple-meter assembly. The definition for Single-Family Residential was updated to make consistent with the updated definition of Multi-Family Residential. These clarifications align the definitions of Multi-Family Residential and Single-Family Residential with the intent of the rate classes as developed in Docket Nos. 04-03011 and 09-04003. This filing also makes corresponding edits to the applicability sections for the Company's Schedule Nos. SG-RS/NG-RS Single-Family Residential

Gas Service and SG-RM/NG-RM Multi-Family Residential Gas Service.

IV. A declaration by the applicant, petitioner, or complainant whether a consumer session is required by Nevada Revised Statute ("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 schedule number(s) being revised.

Southwest Gas is requesting approval to modify the following in its Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7: Schedule No. SG-RS/NG-RS Single-Family Residential Gas Service, Sheet No. 16; Schedule No. SG-RM/NG-RM Multi-Family Residential Gas Service, Sheet No. 17; Rule No. 1 – Definitions, Sheet Nos. 141 and 144.

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 NRS 704.061 to 704.110, 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.