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### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Application of Southwest Gas Corporation for Approval, pursuant to NRS 704.110(15), to adjust its Deferred Energy Accounting Adjustment Rates in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment under NRS 704.110(8) to provide a discounted rate effective July 1, 2025.

Docket No. 25-05009

## STIPULATION

This Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) is entered into by and between Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas), the Regulatory Operations Staff (Staff) of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (Commission), and the Bureau of Consumer Protection (BCP) (collectively referred to herein as the Settlement Parties).

### 1. RECITALS

- 1.1. On May 9, 2025, Southwest Gas filed an application for Approval, pursuant to NRS 704.110(15), to adjust its Deferred Energy Accounting Adjustment (DEAA) Rates in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment under NRS 704.110(8) to provide a discounted rate effective July 1, 2025 (Application).
- 1.2. Pursuant to NRS 703.301, Staff participates in this proceeding as a matter of right.
- 1.3. Pursuant to NRS 228.360, BCP participates as a matter of right, and filed its Notice of Intent to Intervene on May 13, 2025.
- 1.4. On May 15, 2025, the Commission scheduled a prehearing conference for June 12, 2025.

- 1.5. Subsequent to the filing of the Application and after conducting a review and investigation, the Settlement Parties reached a stipulation to resolve the request at issue in the Application. The terms and conditions of this Stipulation are set forth herein.
- 1.6. After engaging in discussions regarding the instant Application, the Settlement Parties agree that this Stipulation represents a reasonable compromise on issues in this proceeding, and that this Stipulation is in the public interest. The Settlement Parties further represent that in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 703.845, this Stipulation settles the issues within the above-captioned proceeding and does not seek relief that the Commission is not otherwise empowered to grant.
- 1.7. Southwest Gas' Application seeks approval from the Commission to make an adjustment to the DEAA in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment pursuant to NRS 704.110(8) by establishing a DEAA credit of \$0.20000 per therm for Southern Nevada sales customers and a DEAA credit of \$0.25000 per therm for Northern Nevada sales customers, both with an effective date of July 1, 2025. The Commission may permit an adjustment in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment upon a showing of good cause pursuant to NRS 704.110(15).

### 2. AGREEMENT

2.1 The Settlement Parties stipulate and agree that good cause exists for Southwest Gas to be authorized to adjust its DEAA rates beyond the maximum allowable adjustment of 2.5 cents per therm as proscribed by NRS 704.110(8) given Southwest Gas' Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Account No. 191 (Unrecovered purchased gas costs) balance, as of March 31, 2025, was an over-collection of approximately \$196.9 million for Southern Nevada, and was an over-collection of approximately \$44.2 million for Northern Nevada.

- 2.2 The Settlement Parties further stipulate and agree that good cause supports a DEAA credit of \$0.20000 per therm for Southern Nevada sales customers and a DEAA credit of \$0.25000 per therm for Northern Nevada sales customers to reduce customer gas costs and to mitigate the expected increase ratepayers will experience from the Southwest Gas' Annual Rate Adjustment (ARA) rates that also become effective on July 1, 2025. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 of the Stipulation is a schedule illustrating the rate impact of the DEAA credit when the ARA rates are also effective on July 1, 2025.
- 2.3 The Settlement Parties further stipulate and agree, as a compliance item, Southwest Gas shall file with the Commission updated tariff sheets that reflect the DEAA rates agreed upon by the Settling Parties. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 of the Stipulation, are illustrative Tariff Sheets reflecting the DEAA credit, the approved ARA rate adjustments, and the Company's Base Tariff Energy Rate adjustment that was filed as Advice Letter No. 544 on May 20, 2025.
- 2.4 The Settlement Parties also agree that when Southwest Gas files an Advice Letter for its next quarterly gas cost rate adjustment effective October 1, 2025 (no later than August 29, 2025), it will calculate the DEAA rates consistent with the calculation set forth in NRS 704.110(17)(a)<sup>1</sup> and the statutory rate cap range<sup>2</sup> and percent tolerance range<sup>3</sup> as set forth in NRS 704.110(8).
- 2.5 As a directive item, during the Reporting Period, defined below, Southwest Gas will file, with the quarterly gas cost rate Advice Letter, a confidential, two-year projection of the FERC Account No. 191 balances for the Southern Nevada and Northern Nevada rate jurisdictions. The first month of the projections provided

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "'Deferred energy accounting adjustment' means the rate of a public utility which purchases natural gas for resale ... that is calculated by dividing the balance of a deferred account during a specified period by the total therms or kilowatt-hours which have been sold in the geographical area to which the rate applies during the specified period...."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "[A]ny quarterly adjustment to the deferred energy accounting adjustment must not exceed 2.5 cents per therm of natural gas."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "If the balance of the public utility's deferred account varies by less than 5 percent from the public utility's annual recorded costs of natural gas which are used to calculate quarterly rate adjustments, the deferred energy accounting adjustment must be set to zero cents per therm of natural gas."

will commence with the most recently available recorded actual gas cost information. The Reporting Period shall mean the period commencing August 29, 2025, and continuing until the earlier of either (a) Southwest Gas seeking another approval from the Commission to make an adjustment to the DEAA in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment pursuant to NRS 704.110(8),<sup>4</sup> or (b) the DEAA rate being set to zero.<sup>5</sup>

- 2.6 During the Reporting Period, the Settlement Parties agree that Southwest Gas will continue to evaluate, in collaboration with Staff and BCP, whether Southwest Gas should seek a subsequent approval from the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.110(15) to make an adjustment to the DEAA in excess of the maximum allowable adjustment pursuant to NRS 704.110(8).
- 2.7 The Settlement Parties stipulate and agree that this Stipulation is in the public interest and that all its terms are reasonable.
- 2.8 The Settlement Parties further stipulate and agree that negotiations relating to this Stipulation are confidential, and no parties hereto shall be bound by any position asserted in the negotiations, except to the extent expressly stated in this Stipulation.
- 2.9 The Settlement Parties acknowledge that this Stipulation represents the negotiated compromise of disputed matters and that the provisions reflected here are an interdependent package that represents each Settlement Party's determination to avoid the cost and expense of a hearing in favor of a stipulated resolution.
- 2.10 Nothing in this Stipulation shall be construed to be an admission by Southwest Gas of any noncompliance with any Commission order, federal, state, or local rule, ordinance, constitution, statute, contract, or public policy. The provisions of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pursuant to NRS 704.110(8), Southwest Gas may only make a quarterly adjustment to its deferred accounting adjustment not to exceed 2.5 cents per therm of natural gas, unless a deviation is sought pursuant to NRS 704.110(15).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pursuant to NRS 704.110(8), if Southwest Gas's deferred account varies by less than 5 percent from its annual recorded costs of natural gas which are used to calculate quarterly rate adjustments, the deferred energy accounting adjustment must be set to zero cents per therm of natural gas.

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15	DATED this 12 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.
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23	Assistant Staff Counsel
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25	/s/ Michael Saunders
26	Michael Saunders Senior Deputy Attorney General
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this Stipulation shall not be construed as or deemed to be a precedent by any
Settlement Party or the Commission with respect to any issue, principle, or
interpretation or application or law and/or regulation, for any purpose or in
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of June 2025 and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, I served a copy of the foregoing Stipulation upon all parties identified below by emailing a copy to the following:

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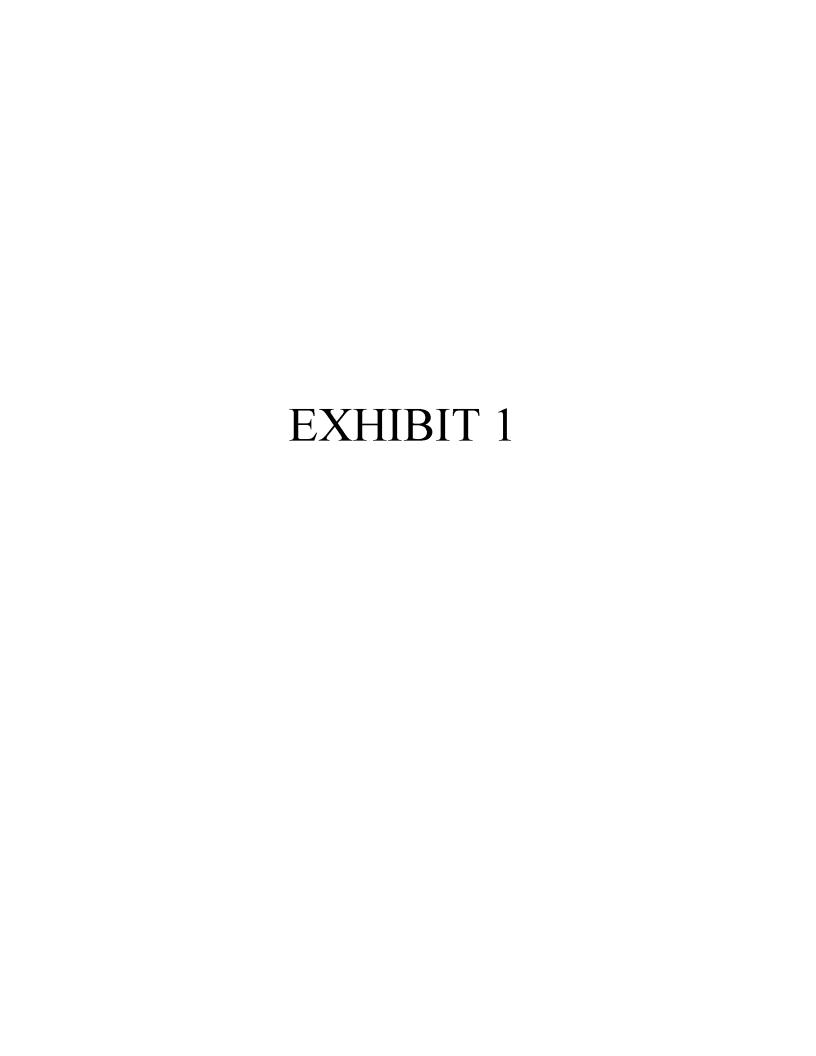
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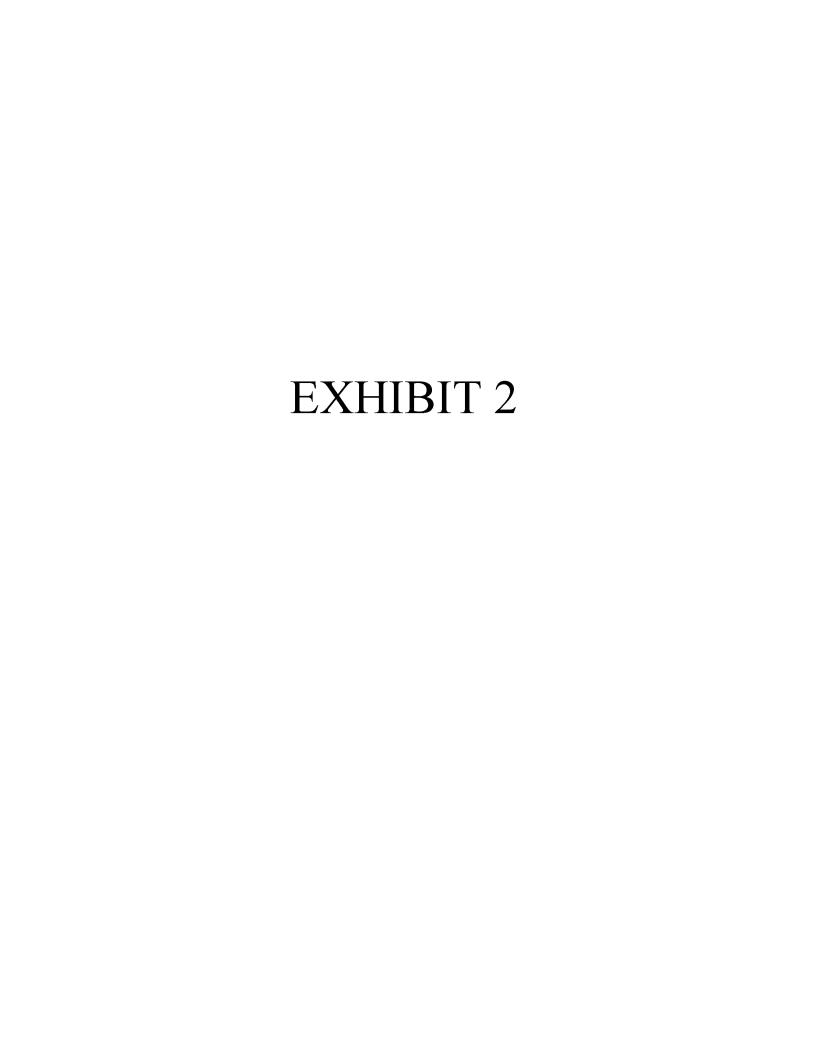
# SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION ANNUAL AVERAGE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY BILL COMPARISON

	Average Bill at Current Rates <sup>1</sup>	Average Bill at July 1, 2025 Rates <sup>2</sup>	Change (\$)
Southern Nevada			
Therms <sup>3</sup>	37	37	
Basic Service Charge	\$10.80	\$10.80	
BTER	\$12.92	\$12.80	(\$0.12)
DEAA	\$6.12	(\$7.40)	(\$13.52)
Gas Cost Component of Bill	\$19.04	\$5.40	(\$13.64)
ARA Rates Component of Bill	\$23.42	\$26.50	\$3.08
Total Bill	\$53.26	\$42.70	(\$10.56)
Northern Nevada			
Therms <sup>3</sup>	57	57	
Basic Service Charge	\$10.80	\$10.80	
BTER	\$36.57	\$37.22	\$0.65
DEAA	\$8.55	(\$14.25)	(\$22.80)
Gas Cost Component of Bill	\$45.12	\$22.97	(\$22.15)
ARA Rates Component of Bill	\$23.70	\$27.46	\$3.76
Total Bill	\$79.62	\$61.23	(\$18.39)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Rates effective April 1, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Rates reflect the Company's BTER as filed in Advice Letter No. 544 (Docket No. 25-05018), the ARA rate adjustments approved in Docket No. 24-11005, and the proposed DEAA credits of (\$0.20000) and (\$0.25000) for Southern and Northern Nevada, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Single-family residential annual average monthly usage as defined in Docket No. 25-05018.



# Exhibit 2 Illustrative Tariff Sheets

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#### STATEMENT OF RATES EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO SOUTHERN NEVADA SCHEDULES 1/2/ Gas Cost Deferred Energy Infrastructure Currently Base Tariff Delivery Effective Schedule Account Expansion **Energy Rate** Rate 7/ Tariff Rate Number Description Charge 3/ Adjustment 4/ Single-Family Residential Gas SG-RS Service 10.80 10.80 Basic Service Charge per Month Commodity Charge per Therm: R All Usage .68757 .37434 0.20000) .00000 0.86191 Multi-Family Residential Gas SG-RM Service Basic Service Charge per Month 9.00 9.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: 0.20000) .00000 0.82063 All Usage .64629 .37434 Air Conditioning Residential Gas SG-RAC Service Basic Service Charge per Month 10.80 10.80 Commodity Charge per Therm: 0.35239 R .17805 .37434 0.20000) .00000 All Usage SG-G1 General Gas Service - 1 Basic Service Charge per Month 25.80 25.80 Commodity Charge per Therm: 0.48916 R All Usage .31482 .37434 0.20000) .00000 SG-G2 General Gas Service - 2 Basic Service Charge per Month \$ 135.00 \$ 135.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: 0.32833 R All Usage .15399 .37434 0.20000) .00000 General Gas Service - 3 SG-G3 Basic Service Charge per Month \$ 350.00 \$ 350.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage .13459 .37434 0.20000) .00000 0.30893 R SG-G4 General Gas Service - 4 Basic Service Charge per Month \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage .07276 .00000 0.24710 \$ .37434 0.20000) Demand Charge 5/ .03422 .03422 Issued: Issued by Effective: Amy L. Timperley Senior Vice President Advice Letter No.:

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#### STATEMENT OF RATES EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO SOUTHERN NEVADA SCHEDULES 1/2/ Gas Cost Deferred Energy Infrastructure Currently Base Tariff Delivery Schedule Effective Account Expansion **Energy Rate** Number Description Charge 3/ Adjustment Rate 7/ Tariff Rate General Gas Service – 5 8/ SG-G5 Basic Service Charge per Month \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage .03573 \$ .37434 0.20000) .00000 0.21007 R Demand Charge 5/ .00373 .00373 General Gas Service - 6 8/ SG-G6 Basic Service Charge per Month \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage .05863 \$ .37434 0.20000).00000 0.23297 Demand Charge 5/ .02416 .02416 SG-AC Air Conditioning Gas Service Basic Service Charge per Month \$ 25.80 25.80 Commodity Charge per Therm: .00000 0.32633 R All Usage .15199 \$ .37434 0.20000) SG-WP Water Pumping Gas Service Basic Service Charge per Month \$ 250.00 \$ 250.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: \$ .37434 0.30721 R All Usage .13287 0.20000) .00000 Small Electric Generation Gas SG-EG Service Basic Service Charge per Month Otherwise Applicable Rate Schedule Commodity Charge per Therm: 0.26830 R .09396 All Usage \$ .37434 0.20000) .00000 Issued: Issued by Effective: Amy L. Timperley Senior Vice President Advice Letter No.:

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION P.O. Box 98510 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-8510 Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7

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#### Nevada Gas Tariff No. 7 Ca STATEMENT OF RATES EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO NORTHERN NEVADA SCHEDULES 1/2/8 Gas Cost Base Tariff Deferred Infrastructure Currently Delivery Energy Expansion Schedule **Energy Account** Effective Charge <u>3/</u> Rate 4/ Adjustment Rate 9/ Tariff Rate Number Description NG-RS Single-Family Residential Gas Service Basic Service Charge per Month \$ 10.80 \$ 10.80 Commodity Charge per Therm: .45157 \$0.66682 .25000) .01653 \$ 0.88492 R All Usage NG-RM Multi-Family Residential Gas Service Basic Service Charge per Month 10.80 \$ 10.80 Commodity Charge per Therm: .01653 \$ 0.86794 All Usage .43459 \$0.66682 (\$ .25000) \$ NG-RAC Air Conditioning Residential Gas Service Basic Service Charge per Month 10.80 \$ 10.80 Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage .52597 \$0.66682 (\$ .25000) \$ .01653 \$ 0.95932 General Gas Service - 1 NG-G1 Basic Service Charge per Month \$ 28.80 \$ 28.80 Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage .31699 \$0.66682 .25000) .01653 \$ 0.75034 R NG-G2 General Gas Service - 2 Basic Service Charge per Month \$ 135.00 \$ 135.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: \$0.66682 .01653 \$ 0.56393 R All Usage .13058 (\$ .25000) \$ NG-G3 General Gas Service - 3 Basic Service Charge per Month \$ 350.00 \$ 350.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: All Usage .13881 \$0.66682 .25000) .01653 \$ 0.57216 R NG-G4 General Gas Service - 4 Basic Service Charge per Month \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: .01653 \$ 0.50126 All Usage .06791 \$0.66682 .25000)Demand Charge 5/ .01588 .01588 General Gas Service – 5 7/ NG-G5 Basic Service Charge per Month \$1,000.00 \$1,000.00 Commodity Charge per Therm: .01653 All Usage .03225 \$0.66682 .25000) \$ 0.46560 Demand Charge 5/ \$ .01833 .01833 Issued: Issued by Amy L. Timperley Effective: Senior Vice President Advice Letter No.:

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# STATEMENT OF RATES EFFECTIVE RATES APPLICABLE TO NORTHERN NEVADA SCHEDULES 1/2/8

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Schedule Number	Description	Delivery Charge <u>3/</u>	Base Tariff Energy Rate <u>4/</u>	D Ener	eferred gy Account justment	Ex	structure pansion ate <u>9/</u>	Currently Effective Tariff Rate
NG-AC	Air Conditioning Gas Service							
	Basic Service Charge per I	Month \$ 28.80						\$ 28.80
	Commodity Charge per Th	erm:						
	All Usage	\$ .13326	\$0.66682	(\$	.25000)	\$	.01653	\$0.56661
NG-WP	Water Pumping Gas Service							
	Basic Service Charge per	Ψ 00.00						\$ 36.00
	Commodity Charge per Th	erm:						
	All Usage	\$ .17694	\$0.66682	(\$	.25000)	\$	.01653	\$0.61029
NG-EG	Small Electric Generation Ga							
	Basic Service Charge per		pplicable Rate S	chedule				
	Commodity Charge per Th	erm:						
	All Usage	\$ .08467	\$0.66682	(\$	.25000)	\$	.01653	\$0.51802
NG-CNG	Gas Service for Compression							
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	Basic Service Charge	\$ 25.80						\$ 25.80
	Commodity Charge per Th				05000)		04.050	
	All Usage	\$1.22859	\$0.66682	(\$	.25000)	\$	.01653	\$1.66194
NG-L	Street and Outdoor Lighting ( Service							
	Commodity Charge per Th	erm:						
	All Usage	\$ .66515	\$ 0.66682	(\$	.25000)	\$	.01653	\$1.09850
NG-OS	Optional Gas Service							
NC AS	Alternative Sales Service	As specified o	n Sheet Nos. 48	through	51.			
NG-AS	Alternative Sales Service		n Sheet Nos. 52	through	E2			
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