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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND REASONABLE  
RATES AND CHARGES DESIGNED TO  
REALIZE A REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN  
ON THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTIES  
THROUGHOUT ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. G-01551A-10-0458

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On November 12, 2010, Southwest Gas Corporation ("SWG" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for an increase in rates for service provided in Arizona.

On December 13, 2010, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed its Letter of Sufficiency indicating that SWG's application satisfied the requirements of Arizona Administrative Codes ("A.A.C.") R14-2-103, and classifying the Company as a Class A utility.

By Procedural Order issued January 7, 2011, alternative hearing dates and procedural filing dates were established, depending on whether a Settlement Agreement was filed by July 15, 2011.

On July 15, 2011, a Settlement Agreement was filed on behalf of SWG, Staff, the Arizona Investment Council ("AIC"), the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project ("SWEEP"), the National Resources Defense Council ("NRDC"), and Cynthia Zwick. The only party that did not execute the Settlement Agreement is the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO").

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, in accordance with the procedural schedule established by the January 7, 2011, Procedural Order, **the hearing in this matter shall commence on August 10, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Hearing Room No. 1, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Additional hearing days will be scheduled for August 12, 15, 18, and 19, 2011, as needed.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a **pre-hearing conference shall be held on August 8,**  
2 **2011, at 10:00 a.m.,** for the purpose of scheduling witnesses and conduct of the hearing.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **all testimony in support of, or in opposition to, the**  
4 **Settlement Agreement shall be filed by no later than July 29, 2011.**

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **the alternative hearing date and procedural schedule**  
6 **contained in the January 7, 2011, Procedural Order is hereby vacated.**

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Rules 31 and 38 of the Rules  
8 of the Arizona Supreme Court and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission  
9 *pro hac vice.*

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance  
11 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Rule 42 of the  
12 Rules of the Arizona Supreme Court). Representation before the Commission includes appearances  
13 at all hearings and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is  
14 scheduled for discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the  
15 Administrative Law Judge or the Commission.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized  
17 Communications) applies to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's  
18 Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend,  
20 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at  
21 hearing.

22 DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2011.

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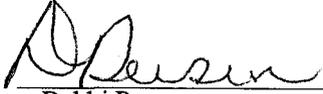
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