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The Honorable Gary Pierce, Chairman  
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RE: DOCKET# G-01551A-10-0458

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

I am writing for two reasons: to support the Southwest Gas decoupling request, and to follow up on a 15 September letter, a 4 October follow-up phone call, and a 5 October email. I was originally writing on 15 September to support the decoupling request in the Southwest Gas rate case. I was calling/writing your offices again to find out the whereabouts of my letter (and that of my friend and fellow Southwest Gas customer, Roberta Chorlton, 118 W Palm Road, Phoenix). Except for an acknowledgement from Commissioner Kennedy, which was much appreciated, I have not heard back from any of my correspondence or calls.

Because my 16 September letter has still not been added to the docket, I'm writing again. **Please register my strong support for decoupling in the docket.**

I support decoupling because it removes a huge disincentive for supporting efficiency measures – by tying rates to customers, not usage, utilities are not penalized for selling less of their product. This is a forward-thinking measure that will enable us to develop renewable/alternative energies to the fullest extent possible. It's time for us to move out of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. It's time to decouple utility rates from power consumption.

Thanks in advance for entering my comments into the public record.

All best,  
*rguillory*