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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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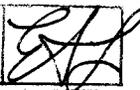
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RICHARD GAYER,
COMPLAINANT,

v.

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION,
RESPONDENT.

DOCKET NO. G-01551A-13-0327

ORIGINAL

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 25, 2013, Richard Gayer ("Complainant") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") a Formal Complaint ("Complaint") against Southwest Gas Corporation ("SWG"), alleging various improprieties with respect to SWG's implementation of its energy efficiency enabling provision, a revenue decoupling mechanism approved by the Commission in the Company's last rate case (Decision No. 72723, January 6, 2012).

On October 23, 2013, SWG filed its Answer to Formal Complaint, generally denying the material allegations in the Complaint.

On February 3, 2014, the Complainant filed a Motion to Schedule Prehearing Conference.

On February 19, 2014, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling a procedural conference for March 4, 2014.

On March 4, 2014, the procedural conference was held as scheduled.

On March 4, 2014, a Procedural Order was issued directing the parties to undertake further settlement discussions with the assistance of the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff"); directing Staff to participate as a party in the event no settlement is reached; and ordering the parties to file, by April 1, 2014, a status report regarding settlement discussions or a proposed procedural schedule if no settlement was reached.

1 On April 1, 2014, the Complainant, SWG, and Staff filed a Joint Status Report of Settlement
2 Discussions and Request for Approval of Proposed Procedural Schedule. The parties state that they
3 were unable to reach an amicable resolution of the issues raised in the Complaint, and therefore
4 proposed the following procedural schedule:

- 5 Complainant Direct Testimony April 25, 2014
- 6 SWG/Staff Direct Testimony May 26, 2014
- 7 Complainant Rebuttal Testimony June 23, 2014
- 8 Last day to service written discovery July 7, 2014

9 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **hearing shall be scheduled to commence on July**
10 **31, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the Commission’s Offices, 1200 West Washington Street, **Hearing Room**
11 **No. 1**, Phoenix, Arizona.

12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **the following procedural schedule shall be observed by**
13 **the parties:**

- 14 **Complainant Direct Testimony April 25, 2014**
- 15 **SWG/Staff Direct Testimony May 26, 2014**
- 16 **Complainant Rebuttal Testimony June 23, 2014**
- 17 **Last day to service written discovery July 7, 2014**

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

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

24 DATED this 4th day of April, 2014.

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