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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATIO

COMMISSIONERS

DOUG LITTLE - CHAIRMAN  
BOB STUMP  
BOB BURNS  
TOM FORESE  
ANDY TOBIN

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION FOR  
THE APPROVAL FOR PARTIAL RELIEF  
FROM DECISION NO. 66966

DOCKET NO. G-01551A-14-0021

DECISION NO. 75465

ORDER AMENDING DECISION NO. 66966

Open Meeting  
February 10, 2016  
Phoenix, Arizona

Arizona Corporation Commission

DOCKETED

FEB 29 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 11, 2004, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") issued Decision No. 66966 which approved a consent agreement resolving a Complaint and Order to Show Cause filed by Commission Safety Division Staff ("Staff") against Southwest Gas Corporation ("Southwest Gas" or "Company").

2. On January 22, 2014, SWG filed an application for the Commission to amend Decision No. 66966 pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute ("A.R.S.") §40-252 to grant relief to the Company from the Staff notification provisions of Decision No. 66966. The second ordering paragraph of Decision No. 66966 requires that:

Southwest Gas Corporation shall notify Staff of the Utilities Division within two hours of evacuating any persons from any residence, commercial or industrial establishment.

3. SWG's application stated that the purpose of the request was that the notification requirement has been superseded by a more stringent timing requirement adopted by the Commission

1 in Decision No. 74143 (October 18, 2013). Among other rule changes, Decision No. 74143 approved  
2 a change to the incident reporting requirement in the event of an evacuation. See R14-5-  
3 203(B)(1)(g). As explained by SWG, the Company is now, by rule, required to notify Staff  
4 immediately upon the occurrence of an evacuation rather than within two hours pursuant to Decision  
5 No. 66966.

6 4. On October 16, 2015, the Company filed a clarification of its request for partial relief  
7 from Decision No. 66966. The Company's clarification noted that in the event the partial relief is  
8 granted, SWG will remain subject to the requirements of Arizona Administrative Code Rule R14-5-  
9 203(B)(1)(g).

10 5. The Company's request was placed on the Commission's February 10, 2016 Staff  
11 Open Meeting agenda, with notice and an opportunity to be heard. After considering SWG's request,  
12 and comments of SWG's representative, the Commission finds that it is in the public interest to  
13 amend Decision No. 66966 by eliminating the requirement for Staff notification within two hours of  
14 an evacuation.

15 **ORDER**

16 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Decision No. 66966 is amended to eliminate the  
17 requirement that Southwest Gas Corporation notify Staff of the Utilities Division within two hours of  
18 an evacuation from a residence, commercial or industrial establishment.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Southwest Gas Corporation remains subject to the incident  
20 reporting requirements provided in Title 14, Chapter 5 of the Arizona Administrative Code.

21 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other aspects of Decision No. 66966 shall remain in  
22 effect.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.  
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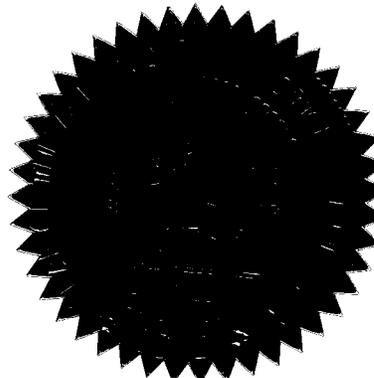
BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONER

*Robert J. B...*  
COMMISSIONER



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

*Jodi Jerich*  
JODI JERICH  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISSENT: *Mr. Fouse*

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