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

DOCKET NO. G-01551A-16-0107

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 21, 2016, Southwest Gas Corporation (“SWG” or “Company”) filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) a Notice of Intent to File a Rate Case Application on or about May 2, 2016.

On April 15, 2016, Mr. Richard Gayer filed a Motion to Intervene.

On May 2, 2016, SWG filed an application for an increase in rates for service provided in Arizona.

On May 12, 2016, SWG filed substitute tariff sheets to its May 2, 2016 application.

On May 16, 2016, Arizona Investment Council (“AIC”) filed a Motion for Leave to Intervene.

On May 26, 2016, the Residential Utility Consumer Office (“RUCO”) filed an Application to Intervene.

On May 31, 2016, Richard Gayer filed a Motion to Amend Tariff.

On June 1, 2016, the Commission’s Utilities Division (“Staff”) filed its Letter of Sufficiency indicating that SWG satisfied the requirements of Arizona Administrative Code (“A.A.C.”) R14-2-103 and classified the Company as a Class A utility.

On June 7, 2016, AIC filed a Consent to Email Service.

On June 8, 2016, SWG filed an Opposition and Response to Intervenor Gayer’s Motion to

1 Amend Tariff.

2 On June 13, 2016, the Arizona Community Action Association (“ACAA”) filed a Motion to
3 Intervene.

4 On June 24, 2016, NatureSweet USA, LLC (“NatureSweet”) filed a Motion to Intervene.

5 On June 27, 2016, a Procedural Order was issued scheduling this matter for hearing to
6 commence on February 6, 2017, and establishing other procedural deadlines.

7 On June 29, 2016, with the agreement of Staff and RUCO, SWG filed a Motion for
8 Modifications to Procedural Schedule.

9 On July 1, 2016, Richard Gayer filed a Consent to Email Service.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **NatureSweet USA, LLC is hereby granted intervention.**

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadline for **direct testimony** and associated exhibits
12 to be presented at hearing **on behalf of Staff and intervenors on rate design issues is hereby**
13 **extended to December 14, 2016.**

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Parties agree to meet and confer to discuss settlement
15 options on December 15, 2016, or the earliest convenient date thereafter as agreed upon by the Parties.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that SWG shall mail to each of its customers in each of its affected
17 districts a copy of the notice set forth in the June 27, 2016, Procedural Order as a bill insert beginning
18 with the first available billing cycle in **July 2016**, following the issuance of this Procedural Order, and
19 shall cause a copy of such notice to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in
20 the service territory of each of SWG’s affected districts, with mailing and publication **to be completed**
21 **by August 10, 2016.**

22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **in all other respects, the June 27, 2016, Procedural Order**
23 **shall remain in full force and effect.**

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules
25 31, 38, and 42 and A.R.S. § 40-243 with respect to the practice of law and admission *pro hac vice*.

26 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that withdrawal of representation must be made in compliance
27 with A.A.C. R14-3-104(E) and Rule 1.16 of the Rules of Professional Conduct (under Arizona
28 Supreme Court Rule 42). Representation before the Commission includes appearances at all hearings

1 and procedural conferences, as well as all Open Meetings for which the matter is scheduled for
2 discussion, unless counsel has previously been granted permission to withdraw by the Administrative
3 Law Judge or the Commission.

4 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as permitted under A.A.C. R14-3-107(B), each party to this
5 matter may opt to receive service of all filings in this docket, including all filings by parties and all
6 Procedural Orders and Recommended Opinions and Orders/Recommended Orders issued by the
7 Commission's Hearing Division, via email sent to an email address provided by the party rather than
8 via U.S. Mail. To exercise this option, a party shall:

- 9 1. Ensure that the party has a valid and active email address to which the party has regular
10 and reliable access ("designated email address");
- 11 2. Complete a Consent to Email Service form, available on the Commission's website
12 (www.azcc.gov);
- 13 3. File the original and 13 copies of the Consent to Email Service form with the
14 Commission's Docket Control, also providing service to each party to the service list;
- 15 4. Send an email, containing the party's name and the docket number for this matter, to
16 HearingDivisionServicebyEmail@azcc.gov from the designated email address, to allow
17 the Hearing Division to verify the validity of the designated email address;
- 18 5. Understand and agree that service of a document on the party shall be complete upon
19 the sending of an email containing the document to the designated email address,
20 regardless of whether the party receives or reads the email containing the document;
21 and
- 22 6. Understand and agree that the party will no longer receive service of filings in this
23 matter through First Class U.S. Mail or any other form of hard-copy delivery, unless
24 and until the party withdraws this consent through a filing made in this docket.

25 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a party's election to receive service of all filings in this matter
26 via email does not change the requirement that all filings with the Commission's Docket Control must
27 be made in hard copy and must include an original and 13 copies.

28 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a party's consent to email service shall not become effective

1 until a Procedural Order is issued approving the use of email service for the party. The Procedural
2 Order shall be issued only after the party has completed steps 1 through 4 above, and the Hearing
3 Division has verified receipt of an email from the party's designated email address.

4 Mr. Gayer has opted to receive service of all filings in this docket, including all filings by parties
5 and all Procedural Orders and Recommended Opinions and Orders/Recommended Orders issued by
6 the Commission's Hearing Division, via his designated email address rather than via U.S. Mail. Mr.
7 Gayer has exercised this option by docketing a hard copy of his Consent to Email Service by sending
8 an email, containing his name and the docket number for this matter, to
9 HearingDivisionServicebyEmail@azcc.gov from his designated email address. The Hearing Division
10 has verified the validity of the designated email address, which now appears on the service list for this
11 matter in addition to Mr. Gayer's address for U.S. Mail.

12 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the request by Richard Gayer to receive service of all
13 filings in this docket, including all filings by parties and all Procedural Orders and Recommended
14 Opinions and Orders/Recommended Orders issued by the Commission's Hearing Division, via his
15 designated email address rather than via U.S. Mail, is hereby approved.

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 Decision
18 in this matter is final and non-appealable.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time periods specified herein shall not be extended
20 pursuant to Rule 6(a) or (e) of the Rules of Civil Procedure.

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

24 DATED this 6th day of July, 2016.

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28 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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