

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Own Motion to Adopt
New Safety and Reliability Regulations
for Natural Gas Transmission and
Distribution Pipelines and Related
Ratemaking Mechanisms.

Rulemaking 11-02-019
(Filed February 24, 2011)

**JOINT STATUS REPORT OF
SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION AND
THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES**

In accordance with the schedule set by Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Maribeth Bushey at the May 23, 2012 prehearing conference (PHC) in the above-captioned proceeding, Southwest Gas Corporation (SWGAs) and the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) hereby submit this report on the status of settlement discussions.

ALJ Bushey directed SWGAs and DRA to “meet and confer in an effort to reach an amicable settlement of the issues in this proceeding,” and to “file a status report on the settlement efforts” by today. (PHC – 2 Reporter’s Transcript 41:19-24.) SWGAs and DRA have had such discussions but at this juncture are not near agreement. SWGAs and

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DRA will continue to confer and will notify the ALJ if the parties are able to reach an agreement prior to DRA's filing its brief on June 15.

Respectfully submitted,

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