

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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19 In accordance with the Rules of Practice of the California Public Utilities Commission
20 (Commission), and pursuant to the ruling issued by Administrative Law Judges Bushey,
21 Wetzell and Yip-Kikugawa on October 8, 2012, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or
22 Company) submits its Response to the Motion of the Consumer Protection and Safety Division
23 (CPSD) to Suspend Proceedings In Order to Facilitate Negotiations Toward a Stipulated
24 Outcome (Motion).

1 Southwest Gas is a party to R.11-02-019. In light of the other dockets referenced in
2 CPD's Motion, it is likely that CPD seeks only to suspend activity in R.11-02-019 as it
3 relates to Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E). Nevertheless, the Motion requests "...a
4 suspension of all procedural dates and activities in all four of the above-captioned dockets, in
5 order to facilitate good-faith negotiations among the parties toward a stipulated outcome"¹, and
6 is thus much broader in scope. To the extent CPD's requested relief in R.11-02-019 is
7 limited to a suspension of dates and activities as they relate to PG&E, Southwest Gas takes no
8 position on the Motion. However, if CPD seeks to suspend the proceedings in R.11-02-019
9 in their entirety, Southwest Gas seeks clarification as to the purpose and anticipated impact of
10 the proposed suspension, as well as notice of the settlement negotiations referenced in the
11 Motion.

12 Dated this 10th day of October 2012, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

13 Respectfully submitted,
14 SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

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24 ¹ Motion, at pg. 1.