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7 Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission)  
8 Rules of Practice and Procedure, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas or  
9 Company) hereby gives notice of the ex parte communications described below. The  
10 communications occurred Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Commission's offices located at  
11 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. All communications were oral.<sup>1</sup>

- 12 • Between approximately 11:00 a.m and 11:30 a.m., Justin Lee Brown, Vice  
13 President of Pricing for Southwest Gas and Catherine M. Mazzeo, Associate  
14 General Counsel for Southwest Gas, met with Charlyn Hook, Legal Advisor to  
15 Commissioner Ferron.
- 16 • Between approximately 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., Mr. Brown and Ms. Mazzeo  
17 met with Julie Fitch, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Peterman and Jennifer  
18 Kalafut, Water and Energy Advisor to Commissioner Peterman.
- 19 • Between approximately 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., Mr. Brown and Ms. Mazzeo  
20 met with Allison Brown, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Sandoval.
- 21 • Between approximately 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Mr. Brown and Ms. Mazzeo  
22 met with Carol Brown, Chief of Staff to President Peevey and Brian Stevens,  
23 Energy Advisor to President Peevey.
- 24 • Between approximately 3:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., Mr. Brown and Ms. Mazzeo  
25 met with Sepideh Khosrowjah, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Florio.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule 8.4(a).

Each of the above-referenced meetings was initiated by Southwest Gas.<sup>2</sup> During each meeting, Mr. Brown and Ms. Mazzeo summarized Southwest Gas' concerns (as presented in the Company's Opening Comments) regarding the Proposed Decision Mandating Pipeline Safety Implementation Plan, Disallowing Costs, and Authorizing Memorandum Account (Proposed Decision), issued in this proceeding on April 8, 2013. Mr. Brown and Ms. Mazzeo explained Southwest Gas' position that the Proposed Decision fails to consider evidence of facts and circumstances that were unique to the Company's transmission pipeline system at the time of installation, resulting in a finding of imprudence and a proposed disallowance that are unsupported by the evidence and punitive to the Company.<sup>3</sup> Copies of the handouts provided at each meeting are attached.<sup>4</sup>

Respectfully submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.

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<sup>2</sup> Rule 8.4(b).

<sup>3</sup> Rule 8.4(c).

<sup>4</sup> Id.