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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Southwest Gas Corporation (U905G) for
Approval of Low-Income Programs and
Budgets for Program Years 2009-2011.

Application 08-06-031
(Filed June 30, 2008)

And Related Matters.

Application 08-07-005
Application 08-07-007
Application 08-07-015
Application 08-07-019
Application 08-07-027

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
REOPENING AND REASSIGNING THE PROCEEDINGS TO PROVIDE
FURTHER DIRECTION TO THE SMALL AND MULTIJURISDICTIONAL
UTILITIES REGARDING MARKETING, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH
BUDGETS FOR 2010 AND 2011**

This ruling reopens and reassigns Application (A.) 08-06-031, A.08-07-005, A.08-07-007, A.08-07-015, A.08-07-019, and A.08-07-027 to provide further direction in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 15 of Decision 08-12-019, to the Small and Multijurisdictional Utilities (SMJU) – Southwest Gas Corporation, Sierra Pacific Power Company, Golden State Water Company/Bear Valley Electric, West Coast Gas Company, PacifiCorp, and Alpine Natural Gas Operating Company.

1. Procedural Background

In Decision 08-12-019, the Commission acted on the SMJUs' 2009-2011 budget requests for Low-Income Energy Efficiency and California Alternate Rates for Energy. The decision approved the SMJUs' requests, for the most part, while focusing on small ways in which the SMJUs can increase their contribution

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to the energy efficiency of the state's electric and gas customers.

In Ordering Paragraph 15, the Commission granted all of the SMJUs' requested funding for marketing, education and outreach (ME&O). Instructions were given to only spend the amounts they seek for 2009 and to hold the other funding in abeyance until the Commission decides on how to incorporate SMJUs' programs into the single statewide ME&O program. The Commission was going to provide the SMJUs further direction regarding their ME&O budgets for 2010 and 2011. The proceeding is reopened to address this issue.

2. Notice of Reassignment

A.08-06-031, A08-07-005, A.08-07-015, A.08-07-007, A.08-07-019, and A08-07-027 are reassigned from Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Sarah Thomas to ALJ Kimberly H. Kim.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Consolidated Commission proceedings A.08-06-031, A.08-07-005, A.08-07-007, A.08-07-015, A.08-07-019, and A.08-07-027 are reopened.

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Dated September 21, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KAREN V. CLOPTON

Karen V. Clopton, Chief
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated September 21, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JUAN BAUTISTA

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