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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)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SCHEDULING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On August 26, 2011, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) filed and served its Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Comprehensive Pressure Testing Implementation Plan. On January 3, 2012, the Commission's Consumer Protection and Safety Division filed and served its report on the Implementation Plan. Southwest Gas filed and served its motion proposing ratemaking treatment of the costs of the Implementation Plan on January 13, 2012.

To determine the procedural steps needed for the Commission to prepare the record necessary to consider the Implementation Plan, a prehearing conference is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, May 23, 2012
1:30 p.m.
Commission Hearing Room
State Office Building
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94012

All interested parties should appear at the prehearing conference and be prepared to discuss an efficient means to address the issues presented by the Implementation Plan and proposed ratemaking treatment.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated May 8, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARIBETH A. BUSHEY

Maribeth A. Bushey
Administrative Law Judge