

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company for Authority Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 851 to Sell Cushion Gas in its Aliso Canyon and La Goleta Storage Fields. (U 904 G)

Application 01-04-007
(Filed April 9, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REGARDING
THE MOTION OF SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION**

On October 2, 2001, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas) filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Southwest Gas is a public utility that engages in intrastate transmission, distribution, and sale of natural gas to customers in portions of San Bernardino County, and in portions of Placer, Nevada, and El Dorado Counties.

In Southern California, Southwest Gas obtains all of its intrastate gas transmission from Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) as a wholesale transmission customer. As a large purchaser of natural gas, Southwest Gas states that it has a direct and substantial interest in, and will be directly impacted by, the Commission's decisions regarding the sale of gas from SoCalGas' Aliso Canyon and La Goleta storage fields. Southwest Gas further states that the granting of its motion will not broaden the scope of this proceeding, delay the completion of this proceeding, or prejudice any other party.

No one filed any response to the motion of Southwest Gas.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the motion of Southwest Gas Corporation to intervene in this proceeding is granted, and it may participate fully in this proceeding as a party.

Dated November 2, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ JOHN S. WONG
John S. Wong
Administrative Law Judge

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