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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Jameon Walton,

Complainant,

vs.

Southwest Gas Corporation,

Defendant.

(ECP)

Case 25-07-019

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE EMAIL RULING ACCEPTING LATE-FILED
ANSWER AND PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
FEBRUARY 5, 2026 EXPEDITED COMPLAINT
HEARING PARTICIPATION**

Dated December 18, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

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Law Judge Email Ruling Accepting Late-Filed Complaint and Providing
Instructions for February 5, 2026 Expedited Complaint Hearing Participation**

TO ALL PARTIES ON THE SERVICE LIST:

1. Motion to Accept Late-Filed Answer

In the above-referenced expedited complaint proceeding (ECP), Complainant Jameon Walton filed an expedited complaint on July 28, 2025. The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued instructions to answer on October 1, 2025 to Defendant Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest Gas). Those instructions set a deadline of October 21, 2025 for Southwest Gas to file its Answer. The Answer was not filed by that deadline.

In a November 10, 2025 email ruling, the ALJ postponed the Expedited Complaint Hearing scheduled for November 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. That Expedited Complaint Hearing was taken off-calendar.

Pursuant to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) rulings of November 17 and 24, 2025, Southwest Gas filed a late-filed, verified Answer on December 2, 2025, contesting the complaint and making an evidentiary hearing necessary. Southwest Gas concurrently filed a motion to accept the late-filed Answer,

explaining the reasons that its Answer was not filed by the October 21, 2025 deadline. No opposition was filed to the motion to accept the late-filed Answer.

For good cause shown, Southwest Gas' motion is GRANTED. The verified Answer filed on December 2, 2025 is deemed accepted for filing.

2. Instructions for WebEx Videoconference Expedited Complaint Hearing

The remote Expedited Complaint Hearing in this proceeding is rescheduled for **February 5, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time.**

Below, this ruling (1) provides hearing participation instructions and (2) sets forth requirements for the Parties' exchange and service of witness and exhibit lists, marked exhibits, and a Joint ADR statement.

The Parties shall participate in the hearing virtually through the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) WebEx videoconference platform. The Parties and witnesses shall log-in 15 minutes before the start of the hearing to test their WebEx connections.

Attendee Webex Videoconference Link:

<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=me0bb998080ba3b57135cee256a25154c>

- **Meeting number (access code):** 2480 946 4229
- **Meeting Password:** yHtWRM32Yt2
- **Call-in Audio by toll-free phone:** [1-855-282-6330](tel:1-855-282-6330)
- **Call-in (access code):** 24809464229##

The audio for this WebEx Event will be through WebEx. The above Call-in Audio by toll-free phone number is provided for the convenience of anyone who needs to connect to the WebEx via telephone (versus a computer only).

As *backup* only, the hearing may be conducted by a dial-in telephone conference line if technical or other issues prevent its conduct via Webex. The ALJ will determine whether use of the backup conference line is necessary and email instructions to the Service List.

3. Exchange and Service of Updated Documents, Exhibits, Witnesses and Joint ADR Statement

By no later than January 22, 2026, the Parties must meet and confer to exchange all documents they intend to introduce as evidence at the hearing, identify all witnesses that will testify, and prepare the documents a, b, c, and d below.

The parties shall also discuss whether this dispute is suitable for the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program. The parties may jointly request a referral by the ALJ to the ADR program in a joint statement that

specifically identifies any amount in controversy, if any, to be addressed by the Administrative Law Judge at the hearing.

The Parties shall pre-mark all Exhibits for identification with a short acronym for the sponsoring party, followed by sequential exhibit and page numbers in the format “[PARTY -- Exhibit number/Page number]” (for example, for Complainant exhibits, use “COMP - 1/1,” “COMP - 1/2,” . . . “COMP - 2/1,” etc., and for Defendant exhibits, use “DEF - 1/1,” “DEF - 1/2,” . . . “DEF - 2/1,” etc.).

The Parties shall prepare Exhibit Lists in the following table format:

[Party Name] Exhibit List

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sponsor/Witness</u>	<u>Admissibility Stipulated? (Y/N)</u>	<u>Objection?</u>	<u>Admitted by Judge?</u>
COMP 1	01/10/2023 email from Jane Doe to John Smith	Jane Doe	Y	N	
DEF 1	12/31/2022 Monthly Invoice mailed by Defendant to Jane Doe	John Smith	N	Incomplete copy (page 2 missing)	

Final documents must be served upon all Parties and the ALJ by email to the Service List **by no later than January 29, 2026:**

- The Party’s pre-marked Exhibits (containing Exhibit numbers corresponding to the Exhibit List);
- The Party’s list of proposed witnesses that will testify at the hearing for the party;
- The Party’s completed Exhibit List in the format provided above; and
- The Parties’ Joint Statement (prepared by Defendant) regarding (1) the suitability of this case for a referral for Alternate Dispute

Resolution (ADR), (2) the material issues of fact on which the parties agree, and (3) the disputed material issues that must be addressed to resolve this dispute.

Final documents above shall be served by email to the official service list (including the ALJ) but shall **not** be formally filed with the Commission.

The parties are strongly urged to agree to prepare and serve **joint** versions of any updated documents a, b, c, and/or d above by the deadline. *Defendant* shall be responsible for timely service of any such joint documents.

At the hearing, each party must be fully prepared to present its case as directed by the ALJ, including presentation of documentary evidence and witness testimony, if necessary. Pursuant to the applicable Expedited Complaint Procedure rules, no party will be allowed legal representation at the hearing.

While this case is pending, no party shall engage in an *ex parte* communication with a Commissioner or a Commissioner's advisor. No party shall engage in an *ex parte* communication with the Judge other than for procedural or scheduling purposes.

Before the hearing, all communications to the Administrative Law Judge shall be by email, copied to all parties on the Service List, with "C.25-07-019" in the subject line.

The Docket Office shall formally file this Email Ruling.

IT IS SO RULED.

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