

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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COMMISSIONER

4 JEFF HATCH-MILLER  
COMMISSIONER

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COMMISSIONER

6 GARY PIERCE  
COMMISSIONER

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8 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
9 SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION FOR  
10 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JUST AND  
11 REASONABLE RATES AND CHARGES  
12 DESIGNED TO REALIZE A REASONABLE  
13 RATE OF RETURN ON THE FAIR VALUE  
14 OF THE PROPERTIES OF SOUTHWEST  
15 GAS CORPORATION DEVOTED TO ITS  
16 OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT ARIZONA.

Docket No. G-01551A-07-0504

12 **RUCO'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

13 I.

14 The RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CONSUMER OFFICE ("RUCO") hereby applies to the  
15 Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for an Order granting it leave to intervene in  
16 the above-captioned proceeding.

17 II.

18 RUCO was established by the enactment of Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 40-461,  
19 *et seq.*, for the purpose of representing residential utility consumers in matters before the  
20 Commission concerning regulated public service corporations.

21 III.

22 Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 40-464.A.2., specifically provides that the Director of  
23 RUCO may do the following:  
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1 Prepare and present briefs, arguments, proposed rates or orders  
2 and intervene or appear on behalf of residential utility consumers  
3 before hearing officers and the Corporation Commission as a party  
4 in interest and also participate as a party in interest pursuant to  
5 Section 40-254 in proceedings relating to rate making or rate  
6 design and involving public service corporations.

7 IV.

8 The residential utility consumers will be directly and substantially affected by a Decision  
9 or Order of the Commission in this matter, therefore, it is necessary and proper that RUCO  
10 intervene in the proceeding.

11 V.

12 In order to fulfill its statutory obligation to protect the residential utility consumers of this  
13 State, RUCO must thoroughly examine the materials presented by the Company, and must  
14 cross-examine witnesses appearing on behalf of the Company and any other parties.  
15 Additionally, RUCO may present testimony and exhibits of its own in any hearings conducted  
16 by the Commission in this matter.

17 VI.

18 The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the person upon whom service of  
19 all documents is to be made is:

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22 1110 West Washington, Suite 220  
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007.

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