Case No. 80911

In the Supreme Court of Nevada

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, Appellant, Electronically Filed Sep 25 2020 08:31 p.m. Elizabeth A. Brown Clerk of Supreme Court

vs.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA; and STATE OF NEVADA BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION,

Respondents.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDIX

Appellant Southwest Gas Corporation requests an extension of 30 days, through October 26, 2020, to file its opening brief and appendix. NRAP 31(b)(3). This is the first such request. Without an extension, the brief would be due September 25, 2020.

The requested extension is necessary under the circumstances. The attorney assigned to draft the opening brief had to unexpectedly devote substantial time to assisting his wife with the final steps of her doctoral project after the individual hired to provide that assistance did not follow through. In addition, counsel have had extraordinary professional demands, including having to prepare for two oral arguments in this Court within a week of one another.

Finally, counsel unexpectedly had to divert attention from this brief to respond to a last-minute motion to reopen a judgment that, following answers to certified questions from this Court, had been finally resolved in the Ninth Circuit.

Counsel appreciates this Court's courtesy in considering this extension

Dated this 25th day of September, 2020.

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