

In the Supreme Court of Nevada

SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION,
Appellant,

vs.

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

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE OPENING BRIEF AND APPENDIX

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

The requested extension is necessary under the circumstances. Lead appellate counsel was occupied with the recent birth of his grandchild. In addition, lead appellate counsel has had to prepare for three oral arguments before the *en banc* Court, including two that were just scheduled weeks ago and that were set to be argued back-to-back: first in *American Access Casualty Company v. Cruz* (Docket No. 75424) on November 2; then in *Teva Parenteral Medicines, Inc. v. Eighth Judicial*

District Court (Docket No. 81024) on November 3. One of those cases settled just days ago, but those settlement discussions actually took additional time from the preparation of this brief. The requested extension is necessary to give counsel the opportunity to prepare for the remaining argument on November 3 and then turn to the drafting of this opening brief.

In addition, appellate counsel has struggled with several staffing issues. One of the attorneys primarily responsible for the drafting of the opening brief unexpectedly had to take time to deal with his family's health and to assist his wife with the completion of a doctoral project, which is now in its final days. At various times, his daughter has been ill and, in the absence of other child care at this time, counsel had to take primary responsibility to give his wife the opportunity to prepare for her final recitals. Counsel have made every effort to expeditiously complete work on the draft.

Counsel appreciates this Court's courtesy in considering this extension.

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