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Southwest Gas Completes Black Mountain Gas Company Acquisition

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PHOENIX, Oct. 21 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Southwest Gas Corporation (NYSE: SWX) has completed the acquisition of Black Mountain Gas Company (BMG) in Arizona.

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The BMG natural gas distribution system serves approximately 8,400 natural gas customers in portions of Carefree, North Scottsdale, North Phoenix and Cave Creek, Arizona. The acquired system is surrounded by the existing Southwest local distribution system. Also included in the acquisition is the BMG propane system, serving about 2,500 customers in Page, Arizona and the metropolitan Phoenix area.

The metro Phoenix natural gas operations will continue to do business under the Black Mountain Gas Company name for several weeks while customer records and other business processes are integrated into Southwest Gas.

Southwest Gas Corporation purchases, transports and distributes natural gas to approximately 1.5 million residential, commercial, industrial and other customers in geographically diverse portions of Arizona, Nevada and California. Its service territories are centered in the fastest-growing region of the country. For more information about Southwest Gas, please visit www.swgas.com

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