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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Authority to Update Marginal Costs, Cost Allocation, and Electric Rate Design.

Application 19-03-002

And Related Matters.

Application 10-07-009

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

This ruling sets the schedule for public participation hearings to provide an opportunity for customers of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to communicate directly with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission), SDG&E, and others regarding the above-captioned proceeding. The purpose of the public participation hearings (PPHs) is to inform and solicit comments from SDG&E customers about the rate design changes that SDG&E proposes in this application. PPHs are official Commission proceedings at which members of the public can make comments on a utility's application. The assigned Administrative Law Judge will preside over the PPHs and comments will be recorded by a court reporter. PPH transcripts are part of the record of the proceeding.

1. Availability of Application and Associated Documents

The application and other documents filed in the docket of this proceeding are accessible at the following url:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1903002. Testimony in support of SDG&E's application is available on SDG&E's website, at the following url: <https://www.sdge.com/rates-and-regulations/proceedings/2019-grc-phase2>.

For customers who cannot attend a PPH in person, a remote participation option will be available during the September 18, 2019 PPHs. The remote access information is included below and may be updated to include a Webex option.

The schedule for the PPHs is set as follows:

1. Tuesday, September 17, 2019 - Chula Vista, California

Chula Vista Library - Auditorium
365 F Street,
Chula Vista, California 91910
Times: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

2. Wednesday, September 18, 2019 - Escondido, California

California Center for the Arts
340 North Escondido Boulevard
Escondido, California 92025
Times: 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Telephone: 1-877-937-0554 (Enter Participant Code: 7031793)

2. Customer and Public Notice

SDG&E shall prepare draft mail, electronic and similar notices informing its customers of the PPHs. SDG&E shall prepare and provide draft notices to the Commission's Public Advisor's Office as soon as possible. The final approved notices shall inform SDG&E's customers about the PPHs; the purpose of the PPHs; a summary of the relief that SDG&E is requesting in this application; the

date, time, location of the PPH; how to request American Sign Language services; and the remote access information.

After the Public Advisor's Office approves the draft notice language, SDG&E shall mail the final notice to customers not less than 15 days before the date of the first scheduled public participation hearing. For customers receiving electronic billing, SDG&E shall email the final notice not less than 15 days before the date of the first scheduled PPH.

Pursuant to Rule 13.1(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, at least seven consecutive days prior to and including the first scheduled PPH, SDG&E shall cause the approved final notice to be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the general service area where the public participation hearings will be held. SDG&E shall also prominently post a notice of the PPHs on its website and in all its offices where customers come into contact with customer service representatives.

At least seven days prior to the first scheduled PPH, SDG&E shall take one or more of the following additional steps to provide notice to customers of the PPHs:

1. Providing the company's visually impaired customers with a Braille copy or a large font version of the final notice;
2. Posting the final notice on any social media accounts maintained by SDG&E;
3. Sending the final notice and contacting city managers, city clerks, and city councilmembers of the cities where the public participation hearings are scheduled, as well as other nearby cities;
4. Sending the final notice and requesting that SDG&E's authorized payment agents post notice of PPHs; and
5. Sending the final notice to city halls, libraries, recreation centers, and senior citizen centers and requesting posting.

At least five days prior to the first scheduled PPH, SDG&E shall file a document verifying that it has complied with these customer notice requirements, which shall include: (a) the date(s) the final notice was sent to customers; (b) the approximate number of customers so notified; (c) the date(s) and locations of publication and posting of the final notice; (d) additional information regarding actions taken to ensure customer and public notification of the PPHs as directed in this ruling; and (e) sample copies of the notices.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Commission will hold public participation hearings in this proceeding as set forth in this ruling.
2. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall provide customer and public notice of the public participation hearings as set forth in this ruling.
3. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall provide proof of customer and public notification as set forth in this ruling.
4. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall have at least one representative available at each of the respective public participation hearings to address questions regarding the application.
5. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall have at least one customer service representative available at each of the respective public participation hearings to answer any billing or service questions that individual customers may have.

6. If San Diego Gas & Electric Company or any active party in this proceeding wants to present a brief summary of its position at the beginning of the public participation hearings (PPHs), the party will need to inform the assigned Administrative Law Judge at least 30 days before the date of the PPH in which the party wants to present, and serve the request on the service list.

Dated July 29, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ VALERIE U. KAO
Valerie U. Kao
Administrative Law Judge