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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Approval of its 2019 Electric Sales Forecast, Effective on January 1, 2019.

Application 18-03-003

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMO AND RULING**

This scoping memo and ruling sets forth the category, issues to be addressed, and schedule of the proceeding pursuant to Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code § 1701.1 and Article 7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

**1. Procedural Background**

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) requests approval of its 2019 electric sales forecast, to be effective on January 1, 2019. This application was filed in response to Ordering Paragraph 38 of California Public Utilities Commission Decision 17-08-030, which ordered SDG&E to file an application for approval of its 2019 sales forecast by March 1, 2018.

The application was filed on March 1, 2018. A protest to the application was filed by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates on April 6, 2018. A prehearing conference (PHC) was held on June 20, 2018 to discuss the issues of law and fact and determine the need for hearing and schedule for resolving the matter. After considering the application, protest, and discussion at the PHC,

I have determined the issues and schedule of the proceeding to be as set forth in this scoping memo.

## **2. Issues**

The issues to be determined are:

1. Whether SDG&E's electric sales forecast for 2019, including for each of its customer classes, is reasonable and should be approved.
2. Whether SDG&E's methodology for deriving its 2019 electric sales forecast, including for each of its customer classes, is reasonable and should be approved.
3. Whether the impact of the 2019 sales forecast creates rates that are just and reasonable per Public Utilities Code Section 451.

## **3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing**

Issue nos. 1 and 2 involve contested material issues of fact. Accordingly, evidentiary hearing is needed on these issues. If parties resolve those factual issues before the evidentiary hearing date, the evidentiary hearing will be taken off calendar.

## **4. Schedule**

The following schedule is adopted here and may be modified by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) as required to promote the efficient and fair resolution of the application. I note the parties plan to hold workshops on July 5, 2018 and July 19, 2018 to discuss the issues in this proceeding.

Intervenors' prepared direct testimony served	August 13, 2018
Prepared rebuttal testimony served	August 27, 2018
Motion to remove evidentiary hearing from calendar if factual disputes resolved	September 5, 2018
Evidentiary hearing	September 10, 2018 9:30 a.m. Commission Courtrooms 505 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco, CA 94102
Opening briefs	September 24, 2018
Reply briefs	October 1, 2018
Proposed decision	November 13, 2018 [illustrative date]
Commission decision	December 13, 2018 [illustrative date]

The target publication date of the proposed decision of November 13, 2018 is strictly illustrative and should not be relied upon by parties as a date certain for the publication of the proposed decision. As noted at the PHC, this date may not be reached and parties were informed that there is significant risk in adopting the above schedule if the applicant's aim is to implement an approved sales forecast by January 1, 2019. This target implementation date may not be realized.

The proceeding will stand submitted upon the filing of reply briefs, unless the ALJ requires further evidence or argument. Based on this schedule, the proceeding will be resolved within 18 months as required by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5.

### **5. Category of Proceeding/Ex Parte Restrictions**

This ruling confirms the Commission's preliminary determination that this is a ratesetting proceeding in Resolution ALJ 176- 3414. Accordingly, *ex parte* communications are restricted and must be reported pursuant to Article 8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

### **6. Public Outreach**

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1711(a), I hereby report that the Commission sought the participation of those likely to be affected by this matter by noticing it in the Commission's monthly newsletter that is served on communities and businesses that subscribe to it and posted on the Commission's website.

### **7. Intervenor Compensation**

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1804(a)(1), a customer who intends to seek an award of compensation must file and serve a notice of intent to claim compensation by July 20, 2018, 30 days after the PHC.

### **8. Public Advisor**

Any person interested in participating in this proceeding who is unfamiliar with the Commission's procedures or has questions about the electronic filing procedures is encouraged to obtain more information at <http://consumers.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/> or contact the Commission's Public Advisor at 1-866-849-8390 or 415-703-2074 or 1-866-836-7825 (TYT), or send an e-mail to [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov).

**9. Service of Documents on Commissioners and Their Personal Advisors**

Rule 1.10 requires only electronic service on any person on the official service list, other than the ALJ.

When serving documents on Commissioners or their personal advisors, whether or not they are on the official service list, parties must only provide electronic service. Parties must NOT send hard copies of documents to Commissioners or their personal advisors unless specifically instructed to do so. However, the assigned ALJ requires hard copies of served documents.

**10. Assignment of Proceeding**

Martha Guzman Aceves is the assigned Commissioner and Patrick Doherty is the assigned ALJ and presiding officer for the proceeding.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. The scope of this proceeding is described above.
2. The schedule of this proceeding is as set forth above.
3. Evidentiary hearings are needed.
4. The presiding officer is Administrative Law Judge Patrick Doherty.
5. The category of the proceeding is ratesetting.

Dated July 12, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARTHA GUZMAN ACEVES

Martha Guzman Aceves  
Assigned Commissioner