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**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON
SDG&E'S WILDFIRE COST RECOVERY REQUEST**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5, 2016 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold public meetings to hear directly from consumers about San Diego Gas & Electric's request to recover \$379 million in costs it says are related to the Witch, Guejito, and Rice wildfires that occurred in SDG&E's service territory in October 2007.

The Public Participation Hearings will take place as follows:

WHEN: January 9, 2017, 2 p.m. AND 7 p.m.

WHERE: California Center for the Arts, Conference Center – Salon 1 Room, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido, CA 92025

The CPUC's Public Participation Hearings will allow the public to comment on whether SDG&E's operation and management of its facilities prior to the 2007 Wildfires were reasonable. Prior CPUC decisions indicate that a reasonableness standard should entail a review on the prudence of SDG&E's actions leading up to the fire. In Decision 14-06-007, the CPUC held that for costs to be found reasonable, the utility must prove that they were:

Prudently incurred by competent management exercising the best practices of the era, and using well-trained, well-informed and conscientious employees and contractors who are performing their jobs properly...[T]he Commission can and must disallow those costs: that is unjust or unreasonable costs must not be recovered in rates from ratepayers. ([D.14-06-007](#) at 31)



Comments from the public can help the CPUC reach an informed decision so consumers are encouraged to attend Public Participation Hearings.

For those unable to attend a Public Participation Hearing in person, written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to the proceeding number A.15-09-010 on any written or email correspondence about this proceeding. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

Documents related to the proceeding are available at:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A150901_0.

If specialized accommodations are needed to attend a Public Participation Hearing, such as non-English language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five business days in advance of the hearing.

For more information on Public Participation Hearings, please see www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH.

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While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.

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