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Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”)’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (“SDG&E”) respectfully submits this Motion for Expedited Protest/Reply Period (“Motion”).

**I. AN EXPEDITED PROTEST/REPLY PERIOD IS NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR
SIMULTANEOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RATE INCREASES ASSOCIATED
WITH SDG&E’S TRIGGER APPLICATION AND 2012 ERRA FORECAST
APPLICATION**

In conjunction with the filing of this Motion, SDG&E has filed an Expedited Trigger Application (“Trigger Application”) addressing the disposition of the approximately \$53 million undercollection in SDG&E’s Energy Resource Recovery Account (“ERRA”). Through the Trigger Application, SDG&E is seeking to increase rates to cover the undercollection. With respect to timing, SDG&E proposed that the rate increase be amortized over 12 months, beginning on the same day SDG&E’s 2012 ERRA forecast is implemented, which is expected to occur on July 1, 2012. This timing avoids the need for multiple rate increases over a relatively short time period.

So as to facilitate the timing of a final Commission decision before July 1, 2012, SDG&E proposed the following schedule in its Trigger Application:

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Application filed	April 9, 2012
Expedited Protests	April 23, 2012
Expedited Reply	April 27, 2012
Prehearing Conference	May 1, 2012
Proposed Decision	May 29, 2012
Comments on Proposed Decision (reduced comment period)	May 31, 2012
Reply Comments on Proposed Decision (reduced comment period)	June 4, 2012
Commission Decision Adopted	June 7, 2012

This schedule includes an expedited protest period ending on April 23 (14 days from the filing of the Trigger Application) and a reply (if necessary) on April 27 (4 days from the filing of any protest/response). Such a schedule provides over four weeks (32 days from the filing of SDG&E's reply) for the issuance of a Proposed Decision on May 29, with the final decision to be adopted on June 7, 2012 and in time to implement the rate increase by July 1, 2012.

Pursuant to Rule 2.6, the standard period for protests and responses is 30 days and the period for replies is 10 days. Accordingly, this Motion seeks to shorten these periods by approximately 50%. In light of the benefit of avoiding multiple rate increases over a relatively short time period, such a shortening of time to protest/reply to SDG&E's Trigger Application is justified.

II. CONCLUSION

Based on this Motion and the merits of the Trigger Application, SDG&E respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request to expedite the protest/reply period as outlined above.

Dated this 9th day of April 2012, in San Diego, California.

Respectfully submitted,

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