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Pursuant to the *Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Consolidating Related Proceedings and Setting a Joint Prehearing Conference* ("ALJ Ruling"), dated July 21, 2011, and Rule 7.2 of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E") and Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas") (collectively, the "Joint Utilities") hereby file this Prehearing Conference ("PHC") Statement in the above consolidated docket.

The PHC will be held on August 8, 2011 to review the preliminary scope and schedule of the consolidated proceeding and to address any issues, with the goal of thoughtfully and efficiently resolving the 2012-2014 California Alternate Rates for Energy (“CARE”) and Energy Savings Assistance (“ESA”) Program applications of SDG&E, SoCalGas, Southern California Edison Company (“SCE”), and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”) (collectively, the investor-owned utilities (“IOUs”).

I. SCOPE OF THE CONSOLIDATED PROCEEDING SET FORTH IN THIS RULING

The ALJ Ruling provides a list of issues deemed to be within the scope of the proceeding, and reflects major issues before the Commission for consideration. In addition to the issues listed on pages 3-4 of the ALJ Ruling, the Joint Utilities request that the Commission append the list to consider SoCalGas’ proposal to help mitigate the number of meter reading positions lost due to the implementation of the Advance Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) by creating Customer Assistance Representative (“CAR”) positions, in addition to administrative support positions to organize ESA program appoints, coordinate customer contacts, and process invoices.

II. SCHEDULE OF THE CONSOLIDATED PROCEEDING

The Joint Utilities support the ALJ Ruling’s proposed schedule and determination that hearings are not necessary. The Joint Utilities agree that workshops will be more than adequate to allow parties a reasonable opportunity to query and discuss the IOUs’ proposed low-income assistance applications and budgets. To ensure full and fairly developed record, the Joint Utilities suggest that the workshop discussions be held on the record, i.e., a court reporter creates verbatim transcripts of the workshops or the Energy Division provides a workshop report detailing workshop discussions.

To facilitate scheduling of the workshops, the Joint Utilities propose the following workshop schedule:

➤ **Tuesday, August 23, 2011 - ESAP Issues Related to Customer Enrollment and Eligibility**

- Whether the Commission should review the methodology adopted in D.08-11-031 in estimating and calculating eligible low income population.
- Whether and how the Commission should continue its coordination with the Department of Community Services and Development (“CSD”) to most effectively increase the number of overall homes treated in California pursuant to programs administered by the Commission and CSD.
- Consideration of IOUs’ proposed ESAP budgets, and underlying assumptions and estimates.
- How the Commission should categorize homes that receive only energy education from an IOU under the ESAP program (treated, untreated, ineligible or other).
- Whether the Commission should authorize IOUs’ proposals to explore ways to improve the treatment and therefore penetration rate for the multifamily sector.

➤ **Wednesday, August 24, 2011 – ESAP Issues Related to Proposals, Measures, and Studies**

- Whether the Commission should reevaluate the cost effectiveness methodology adopted in Decision (“D.”) 08-11-031.
- Whether the Commission should retire and approve certain measures proposed by the IOUs from their 2012-2014 approved measures list.
- Whether the Commission should authorize a study and evaluation of the IOUs’ energy education programs under the ESAP program to determine if there are ways to optimize or otherwise improve the educational component of the ESAP program.
- Whether the Commission should authorize the IOUs to conduct another joint 2012-2014 Impact Evaluation Study to capture more accurate energy savings accomplishments in the ESAP program or consider a different evaluation approach that more closely aligns with the non-low income, or mainstream energy efficiency evaluations.

- Whether the Commission should review the existing refrigerator replacement rules.

➤ **Thursday, August 25, 2011 – CARE Issues and Additional Issues**

- Whether redesigning of CARE discount rate structure should be reviewed in the herein Consolidated Proceeding, and if so, whether the Public Utilities Code permits and it is in the public interest to design customized CARE discount rates.
- Whether the Commission should review the current CARE categorical enrollment program.
- Consideration of IOUs' proposed CARE budgets, and underlying assumptions and estimates.
- Whether the Commission should examine the current ESAP contractors' bidding process and other different delivery models.
- Whether the Commission should review and/or clarify its Fund Shifting rules.
- Consideration of SoCalGas' proposal to create CAR positions.
- Issues the IOUs address in the Commission March 30, 2011 guidance ruling.

III. OTHER ISSUES

The Joint Utilities request interim authorization to continue ESA program and CARE program activities into 2012, using 2012 program funds, if the Commission is delayed in issuing a decision on the IOUs' applications.¹ In addition, the Joint Utilities respectfully request a call-in number for interested parties who will be unable to attend in person.

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¹ Accomplishments achieved during this interim period will be counted toward 2012 program results.

