



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Gas Company (U904G), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E), and Southwest Gas Corporation (U905G) for Approval of Wholesale Transportation and Exchange Agreements and Related Relief.

A.08-12-006
(filed December 15, 2008)

PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES

I. INTRODUCTION

On February 20, 2009, the Commission issued a Notice of Prehearing Conference (“PHC”) setting March 12, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Courtroom, San Francisco CA. In response, DRA submits the following proposed schedule. The issues to be considered and other procedural matters, are the same as stated previously in DRA’s Protest, which was filed and served in January 16, 2009.

II. DRA’S PROPOSED SCHEDULE

On March 11, 2009, DRA convened a teleconference with the other parties of record to present DRA’s proposed schedule for discussion. Comments were received and incorporated, as reflected in DRA’s schedule below. Further, the Applicants stated that they would revise the schedule presented in the Application, which would be presented at the PHC.

Event	Scheduled Date
Initial Prehearing Conference	March 12, 2009
DRA Opening Testimony	June 22, 2009
Rebuttal Testimony	July 20, 2009
Hearings- 3 days	August 4 – 6, 2009
Opening Briefs	August 31, 2009
Reply Briefs	September 15, 2009

The above-stated schedule is not to foreclose the possibility that the parties of record may meet and confer to negotiate a settlement. The timing of such a meeting will depend for the most part on the other parties' cooperation with DRA's data requests.

III. THE ISSUES

The issues to be considered in this matter are those stated (but not limited to) in DRA's Protest at page 4. DRA reserves the right to present additional issues that may be discovered or otherwise arise in the course of this proceeding.

IV. OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS

DRA's Protest at page 5 addressed the other procedural matters, which are incorporated and stated here as if fully set forth in this document. Unless the Commission directs otherwise, DRA sees no other procedural details to comment on.

V. CONCLUSION

It is premature at this time to state whether the parties will be able to settle this matter or alternatively whether a hearing will be necessary to resolve disputed issues of fact or law. At this stage of the proceeding, DRA does not have sufficient information and data to conclude either way.

DRA's proposed schedule is designed to afford DRA an opportunity for discovery; for meeting and conferring with the other parties to explore settlement; and for hearings if DRA's discovery produces insufficient responses and/or the parties' negotiations are unsuccessful. Therefore, DRA requests that in a Scoping Memo, the Commission should adopt DRA's proposed schedule and statement of the issues and set a date and time for hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

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