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**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS  
ON SDG&E AND SOCALGAS WILDFIRE ACCOUNT REQUEST**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8, 2012 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold Public Participation Hearings regarding the request of San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Gas Company to establish a Wildfire Expense Balancing Account for recovery of wildfire-related costs.

**When:** April 5, 2012 - Session 1 begins at 2 p.m. and Session 2 begins at 6 p.m.

**Where:** Al Bahr Shriners Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Rd., San Diego

These Public Participation Hearings are scheduled to allow the public to comment on whether the uninsured 2007 fire costs should be included in the Wildfire Expense Balancing Account mechanism. Comments from the public can help the CPUC reach an informed decision, and consumers are encouraged to attend.

Written comments may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., Room 2103, San Francisco, CA 94102 or via email to [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov). Please refer to Application number A.09-08-020 on any written or email correspondence. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC's Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

If specialized accommodations are needed, such as sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) or toll free at 866-849-8390.

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

For more information on Public Participation Hearings, please see [www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PPH).

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