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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSIONER DARCIE L. HOUCK, in attendance, and



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1	VIRTUAL PROCEEDING
2	MAY 2, 2022 - 11:38 a.m.
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4	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE LAU: The
5	Commission will come to order.
6	This is the Prehearing Conference
7	for Application 22-02-016. This is the Joint
8	Application of Southern California Edison
9	Company, SCE, and San Diego Gas and Electric
10	Company, SDG&E, for the 2021 Nuclear
11	Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding.
12	Good afternoon. I am Administrative
13	Law Judge ALJ Elaine Lau. With me is
14	Assigned Commissioner, Commissioner Darcie
15	Houck.
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Just a -- so good afternoon, 1 2 everyone. As Judge Lau said, my name is Darcie Houck. I'm the assigned Commissioner 3 for this proceeding. I want to thank Judge 4 Lau for facilitating today's hearing, David 5 6 Zizmor, our Energy Division staff, and my 7 advisor Maryam Mozafari, for all of their I also want to thank our IT staff, 8 9 Joseph Haga, and our court reporter, Karly Powers. We could not be here in our virtual 10 11 hearing without the work they perform. I want to thank the parties for 12 their participation in the proceeding and 13 their presence at the prehearing conference 14 15 today. I appreciate the workshop that the 16 Applicant facilitated just prior to the PHC 17 and the additional workshops that have been 18 offered by the Applicant. 19 To set the stage for today's 20 discussion, I want to just make a few 21 statements to put the hearing in context. accordance with the NR -- Nuclear Regulatory 22 23 Commission requirements, nuclear power plant operators, or licensees, must provide 24 25 financial assure- -- assurances that necessary funds for all decommissioning costs 26 27 for the facility are available. These funds in this case, generally provided through 2.8

Τ	ratepayers, must cover all activities to
2	safely achieve license termination, spent
3	fuel management, and site restoration.
4	In addition to the NRC requirements,
5	California has adopted the California Nuclear
6	Decommissioning Act of 1985, to establish a
7	framework to ensure adequate financial
8	resources for safety commissioning of
9	California's nuclear power plants. The
10	Decommissioning Act mandates the California
11	Public Utilities Commission adopt regulations
12	and guidelines to protect ratepayers and
13	shareholders from decommissioning-related
14	financial risks. To meet this requirement,
15	the Commission conducts its review of nuclear
16	decommissioning costs through this
17	proceeding, the nuclear decommissioning cost
18	triennial proceeding.
19	The duty to furnish and maintain
20	safe equipment in facilities and timely
21	performance of decommissioning work falls
22	squarely on California public utilities, in
23	this case, Southern California Edison and San
24	Diego Gas and Electric. As affirmed in prior
25	decisions, this duty remans with the
26	utilities, regardless of whether
27	decommissioning activities are conducted
28	directly by the utilities, or by entities or

individuals that the utilities contract with, 1 to carry out decommissioning activities. 2 The burden of proof is on the 3 utilities to demonstrate that all activities 4 or expenses incurred are reasonable. 5 said, it's critically important that we 6 7 ensure the safe closure of these facilities, and that we meet all safety requirements for 8 9 closure and for the storage and removal of nuclear waste onsite at these facilities. 10 11 We are going to carefully consider all of the information provided by the 12 parties throughout this proceeding. And I 13 will carefully consider all of the comments 14 15 received by the parties that are made today 16 during this prehearing conference, as well as the written materials that were filed in 17 18 advance of prehearing conference before issuing the scoping memo in this matter. 19 with that, I will conclude my comments; and 20 look forward to hearing from all of the 21 parties today; and turn the proceeding back 22 2.3 over to Judge Lau. ALJ LAU: Thank you. 24 25 Can you guys hear me? 26 Okay. So, at this time, I would 27 liked to go over some ground rules for today's prehearing conference to make this a 2.8

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    established speaking order. The speaking
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    giving parties a prompt for when it's your
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    we call on you to speak. Please wait your
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    turn, and do not speak over one another;
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              And, lastly, please put yourself on
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    mute when you're not speaking.
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    the first item on the agenda, which is
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    I would like to take appearances for the
    record. Because of the large amount of party
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    representatives, I will be calling on your
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    party. So if I call on your party, please
    announce yourself and introduce yourself and
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    your party. The parties that you are
    representing. So I will start with Southern
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    California Edison.
          MR. JERMAN: Good afternoon, Judge Lau
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    and Commissioner Houck. This is Ryan Jerman,
    and I'm appearing on behalf of Southern
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California Edison. 1 2. ALJ LAU: San Diego Gas and Electric 3 Company? MR. TRIAL: Good afternoon. My name is 4 Allen Trial, and I'm appearing on behalf of 5 San Diego Gas and Electric. 6 7 ALJ LAU: Public Advocates Office. MR. ALLEN: Thank you, your Honor. 8 Peter Allen for the Public Advocates Office. 9 10 After today, my place as Lead Counsel will be 11 taken by Wayne Parker. ALJ LAU: And The Utility Reform 12 13 Network. MR. FREEDMAN: Matthew Freedman, staff 14 attorney here representing The Utility Reform 15 16 Network. ALJ LAU: And alliance for nuclear 17 18 responsibility. John Geesman, your Honor, 19 MR. GEESMAN: representing The Alliance for Nuclear 20 21 responsibility, also known as A4NR. 22 ALJ LAU: Thank you. 2.3 That is currently all the parties that we have. I know that there are a few 24 25 other parties that want to make oral motions 26 for party status; and now is the opportunity 27 for that. So if you wish to make a motion for party status, please first introduce 2.8

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    representing. Please also explain the
    interest your party is having in this
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    proceeding, and also describe your
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    organization.
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              Let's start with Pacific Gas and
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    Electric Company.
              (Crosstalk.)
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          MS. POST: Can you hear me?
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          ALJ LAU: Yes, I can hear you.
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          MS. POST: Okay. Jennifer Post,
    representing Pacific Gas and Electric
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             We're moving for party status in
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    Company.
    this proceeding today.
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              I think, as most parties know,
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    Pacific Gas and Electric Company also has a
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    2021 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial
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    Proceeding pending. We filed our application
    in December of 2021. While most issues are
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    distinct as between -- as the SONGS NDCTP and
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    the Diablo Canyon and Humboldt Bay Power
    Plant NDCTP, we feel it makes sense for us to
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    have party status here to note common issues
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    and participate as necessary.
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          ALJ LAU: All right. Thank you.
              Are there any objections from
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    parties to PG&E's request?
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              (No response.)
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ALJ LAU:
                    Hearing none, PG&E's motion
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    for party status is granted.
              (Pacific Gas and Electric was
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              granted Party Status.)
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          ALJ LAU:
    pending -- that Public Watchdogs would like
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    to make a motion.
          MR. LANGLEY: Greetings, I'm Charles
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    Langley, the Executive Director of Public
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    Watchdogs. And we make a motion for party
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    status.
              Public Watchdogs was incorporated to
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    represent California ratepayers, in part,
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   before the California Public Utilities
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    Commission. And we are a 501c3 non-profit.
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          ALJ LAU: Can you please explain your
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    interest in this proceeding?
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          MR. LANGLEY: Our interest in the
    proceedings is that we would like to evaluate
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    the decommissioning trust fund budgets that
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    are being put forward in terms of how they
    affect Southern California Edison and SDG&E
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    ratepayers. And we intend to do so using
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    forensic accounting tools.
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          ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Langley.
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              Any objections to Public Watchdog's
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    request?
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              (No response.)
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ALJ LAU: All right. 1 2 Hearing none, Public Watchdogs' 3 party -- motion for party status is granted. (Public Watchdogs was granted Party 4 Status.) 5 ALJ LAU: All parties, including those 6 7 that were granted party status today, must complete and submit an electronic copy of the 8 9 Commission's appearance form via e-mail to 10 ALJ reporting@cpuc.ca.gov and copy to our 11 Process Office. The form was sent to the service list. I sent the form to the service 12 list. If you have any problem accessing the 13 form, please send me an e-mail. If you just 14 want a copy of the transcript, you will also 15 16 need to fill out the form. 17 Next item on the agenda is the scope 18 of issues. So I circulated my proposed list 19 of scoping issues with the agenda onto the 2.0 service list last week. What we will do is, I will first read the issues. And after I 21 22 finish reading the issues, then I will allow 23 parties to comment. So, here are the issues -- first, 24 25 are the issues that apply to both applicants: 26 One, are the costs incurred for the 27 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, SONGS, 28 Unit 1 decommission projects that were

completed from January 1, 2018, through 1 December 31st, 2020, also known as the 2018 2. to 2020 review period, and the undistributed 3 expenditures incurred during the 2018 to 2020 4 period reasonable? 5 What is the reasonable share of the 6 7 costs for Edison; what is the reasonable share of costs for SDG&E. 8 9 Two, are the costs incurred for SONGS Unit 2 and 3 projects during the 2018 10 11 through 2020 review period and the undistributed expenditures incurred during 12 the 2018 to 2020 review period reasonable? 13 What is the reasonable share for --14 of the costs for Edison; and what is the 15 16 reasonable share of the costs for SDG&E? Three, is the 2020 decommissioning 17 18 cost estimate, DCE, for SONGS Unit 1 19 reasonable? If not, what it is reasonable amount? What is the reasonable share of the 2.0 cost for Edison? What is the reasonable 21 share of the cost for SDG&E? 22 2.3 Four, is the F -- is the 2020 DCE for SONGS Units 2 and 3 reasonable? If not, 24 25 what is the reasonable amount? What is the reasonable share of the costs for Edison? 26 27 What is the reasonable share of the costs for 2.8 SDG&E?

1	Five, should the litigation proceeds
2	from the United States Department of Energy,
3	DOE, to SONGS be deposited into the
4	non-qualified nuclear decommissioning trusts
5	of each applicant; or be refunded to the
6	Applicant's customers through each of their
7	individual Energy Resource Recovery Accounts
8	proceedings?
9	Six, are the applicants compliant
10	with prior Comission decisions?
11	Seven, is the 2021 reasonableness
12	framework as proposed by the applicants
13	reasonable? If not, what modifications
14	should be done should be made?
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15 16	And the next two issues pertain only to Southern California Edison:
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1	What are reasonable amounts of
2	annual contributions to the SONGS Unit 1 and
3	SONGS Units 2 and 3 nuclear decommissioning
4	trusts for SDG&E?
5	So that is all the issues I have
6	listed for this application. Now I will call
7	on parties using the established speaking
8	order. And now is the chance for parties to
9	comment on my proposed list of scoping
10	issues.
11	Please, again, only speak after I
12	call upon your party. I also ask that you
13	introduce yourself again after I call on you.
14	If you don't have any comment, you may pass.
15	Depending on time, we may also allow for one
16	round of comments or responses to
17	comments.
18	So, I will start with Edison.
19	MR. JERMAN: Yes. Thank you, your
20	Honor. This is Ryan Jerman on behalf of
21	Edison
22	(Reporter clarification.)
23	MR. JERMAN: I apologize. Can you hear
24	me now? All right.
25	Okay. This is Ryan Jerman on behalf
26	of Edison. Judge Lau, we do not object to
27	the list of scoping issues that you just ran
28	through. I would note that we submitted a

report of the meet-and-confer meeting where 1 2. the parties agreed that the scope of the proceeding should be issues identified in the 3 application, as well as the protests that 4 were filed. And the list of scoping issues 5 6 that you just read appears to encompass all 7 of those issues. So, again, Edison does not object to the scoping issues you just read. 8 9 ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Jerman. How about SDG&E? 10 11 MR. TRIAL: Thank you, your Honor. This is Allen Trial for SDG&E. SDG&E agrees 12 with the scoping issues as cited, with the 13 exception of underneath the "SDG&E only 14 scoping issues," it appears that we need to 15 16 add to. 17 The first being, "Are the 18 expenditures incurred by SDG&E for SDG&E-only costs during the 2018-2020 review period 19 2.0 reasonable?" 21 The second being, "Is the decommissioning cost estimate for SDG&E-only 22 cost reasonable?" 23 24 ALJ LAU: I'm sorry. Can you -- so is there two additional issues that you would 25 26 like to add to the scope of issues for SDG&E? 27 -- is that correct? 2.8 MR. TRIAL: Correct. They have to do

with the SDG&E costs -- the only costs for 1 SDG&E. The first one I'll repeat again. 3 Ιt would be, "Are the expenditures incurred by 4 SDG&E for SDG&E-only costs during the 5 6 2018-2020 review period reasonable?" 7 And --ALJ LAU: Yeah. And can you repeat 8 number two? 9 MR. TRIAL: Number two? Yes. 10 11 Number two is, "Is the 12 decommissioning cost estimate for SDG&E-only costs reasonable?" 13 ALJ LAU: Okay. Thank you, Mr. 14 Trial --15 16 MR. TRIAL: Thank you, your Honor. ALJ LAU: -- for that clarification. 17 18 Next we have Public Advocates 19 Office. 2.0 MR. ALLEN: Thank you, your Honor. Peter Allen for the Public Advocates Office. 21 Public Advocates Office had raised 22 the issues somewhat differently than your 23 ruling. I mean, I'm understanding that the 24 scope of those is the same. Public Advocates 25 had specifically spelled out a couple of 26 27 narrow issues. 2.8 One of those, whether the Commission

1	should approve SCE's recorded costs
2	associated with the August 3rd, 2018 canister
3	(inaudible) incident, and whether the
4	Commission should approve SCE's recorded
5	costs associated with the additional
6	excavation associated with the containments
7	substructure. Assuming that those issues,
8	and the issues that Public Advocates has
9	identified, are subsumed within your
10	rephrasing, we have no objection to those.
11	We just want to make sure that the rephrasing
12	does not actually limit or narrow the issues
13	from what Public Advocates identified in its
14	protest.
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15	And then as a second matter, we have
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15 16 17 18	And then as a second matter, we have no objection to Mr. Trial's recommended additional issues.  ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Allen.
15 16 17 18 19	And then as a second matter, we have no objection to Mr. Trial's recommended additional issues.  ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Allen.  I believe those two issues that
15 16 17 18 19 20	And then as a second matter, we have no objection to Mr. Trial's recommended additional issues.  ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Allen.  I believe those two issues that  Public Advocates raised during protests would
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	And then as a second matter, we have no objection to Mr. Trial's recommended additional issues.  ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Allen.  I believe those two issues that  Public Advocates raised during protests would be subsumed under number two, "Are the costs
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	And then as a second matter, we have no objection to Mr. Trial's recommended additional issues.  ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Allen.  I believe those two issues that Public Advocates raised during protests would be subsumed under number two, "Are the costs incurred for SONGS Units 2 and 3 projects
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	And then as a second matter, we have no objection to Mr. Trial's recommended additional issues.  ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Allen.  I believe those two issues that Public Advocates raised during protests would be subsumed under number two, "Are the costs incurred for SONGS Units 2 and 3 projects incurred during the review period
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1	MR. FREEDMAN: Thank you, your Honor.
2	Matt Freedman on behalf of The Utility Reform
3	Network. We do not anticipate having any
4	concerns about the scope outlined here. I
5	would note that to the extent that there are
6	any completed projects that were completed at
7	San Onofre during the 2018-2020 period, it's
8	my understanding that there might be some
9	cost that actually pre-date 2018, but they
10	are included in the project that was
11	completed during the window. I would assume
12	based on the former reasonableness framework
13	that was approved, that it's the completed
14	projects occurring during this period that
15	are the ones that we are reviewing for
16	reasonableness in the proceeding, and that
17	parties would be able to comment on and take
18	issue with. So that might be the only
19	clarification I would offer.
20	ALJ LAU: So, Mr. Freedman, are you
21	saying that there are costs that would be
22	incurred outside the reasonable the review
23	the 2018 to 2020 review period that would
24	be subject to review in this application?
25	MR. FREEDMAN: Well, it's my
26	understanding that completed projects under
27	the reasonableness framework might include
28	costs that were incurred prior to 2018, but

for a project that was completed during this 1 2. timeframe. ALJ LAU: Okay. So it would be 3 incurred before 2018, but completed within 4 the timeframe? I quess I can -- I can add 5 number seven as in "Are costs incurred under 6 7 the 2021 reasonableness timeframe reasonable?" Or, you know, I would have to 8 9 think of better wording for it. But the --10 would that alleviate your concern? 11 MR. FREEDMAN: Yes, your Honor, I believe so. I would be interested in 12 Edison's response on this one. 13 14 But there are both distributed and undistributed costs. The undistributed costs 15 16 are the ones that would be incurred during this timeframe, 2018 to 2020. 17 18 distributed costs for completed projects could include costs that were incurred prior 19 to 2018. But the project itself would have 20 21 been completed during this time frame, and then eliqible for review; unless I'm 22 2.3 misunderstanding. 24 ALJ LAU: Okay. Thank you, Mr. 25 Freedman. We can go back to Edison after we 26 27 hear from the other two parties -- other three parties. Excuse me. 2.8

1	Anything further, Mr. Freedman?
2	MR. FREEDMAN: No, your Honor. We
3	believe that the outlined scope, as I read
4	it, is intended to capture all the relevant
5	issues that TURN intends to address.
6	ALJ LAU: Okay. Thank you.
7	Mr. Geesman, A4NR?
8	MR. GEESMAN: Thank you, your Honor.
9	John Geesman on behalf of the Alliance for
10	Nuclear Responsibility. We have nothing to
11	add to your suggested scoping of the issues.
12	We agree with the way in which
13	Mr. Jerman characterized them in the joint
14	report he filed;
15	We agree with Mr. Freedman's
16	description of the accrual method of project
17	accounting here;
18	And we agree with Mr. Trial's
19	suggested additions to the scope.
20	Other than that, we have nothing to
21	add.
22	ALJ LAU: Thank you Mr. Geesman.
23	PG&E?
24	MS. POST: Hi there, it's Jennifer Post
25	for PG&E.
26	PG&E doesn't have anything to add
27	with regard to scope. We agree with the
28	scope as stated and written.

1	ALJ LAU: Thank you, Ms. Post.
2	Public Watchdogs?
3	MR. LANGLEY: Your Honor, we have no
4	objections to the scope.
5	I do wish to add though that I
6	neglected to mention that we will be relying
7	on some extensive staff experience with large
8	construction projects. My staff member, Nina
9	Babiarz, has actually had experience
10	constructing stadiums and master-planned
11	communities for 20 years. And, in addition,
12	we'll be using outside expert testimony from
13	people such as Paul Blanch, who you may have
14	already heard from today.
15	ALJ LAU: Okay. All right. Thank you,
16	Mr. Langley.
17	At this time, can we ask if Edison
18	if you would like to respond to, first,
19	the addition of SDG&E's request to added
20	scope of issues, those two issues? And can
21	you also respond to Mr. Freedman's concern
22	regarding costs that are incurred prior to
23	2018, but would be would not be
24	recoverable in this application or subject
25	for recovery in this application through the
26	2021 reasonableness framework?
27	MR. JERMAN: Thank you, your Honor.
28	This is Ryan Jerman with Southern California

Edison. 1 2. We have no objection to the two additional issues that Mr. Trial raised. 3 Thank you Mr. Trial for identifying those 4 5 two. 6 With regard to Mr. Freedman's 7 question, I think Mr. Freedman framed it correctly that there are costs incurred prior 8 9 to the review period, but associated with 10 projects that were completed during the 11 review period. I think the way your Honor 12 has framed the scoping issues, that they 13 encompass such costs as Mr. Freedman 14 identified. So I don't think we need an 15 additional scoping issue, because what you've 16 written subsumes the costs that Mr. Freedman identified. But -- but, again, we agree with 17 18 his framing of the issue. ALJ LAU: So you believe it's subsumed 19 2.0 under Issue 1 and 2? 21 MR. JERMAN: Yes. 22 ALJ LAU: Okay. 2.3 Mr. Freedman, do you agree? 24 MR. FREEDMAN: Your Honor, I think that 25 one way to resolve this might be to use the 26 language on Item Number 1, and to bring that 27 into Item 2. So, Scope of Issue 1 28 specifically references decommissioning

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projects that were completed --
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          ALJ LAU: Okay.
          MR. FREEDMAN: -- January 1, 2018,
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    through December 31, 2020. But Item Number 2
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    does not use that same language.
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                                      It does not
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    refer to decommissioning projects that were
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    completed.
              Perhaps, simply using the same
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    language in Items Number 1 and 2 could be the
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    solution here to avoid any ambiguity or
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    suggestion that there's a different approach
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    being taken with respect to SONGS 1 and SONGS
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    2 and 3.
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          ALJ LAU: Okay. I will make these
    modifications and suggest it to the
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    Commissioner. Thank you for these
    suggestions.
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              All right. Are there any other
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    concerns regarding scope of issues?
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              Please, you know, introduce yourself
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    and your party if you want to speak.
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              (No response.)
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                    Hearing none, thank you.
          ALJ LAU:
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              Thank you, parties, for your
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              We will take your comments into
    comments.
    consideration. But the final determination
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1	Next item on the agenda is
2	categorization and need for hearing.
3	Resolution ALJ 176-3504, which the Commission
4	issued on March 17th, 2022, determined that
5	this is a ratesetting proceeding. Parties
6	generally agree on this categorization. I
7	also agree to this categorization and will
8	make this recommendation to Commissioner
9	Houck. But, again, the final determination
10	will be made in the Assigned Commissioner's
11	scoping memo.
12	As for whether hearings are needed,
13	parties generally agree that hearings are
14	needed. I agree, as well, and will make that
15	recommendation to Commissioner Houck. But
16	the final determination will be made in the
17	Assigned Commissioner's scoping memo.
18	At this moment, I ask parties if you
19	have any comment on the categorization of
20	this proceeding or the need for hearings,
21	please introduce yourself and your
22	organization before you speak.
23	(No response.)
24	ALJ LAU: Hearing none, let's move on
25	to the proceeding schedule.
26	So, the agenda I circulated includes
27	a proposed proceeding schedule. And that
28	proceeding schedule is basically the schedule

that parties served as part of the 1 2. meet-and-confer report. But in reviewing testimony, I saw the Applicant's request to 3 update their nuclear decommissioning costs, 4 or nuclear decommissioning trust fund 5 balances, during the course of the 6 7 proceeding. And I did not see that in the parties' proposed schedule. And I would want 8 9 to hear if parties want to add that as a date and -- as well as a date for comments and 10 11 responses to the update. And I -- and I'm not sure if all the 12 parties would like to comment. So I would 13 just open it to the floor. And if you want 14 to speak, please raise your hand, introduce 15 16 yourself and your organization before you 17 speak. 18 (No response.) 19 ALJ LAU: How about I ask Mr. Jerman, 2.0 Edison, since you're -- as one of the 21 applicants, I -- I did not see included in 22 the proceeding schedule a date for the 23 update; and I saw that in testimony. 24 MR. JERMAN: Yeah. Thank you, your Honor. I believe what we stated in testimony 25 26 was if parties wanted it, we would provide an 27 update. So I'll listen to the discussion here. And I'll take my -- put myself on mute 28

while other folks weigh in. And if I could 1 have a minute to discuss with Jose Perez, who's in the room with me, that would be 3 4 great. 5 ALJ LAU: Okay. Thank you. 6 Parties, would you have any 7 comments? Mr. Freedman. 8 9 MR. FREEDMAN: Thank you, your Honor. Matt Freedman on behalf of TURN. We would 10 11 not object to an updating of the trust fund 12 balances, so long as it's done consistent with past practice, using 13 end-of-calendar-year dates. Typically, the 14 update is done as of December 31st. And so, 15 16 whatever that balance was, you know, the update is -- would be acceptable to us. 17 18 there's a December 31st, 2022, update that Edison would seek to put in, that would be 19 20 acceptable as well. ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Freedman. 21 Mr. Allen? 22 MR. ALLEN: Thank you, your Honor. 2.3 Peter Allen for Public Advocates. 24 25 We would have no objection to an 26 update of the balance. I don't believe that 27 it necessarily needs to be built into the procedural schedule. 28

1	ALJ LAU: Thank you.
2	Mr. Geesman.
3	MR. GEESMAN: Your Honor, this is not
4	an issue we expect to get drawn into; but we
5	do think the better practice would be to
6	allow the update, as we've done in past
7	proceedings.
8	ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Geesman.
9	Mr. Allen or Mr. Jerman or I
10	think Mr. Jerman is still consulting with his
11	team.
12	Mr. Geesman, can you lower your
13	hand? Thank you.
14	Let's go off the record while Mr.
15	Jerman is still consulting.
16	(Off the record.)
17	ALJ LAU: Okay. Let's go back on the
18	record.
19	Mr. Jerman.
20	MR. JERMAN: Okay. Yeah. Thank you
21	for a few minutes. I was discussing with Mr.
22	Perez.
23	So we can certainly update our
24	numbers as of the end of 2021. So we could
25	update fund balances, escalation rates and
26	it would take us, we think, a couple of
27	months to put that information together. But
28	we certainly wouldn't have any objection to

1	ding that. And, again, that would be the
2	fund balances, and known information, as of
3	the end of 2021.
4	ALJ LAU: I think Mr. Freedman asked
5	for the end of 2022, if that is available.
6	MR. JERMAN: So that right. That
7	would not be available until the end once
8	we get to the end of 2022. And then it would
9	still take some time after that to put that
10	information together. And the problem then
11	is that we'd run into the hearings.
12	So I I think the update we
13	could certainly agree to would be to provide,
14	you know, much sooner, updates as of the end
15	of 2021.
16	ALJ LAU: Okay. And that would be
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17 18	before hearings?  MR. JERMAN: Yes, well before hearings.
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17 18 19 20	before hearings?  MR. JERMAN: Yes, well before hearings.  And, like I said, I think we can put that together in two months.
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1	Just to clarify, TURN is not making
2	a request that Edison update its fund
3	balances at the end of 2022. I was the
4	purpose of my comment was to simply say that
5	any updates should be limited to end of the
6	calendar year, to the extent that Edison
7	wishes to provide them. So we're fine with
8	the update for the end of 2021 balances, as
9	proposed by Mr. Jerman. No problem from our
10	perspective.
11	We do not believe that there should
12	be some kind of a comment date around the
13	update. We think that that can be addressed
14	in testimony under the schedule that's been
15	proposed.
16	ALJ LAU: Mr. Allen?
17	MR. ALLEN: Thank you, your Honor.
17 18	MR. ALLEN: Thank you, your Honor.  Peter Allen for Public Advocates.
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18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Peter Allen for Public Advocates.  I would agree with Mr. Freedman's comments. I don't believe there's a need for separate comments on the update.  ALJ LAU: Okay.  So then, Mr. Jerman, you said that you would provide the update prior to
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Peter Allen for Public Advocates.  I would agree with Mr. Freedman's comments. I don't believe there's a need for separate comments on the update.  ALJ LAU: Okay.  So then, Mr. Jerman, you said that you would provide the update prior to intervenor testimony

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MR. JERMAN:
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          ALJ LAU: All right.
              (Crosstalk.)
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          MR. JERMAN: -- dates, just looking at
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    the calendar, we could provide the updates by
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    the end of July -- so July 29th.
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          ALJ LAU: Okay. So parties -- if
    parties all agree that the end of the July
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    would be a good date, and that doesn't need
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    to be built into the proceeding schedule, I
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    will just have Edison provide it at the end
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    of July without adding it to the proceeding
    schedule.
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              If parties have any comment, now is
    the time to raise your hand.
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          ALJ LAU: Hearing none, are there any
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    concerns regarding the proceeding schedule?
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    should be different than the one that I
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    circulated in the agenda?
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          ALJ LAU: All right. Hearing none --
          MR. JERMAN: Judge -- I'm sorry.
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          ALJ LAU: Mr. Jerman --
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discussed to the fund balances, there are 1 2. separate balances for SCE and SDG&E. So just to clarify, the request was just for SCE to 3 update the fund balances with information 4 through the end of 2021? And I quess that's 5 6 a question, is -- is that the request? And 7 if there's also a request for San Diego, I just wanted to raise that that would not be 8 9 included within the request for SCE to update its information as of the end of 2021. 10 11 ALJ LAU: I -- I only raised that issue 12 because I read that it -- as a request in either Edison's testimony or SDG&E's 13 testimony. And I just wanted to flag it for 14 discussion. 15 16 Commissioner Houck, has some 17 comments. COMMISSIONER HOUCK: I just wanted to 18 ask if SDG&E is also able to update their 19 trust, as well, if SCE is? 20 21 ALJ LAU: Mr. Allen (sic), do you need 22 a couple minutes to consult with your team. 2.3 MR. TRIAL: No, I'm not in any position to consult with my team. I -- Sue will 24 e-mail, so will Tracy, because I'm at the 25 CCPUC Conference. 26 27 ALJ LAU: Can you repeat that? didn't catch you -- what you said. 2.8

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MR. TRIAL:
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    team to e-mail me to give me that answer.
    But I'm not at liberty to consult with them
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    at the moment. I'm at the CCPUC Conference.
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    They are not in the room with me.
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          ALJ LAU: Okay. So --
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          MR. TRIAL: I just got a response from
    Sue that we can do that at the same time.
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          ALJ LAU: Okay. So SDG&E will also
    provide the fund balance --
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          MR. TRIAL: Yes.
          ALJ LAU: -- at the end of July?
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          MR. TRIAL: Yes, your Honor.
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          ALJ LAU: All right. Thank you.
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              Any other concerns or questions
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    regarding proceeding schedule?
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              (No response.)
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          ALJ LAU: All right.
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    Intervenor Testimony would be due on
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    September 23rd, 2022;
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              Rebuttal Testimony would be due on
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    November 14th, 2022;
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              Evidentiary hearings -- which that
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    has to be confirmed. But we would
    tentatively pencil in January 18th to 20 of
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1	Reply Briefs March 17th of 2023.
2	And do those dates work? Any
3	concerns with those dates?
4	(No response.)
5	ALJ LAU: Okay. Hearing none, then I
6	will let's move on to the next item on the
7	agenda.
8	And, as I circulated the agenda last
9	week, I did ask parties to take a quick look
10	at some of the questions I posed in the
11	agenda. And so, at this juncture, I would
12	like to discuss consolidation with PG&E's
13	2021 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial
14	Proceeding. That is Application 21-12-007.
15	There are currently two separate
16	applications filed at the Commission for 2021
17	Nuclear Decommissioning Costs. In the past,
18	these nuclear decommissioning cost triennial
19	proceedings have been consolidated. But they
20	have also been addressed separately.
21	So, at this time, I ask that parties
22	comment on the following three questions:
23	One, should this proceeding be
24	consolidated with PG&E's 2021 Nuclear
25	Decommissioning Costs Triennial Proceeding?
26	Two, what are the advantages and
27	disadvantages of consolidating the two
28	proceedings?

Three, are the issues of facts or 1 2 law in these two proceedings generally similar or related, such that consolidating 3 these two proceedings would be more efficient 4 or appropriate? 5 Again, we will use the established 6 7 speaking order. I will call on parties. And please respond only if I call on your party. 8 9 First, we have Edison. 10 MR. JERMAN: Yes. Ryan Jerman for 11 Edison. Edison opposes consolidating the two The issues in the two 12 proceedings. proceedings are very different. 13 14 Let me first note that the two proceedings have not been consolidated since 15 16 SONGS 2 and 3 ceased operations in 2013. The DCEs for the two proceedings are very 17 different. The sites themselves are very 18 different, the sites the plants are on. As 19 an example, the SONGS site is on land that's 2.0 21 controlled by the Navy and the California State Lands Commission. 22 The decommissioning timings for the 2.3 facilities are very difference. And we also 24 25 don't believe that there would be any efficiencies for consolidating the two 26 27 proceedings. The procedural schedule that was stipulated to in this proceeding, and 2.8

that was included in your agenda, your Honor, 1 is four or five months behind the procedural schedule that was ordered in the PG&E 3 proceeding. And there are also different 4 parties between the two proceedings as well. 5 So, for all those reasons, Edison is 6 7 opposed to consolidating. And let me finally note, as well, that we filed comments in 8 9 opposition to consolidation in the PG&E NDCTP. And we continue to rely on those 10 11 comments. And we would incorporate those 12 comments in opposition to consolidation here in this proceeding, as well. 13 14 ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Jerman. 15 SDG&E? 16 MR. TRIAL: Your Honor, Allen Trial for 17 SDG&E. 18 SDG&E would be opposed to the consolidation for many of the same reasons 19 that Mr. Jerman raised for Edison. Under 2.0 Rule 7.4, we do not believe that the 21 questions of law and fact are related, 22 23 specifically for the site-specific reasons that are involved with each plant. I would 24 also specifically state that the contractors 25 involved, the work scope involved, the 26 27 technology, the design of the plants, all weigh in favor of not consolidating. 28

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1	believe that it would lead to a protracted
2	schedule, which we do not wish to have.
3	Thank you.
4	ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Trial.
5	Public Advocates Office?
6	MR. ALLEN: Thank you, your Honor.
7	Peter Allen for Public Advocates Office.
8	Public Advocates Office does not
9	have a strong position on this issue. We may
10	have a slight preference for consolidation,
11	with the caveat that we would want any
12	reconciliation of the schedules to be on the
13	one we've established for this proceeding.
14	In other words, the PG&E proceeding would
15	have to slow down, rather than having this
16	one speed up to match the schedule of the
17	PG&E one.
18	We believe there are some similar
19	legal issues, but acknowledge that the
20	factual issues aren't that quite different.
21	So, with that, we do not have a strong
22	preference for either consolidation or
23	continuing to keep them separate. Either one
24	would be acceptable to Public Advocates.
25	ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Allen.
26	Mr. Freedman?
27	MR. FREEDMAN: Thank you, your Honor
28	Matt Freedman on behalf of TURN.

We support consolidation. And we 1 2 think it can occur while preserving the schedules that have been set out in both 3 proceedings. We do not believe that a 4 consolidation should require common dates for 5 testimony and hearings. Consolidated 6 7 proceedings have often had different phases to address different issues, and we think 8 this is one where that could be the case. 9 The Commission has, in the past, in 10 11 the 2009 and 2012 nuclear decommissioning cases, consolidated those applications. That 12 consolidation occurred, despite that fact 13 that ever site that was included in the 14 15 consolidated application was different, faced 16 different factors, had different technology. 17 One of the facilities during the -- that 18 period, Humboldt Bay, was shut down and 19 undergoing active decommissioning. 2.0 So the factors that have been raised 21 by the utilities today are the same factors that would have applied in 2009 and 2012. 22 And the utilities routinely argue that --23 regardless of consolidation, they argue that 24 25 the Commission should not -- should look at significant differences between sites and 26 27 that you cannot compare any site to any other site. This is a common argument that we 2.8

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May 2, 2022 1 hear. 2 I don't think that's relevant for purposes of considering whether consolidation 3 is warranted. The reality is that all of 4 these facilities are subject to the exact 5 same provisions of Federal law, the exact 6 7 same provisions of Federal regulations, the exact same provisions of State law, and the 8 9 exact same provisions of State regulation. There is no difference. 10 11 The primary benefit to consolidation, in TURN's view, is a single 12 evidentiary record that can be used by the 13 parties, ensuring that the Commission is able 14 to consider all relevant facts from both 15 16 Because there are many common issues cases. 17

of fact and law that come up. And there is an important need for the Commission to be comparing the efforts of all utilities, with all of their nuclear facilities, given the importance of this effort.

So we think that a common evidentiary record is the goal here. think that the common issues of law are indisputable. And we don't see disadvantages in the event that the procedural schedules are not adjusted, relative to what's been proposed today and what's been adopted in the

We also don't believe the 1 PG&E case. consolidation under that framework would 2 infringe upon the right of any party to 3 address any issue it wants that is within the 4 scope of either proceeding. 5 So, that's our perspective. 6 7 think it would be a helpful improvement to the process. 8 ALJ LAU: Mr. Freedman, can I ask for a 9 point of clarification? Can you point to 10 11 some examples of issues of fact or law -- or fact and law that would be similar related, 12 and that would achieve efficiency if 13 14 addressed in a consolidated proceeding? 15 MR. FREEDMAN: Well, for example, your 16 Honor, in the last cases, the 2018 NDCTPs, we 17 ended up litigating in one case and settling 18 in another case over the issue of the 19 Governor's executive order that deals with 2.0 the requirements for clean uncontaminated 21 materials that are being landfilled from nuclear sites, and whether they are or are 22 23 not allowed to go to in-state landfills. we had an odd situation where we settled on a 24 25 particular treatment in one case that was 26 adopted by the Commission; and that exact 27 same issue raised in the other case was found to be out of scope by the Commission. This 2.8

led to -- and that was in the final decision. 1 2 This led to some weird discontinuities between the two proceedings. 3 And it's a common issue of state law that has 4 a material impact on the some of the 5 assumptions relating to the decommissioning 6 of all nuclear facilities located within the 7 State of California. We think that an issue 8 like that would benefit from being addressed 9 10 in a consolidated proceeding. So that's just 11 one example I can offer that applies to State 12 law. Thank you, Mr. Freedman. 13 ALJ LAU: 14 Mr. Allen, if you have any examples too, you know, that would be helpful. 15 16 MR. ALLEN: I'm sorry, your Honor. You were asking me of examples of? 17 18 ALJ LAU: Issues of -- common issues of law that you alluded to earlier between the 19 2.0 two different --21 (Crosstalk.) MR. ALLEN: Oh, I think -- in general, 22 I would echo Mr. Freedman's comments on that, 2.3 that the law that governs the decommissioning 24 25 for these different units is the same; right? It's the Federal laws and regulations. It's 26 27 the State laws and regulations. Those are, in fact, all the same. The issues that 2.8

distinguish the two, raised by Mr. Trial and 1 Mr. Jerman are the factual issues as to 2. whether there are substantial issues and 3 factual differences. 4 So to that extent, you know, I 5 6 believe Mr. Freedman has a valid point that 7 this is exactly the same laws; the legal issues are the same; the factual issues may 8 9 The question is, in applying the law 10 to the facts, whether it's enough to make it 11 need a separate proceeding or not. Public 12 Advocates does not have a strong preference. We can see this going easily either way, 13 either separate proceedings or consolidated. 14 15 I think Mr. Freedman raises a good 16 point about having some consistency as a result, and in the approach, and certainly in 17 18 the scope of issues to be addressed. So, hopefully, if the Commission and the assigned 19 20 office and assigned ALJs can coordinate well 21 enough, we can avoid that kind of disconnect in these proceedings, if they are separate; 22 23 or, as Mr. Freedman suggests, if they are consolidated, then that would certainly help 24 prevent that kind of inconsistency happening. 25 26 ALJ LAU: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Allen. 27 How about Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility? 2.8

MR. GEESMAN: Thank you, your Honor. 1 John Geesman on behalf of the Alliance for 2. Nuclear Responsibility. We don't have any 3 objection to consolidation. 4 And as we pointed out in our 5 6 comments in the PG&E proceeding, we do intend 7 to pursue an issue that we think is overwhelmingly of common fact and law, in 8 9 both proceedings, having to do with use of 10 the DOE litigation proceeds. For a long 11 number of years -- and I believe it dates back to the 2012 NDCTP proceeding, which was 12 in fact consolidated -- A4NR has raised 13 concerns about the nature of the utility 14 15 estimates for how long spent nuclear fuel 16 will remain onsite. It's been our position that those estimates have been based on 17 18 arbitrary assumptions often, simply, provided by the nuclear energy institute, a trade 19 association, to assure some commonality 2.0 21 within the industry. We believe, and have argued in front 22 23 of the Commission unsuccessfully, that The Nuclear Decommissioning Act of 1985 requires 24 25 more scrutiny than the utilities have 26 provided to those spent fuel storage 27 assumptions, and that the Commission cannot find the trusts to be adequately funded if 2.8

the spent nuclear fuel storage has not been 1 adequately funded. Accordingly, it's our 2 intent to pursue the recommendation Edison 3 has made in its testimony in the PG&E 4 proceeding. 5 In our judgment, the Edison 6 7 testimony reflects a position that A4NR has advocated for a long number of years. And 8 9 that is that the litigation proceeds be kept within the decommissioning trust. So, it 10 11 presents a scheduling challenge. And I think Mr. Freedman -- or I'm 12 not certain if it was Mr. Trial or Mr. Jerman 13 raised a scheduling question. Because in 14 15 this instance, we'll be pursuing, and putting 16 forward, the Edison recommendation as our own in the PUC proceeding four months before 17 18 Edison's testimony will be subject to hearings in the SONGS proceeding. Because of 19 that dichotomy, we acknowledged in our 20 comments in the PU -- or in the PG&E 21 proceeding that it wasn't clear what 22 2.3 efficiencies could be gained from consolidation. But we do agree with 24 25 Mr. Freedman. You very much need to reach a consistent result in both cases. 26 27 And, perhaps, Mr. Allen is correct that, simply, careful coordination between 2.8

the two ALJs will enable that. As a 1 2 consequence, our position on consolidation is a little bit nuanced. We have no objection. 3 And we're certainly open to it. But the 4 scheduling questions do raise issues of 5 efficiency. 6 7 ALJ LAU: Great. Thank you, Mr. Geesman. 8 9 PG&E? 10 MS. POST: Thank you, Judge Law. 11 PG&E opposes consolidation, as we indicated in the pleading that we filed on 12 April 29, in the docket for PG&E's NDCTP. 13 While the proceedings have been consolidated 14 15 in the years past, that was when the 16 utilities similarly used estimates of decommissioning that weren't site-specific. 17 18 In the years since, when we've had separate 19 NDCTP proceedings, that's been because the utilities each submitted site-specific 2.0 21 decommissioning cost estimates; in PG&E's case, both for Humboldt and for Diablo 22 23 Canyon. 24 Additionally, I -- I quess, I 25 confess I'm a little bit confused as to how 26 consolidation would work with separate 27 schedules that are four to five months apart. PG&E is pleased with the schedule as it's 2.8

been set forth. And it fits with other 1 2 proceedings that are going on for us. And we would not want -- we would oppose revising 3 the schedule that's been established for our 4 proceeding to be consistent with the schedule 5 6 that's been set forth today, at least, and in 7 the meet-and-confer statement by the parties for this proceeding. 8 9 The other issue is that we have different parties who are participating in 10 11 the proceeding. In PG&E's proceeding, we 12 have Women's Energy Matters, we have (inaudible) council, and whose interest in 13 PG&E -- PG&E's NDCTP are not also represented 14 in the SONGS NDCTP, at least not as far as I 15 16 For example, we have the Diablo Canyon know. decommissioning engagement panel, which A4NR, 17 18 WEM, and NCTC seem to be quite interested in 19 our case. I agree that the law is the same for 2.0 21 both -- for all nuclear facilities, the Federal law and the State law. I agree it 22 23 would be really helpful to have the 24 Commission opine as to the applicability of Governor's Order on nuclear waste disposal, 25 and whether waste from nuclear facilities can 26 27 be disposed of in-state. I don't think you need to consolidate the proceedings in order 2.8

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          ALJ LAU: Thank you, Ms. Post.
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              Public watchdogs.
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          MR. LANGLEY: Thank you, your Honor.
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              Public Watchdogs objects on the
    grounds that while the laws may be the same,
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    the substance of the issues are not
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    identical. And one significant difference
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    between Southern California Edison and
    Pacific Gas and Electric is that on
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ALJ LAU: Thank you, Mr. Langley. 1 2 this time, I -- Commissioner Houck has some 3 comments. COMMISSIONER HOUCK: Sorry. I just 4 have a question for the parties. 5 Do you see any concern regarding the 6 7 application and implementation of the common milestones having any problems with the 8 9 proceedings not being consolidated in regards 10 to how those may be interpreted, given 11 different records; or any shifts in how those milestones may be applied in the different 12 proceedings? 13 14 ALJ LAU: Mr. Freedman? 15 MR. FREEDMAN: Thank you, your Honor. 16 Matt Freedman on behalf of TURN. Commissioner, I don't see the 17 18 milestone frameworks as being an issue where 19 we would intend to -- where consolidation is going to be important. Because the 2.0 21 milestones are different for each utility. There's a different framework, although they 22 23 are comparable, and TURN has obviously been very involved in the frameworks. We don't 24 25 see that consolidation is necessary for that 26 particular purpose. We think it's generally 27 more applicable for purposes of having a common evidentiary record, because of the 2.8

large number of issues that the proceedings 1 2. do share in common. ALJ LAU: Do parties want to have any 3 other thoughts on this issue? 4 (No response.) 5 6 ALJ LAU: All right. 7 Hearing none, then we will move on. Thank you, parties, for your comments. 8 9 Commissioner and I will consider your comments. But the determination will be made 10 11 later, possibly in the scoping memo. So we turn to our last item in the 12 agenda, which is Alternative Dispute 13 Resolution, ADR. The Commission has an 14 15 alternative dispute resolution program that 16 offers mediation, early neutral evaluation, 17 and facilitation services using trained 18 Administrative Law Judges who have -- who are 19 serving as neutrals. We encourage ADR 2.0 Resolution or other settlements on some or all issues in this proceeding. Parties may 21 request ADR facilitation by contacting me, 22 2.3 the assigned ALJ or the ADR coordinator, ALJ Charles Ferguson. 24 25 In addition to ADR, parties are 26 welcomed and encouraged to pursue outside 27 settlement talks, using whatever methods you wish. We remind parties to consult with 2.8

1	Rule 12 in considering settlement options.
2	We will consider any motions for settlement
3	at any time, but remind that settlements
4	before evidentiary hearings are most helpful.
5	Are there any other matters that
6	parties want to address before we conclude
7	this prehearing conference?
8	(No response.)
9	ALJ LAU: All right. Hearing none,
10	then this prehearing conference is concluded.
11	Thank you for your participation.
12	We are adjourned. Off the record.
13	(Whereupon, at the hour of 3:37 p.m., this matter having been
14	concluded, the Commission then adjourned.)
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6	CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDING
7	I, KARLY POWERS, CERTIFIED SHORTHAND REPORTER
8	NO. 13991, IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO
9	HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PAGES OF THIS TRANSCRIPT
10	PREPARED BY ME COMPRISE A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT
11	TRANSCRIPT OF THE TESTIMONY AND PROCEEDINGS HELD IN
12	THIS MATTER ON MAY 2, 2022.
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14	EVENTS OF THE MATTER OR THE OUTCOME OF THE PROCEEDING.
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