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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIAS PM

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Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Determine Whether Southern California Gas Company's and Sempra Energy's Organizational Culture and Governance Prioritize Safety (U904G).

Investigation 19-06-014

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING ADMITTING JUNE 13, 2022 WORKSHOP MATERIALS INTO THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

This ruling admits presentation materials from the June 13, 2022, workshop into the administrative record of this proceeding. No additional workshops will be held prior to the filing of the Safety Culture Improvement Plan.

1. Background

On June 27, 2019, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) opened Investigation 19-06-014, the Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Determine Whether Southern California Gas Company's (SoCalGas) and Sempra Energy's (Sempra) Organizational Culture Prioritizes Safety (U904G). In January 2022, Evolving Energy Consortium completed its study and provided the Commission with a final report, titled Independent Safety Culture Assessment of SoCalGas and Sempra (Safety Culture Report). The study represented a "snapshot in time" of safety-related activities and attitudes at SoCalGas and Sempra, and specifically reflected the state of the

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companies during the 2020-2021 period. Phase 1 of this proceeding ended with the completion of the Safety Culture Report.

The assigned Commissioner's scoping memo, issued on April 27, 2022, required SoCalGas and Sempra to prepare a Safety Culture Improvement Plan to address areas of improvement identified in the Safety Culture Report, and for the Commission to consider adopting metrics and methods of monitoring and evaluating SoCalGas and Sempra's safety culture improvements. The scoping memo scheduled at least one workshop for parties to discuss Phase 2 issues prior to SoCalGas and Sempra's filing of the Safety Culture Improvement Plan by July 29, 2022. This workshop was held on June 13, 2022.

2. Discussion

The June 13, 2022 workshop included the following: (1) agenda overview and opening remarks from Commissioner Rechtschaffen; (2) a presentation by SoCalGas and Sempra updating the parties on the progress of their Safety Culture Improvement Plan Development, followed by a question and answer period; (3) a presentation by Cal Advocates on Phase 2 issues 1 through 3, along with an opportunity for party comments on Phase 2 issues 1 through 6; (4) a presentation by Dr. Mark Fleming on the pitfalls of safety culture improvement; (5) a second question and answer period; and (6) closing remarks by Commissioner Rechtschaffen. Presentations from the workshop panels are included in Attachment 1. Presentation slides and the recorded webcast of this workshop are also available on the Commission's Safety Policy Division webpage for this proceeding. Informational materials distributed by the Commission's Safety Policy Division staff as part of the workshop are included in Attachment 2.

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IT IS SO RULED.

Dated July 6, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

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Zita Kline Administrative Law Judge

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ATTACHMENTS

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