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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIAPM

R1103012

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Address Utility Cost and Revenue Issues Associated with Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Rulemaking 11-03-012

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING RESPONDING TO FILINGS RELATED TO SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC'S DECEMBER 1, 2021 REPORT

On December 1, 2021, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a document in this proceeding entitled "Report of San Diego Gas & Electric Company Requesting Authorization to Continue its Current Schedule for Distributing Climate Credits to its Customers."<sup>1</sup> In this report, SDG&E requests that the Commission authorize SDG&E to indefinitely continue its August-September distribution of climate credits, as first authorized by the Commission in Decision (D.) 19-12-002 and extended in D.21-08-026.

On January 12, 2022, The Public Advocates Office of the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) moved to request leave for the Commission to authorize an opening and reply comment opportunity for the request that SDG&E made in the December 1, 2021 report. I granted this request. Cal Advocates filed opening comments on January 21, 2022, and SDG&E filed reply comments on February 04, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In that report, SDG&E notes that its authority to file this report is derived in Commission D.21-08-026 at Ordering Paragraph 9.

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In the December 1, 2021 report, SDG&E notes that in D.21-08-026<sup>2</sup>, the Commission authorized it to continue its current summer (August-September) distribution of credits through the end of 2022 and indicated that the Commission would review SDG&E's 2020 and 2021 Annual Reports before determining if that distribution schedule should be made permanent. Additionally, SDG&E notes that it is seeking to continue the August-September distribution of the climate credits "because this schedule has proven effective in mitigating customers' charges in SDG&E's highest bill months."<sup>3</sup>

In comments on the December 1, 2021 report, Cal Advocates notes that the Commission determined in D.19-12-002 that SDG&E's August-September distribution of the climate credit should "in no way . . . be viewed as an SDG&E program to reduce rates and customer bills."<sup>4</sup>

In reviewing the record SDG&E was directed to complete the pilot adopted in D.19-12-002 and continue the summer distribution of the Residential California Credit through 2022. We therefore will wait until the pilot program is completed before considering any future actions.

## IT IS SO RULED.

Dated July 21, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ BRIAN STEVENS

Brian Stevens Administrative Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> D.21-08-026 at 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> December 1, 2021 report of SDG&E at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> D.19-12-002 at 14.