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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Gas Company (U904G) for Authority, Among Other Things, to Update its Gas Revenue Requirement and Base Rates Effective on January 1, 2024.

And Related Matter.

Application 22-05-015

Application 22-05-016

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING MODIFYING THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND PARTLY DENYING SEMPRA UTILITIES' JOINT MOTION TO AMEND THE ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMORANDUM AND RULING

This ruling modifies the procedural schedule of Track 1 to review revenue requirements for Test Year 2024 and attrition years 2025 through 2027 in this general rate case (GRC) proceeding. The ruling allows San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) (jointly Sempra Utilities) to serve their recorded 2022 expenditures and related data by March 13, 2022, instead of March 1, 2022. Accordingly, the remaining procedural schedule is modified to accommodate this change. The revised schedule also clarifies other procedural dates, such as concurrent rebuttal testimony, Update Testimony, evidentiary hearings on the Update Testimony, and the Joint Comparison Exhibit in this proceeding.

On October 27, 2022, Sempra Utilities filed a Joint Motion to Amend the procedural schedule adopted in the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling (Joint Motion).

On November 4, 2022, Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates), Mussey Grade Road Alliance, The Utility Reform Network (TURN), Earthjustice, Small Business Utility Advocates, San Diego Community Power, Clean Energy Alliance, The Protect Our Communities Foundation, Utility Consumers' Action Network, Community Legal Services, and Environmental Defense Fund filed responses in opposition to the Joint Motion.

After reviewing the Joint Motion and the responses opposing the amendments, the procedural schedule is modified, as shown below. The ruling declines to adopt the modified procedural schedule proposed by Sempra Utilities. It partly grants the Joint Motion as it adjusts the schedule to add clarity and give the utilities more time to file their 2022 recorded data and concurrent rebuttal testimony.

The ruling declines to move the date to serve 2022 recorded data from March 1, 2023, to March 22, 2023, and instead modifies the submission date to March 13, 2022. There are multiple reasons not to extend the date beyond March 13, 2023. First, it would extend procedural submission into December 2023, when we start accounting for state and federal holidays and the parties' request to hold evidentiary hearings over four weeks. Second, annual Securities and Exchange Commission filings are due by March 1, 2023, which should allow Sempra Utilities to prepare and serve 2022 recorded data within the next 12 days by March 13, 2023. Third, Sempra Utilities have drawn contrasts and comparisons between GRC schedules, so the ruling notes that in Application (A.) 21-06-021,

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) served 2021 Recorded Expense and Capital Data on March 9, 2022.¹ The Commissioner and the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) intend the proceeding to be submitted by November 2023, and the modified schedule in this ruling still allows for the same. Therefore, setting March 13, 2022, as the date to serve 2022 recorded data is reasonable.

Moving up the date of the intervenor testimony is not practical. Given the status of the proceeding and the resource planning by the Commission and the intervenors, it is efficient to receive intervenor testimony after the 2022 recorded data has been submitted. Therefore, the ruling declines to move the intervenor testimony submission date to February 2023. The intervenor testimony is due 14 days after the submission of the 2022 recorded data on March 27, 2023.

As requested in the Joint Motion, the ruling allows 46 days after intervenor testimony is submitted for submission of concurrent rebuttal testimony. The ruling corrects the reference to “Update Testimony” from updated testimony, clarifies that there would be no need for a motion for leave to provide Update Testimony, and sets a due date for Update Testimony. The ruling also reserves a date for an evidentiary hearing on the Update Testimony, providing eight days between these events. The ruling also sets a date for the Joint Comparison Exhibit to be filed in the proceeding.

Despite advancing the dates in the revised procedural schedule, the date for the status conference proceeding submitted for Commission decision [Rule 13.14(a)] gets moved by only three days from November 14, 2023, to November 17, 2023.

¹ See A.21-06-021, October 1, 2021, Scoping Memo setting a due date for PG&E to submit recorded data before March 22, 2022. PG&E served 2021 Recorded Expense and Capital Data on March 9, 2022.

IT IS RULED that the parties to the proceeding shall follow the modified procedural schedule adopted below.

A.22-05-015 and A.22-05-016 (Consolidated) Events	Track 1 OLD DATES	Track 1 - MODIFIED DATES
Sempra Application Filed	May 16, 2022	May 16, 2022
Sempra Utilities Serve Revised Direct Testimony	August 17, 2022	August 17, 2022
Scoping Memo of the Assigned Commissioner	October 3, 2022	October 3, 2022
Supplemental Testimony Served on Affordability Metrics and Disconnections	November 18, 2022	November 18, 2022
Public Participation Hearings	January 2023	January 2023
2022 Recorded Expenditures Served by SoCalGas and SDG&E	By March 1, 2023	By March 13, 2023
Intervenor Testimony	March 17, 2023	March 27, 2023
Concurrent Rebuttal Testimony	April 21, 2023	May 12, 2023
Duty to Meet & Confer – Rule 13.9 and Additional Meet and Confer Requirements (mandatory)	April 21, 2023- May 19, 2023	May 15, 2023 - June 2, 2023
Status Conference (virtual) on Procedural Matters and Report on Meet & Confer	TBD by ALJ Ruling – Held on Date Prior to Evidentiary Hearings	TBD by ALJ Ruling – Held on Date Prior to Evidentiary Hearings
Evidentiary Hearings	May 22, 2023	June 5, 2023
Evidentiary Hearings End	June 16, 2023	June 30, 2023
Parties Request Permission for Updated Testimony, if any	June 16, 2023	N/A
Update Testimony served		July 10, 2023
Evidentiary Hearings on Update Testimony if needed		July 18, 2023
Joint Comparison Exhibit (file in the proceeding)		July 24, 2023
Opening Briefs and Request for Final Oral Argument	July 14, 2023	August 4, 2023
Reply Briefs	August 11, 2023	August 28, 2023

Status conference, proceeding submitted, unless otherwise designated [Rule 13.14(a)]	November 14, 2023	November 17, 2023
Proposed Decision	2 nd Quarter 2024	2 nd Quarter 2024

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

/s/ MANISHA LAKHANPAL
Manisha Lakhanpal
Administrative Law Judge