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I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Assigned Commissioner Shiroma’s June 24, 2022 Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo and Ruling), and Rule 13.9 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, a virtual Meet and Confer was held amongst available Parties in the abovementioned proceeding from 9:00 am – 10:00 am on Thursday, December 1, 2022.¹ While not required by the Scoping Memo and Ruling, Parties agreed to file a Joint Statement (Statement) reflecting the topics discussed and the positions of Parties who participated in the December 1, 2022 Meet and Confer. As such, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) respectfully files this Statement. Parties in attendance, indicated below, had an opportunity to review and edit the information herein for accuracy, prior to filing.

¹ Rule 13.9(a) directs Parties to meet and confer, in person or via remote participation, no later than 10 calendar days after the submission of rebuttal testimony, unless otherwise directed by the assigned Commissioner or assigned Administrative Law Judge. Rebuttal testimony was served in the abovementioned proceeding on November 21, 2022.

II. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On November 22, 2022, SDG&E emailed Parties on the service list in the abovementioned proceeding noting that a Meet and Confer was on calendar for December 1, 2022, pursuant to the Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling. Additionally, in its November 22, 2022 email, SDG&E offered to coordinate the Meet and Confer and proposed two times on December 1, 2022 for consideration and sought input from Parties by close of business on Monday, November 28, 2022. SDG&E received 9 responses from Parties with a preferred time, the majority of which chose 9:00 am.² As such, on November 29, 2022, SDG&E notified the Parties on the service list that 9:00 am was the selected time and followed up with a corresponding meeting notice for a virtual Meet and Confer on Microsoft Teams.

On December 1, 2022, there were 34 individual participants in attendance at the Meet and Confer. One or more representatives from the following Parties were in attendance: SoCalGas; SCE; PG&E; SDG&E; The Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates); Association of Bay Area Governments, on behalf of the BayREN; Bradford White Corporation; County of Los Angeles, on behalf of the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN); County of Ventura, on behalf of the 3C-REN; Google Nest; The Energy Coalition; ICF; MCE; NRDC; Recurve; Redwood Coast Energy Authority, on behalf of RuralREN; Rural Regional Energy Network;

² SDG&E received responses from: Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Association of Bay Area Governments, on behalf of the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)/County of Ventura, on behalf of the Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN), Google LLC, on behalf of Google Nest (Google Nest), Marin Clean Energy (MCE), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Redwood Coast Energy Authority, on behalf of Rural Regional Energy Network (RuralREN), Small Business Utility Advocates (SBUA), Association of Bay Area Governments.

SBUA; Synergy Companies; and Western Riverside Council of Governments on behalf of the Inland Regional Energy Network.³

Pursuant to Rule 13.9(b), on December 1, 2022, after conclusion of the Meet and Confer, SDG&E served the required notice to the entire A.22-02-005 *et al.* service list, which included Parties, Information Only, and State Service stakeholders.

III. DISCUSSION

Pursuant to Rule 13.9(a)(1) – (5), the Parties considered the following:

- (1) Identifying and, if possible, informally resolving any anticipated motions;
- (2) Identifying the facts and issues in the case that are uncontested and may be the subject of stipulation;
- (3) Identifying the facts and issues in the case that are in dispute;
- (4) Determining whether the contested issues in the case can be narrowed; and
- (5) Determining whether settlement is possible.

Parties discussed these items in order of appearance and a summary of positions is below.

A. (1) Identifying and, if Possible, Informally Resolving Any Anticipated Motions

Pursuant to the Scoping Memo and Ruling, motions to request evidentiary hearings were due on November 21, 2022. During the Meet and Confer, Parties noted that motions requesting evidentiary hearings had not been filed and that there are no anticipated late-filed motions to request evidentiary hearings. Parties agreed that evidentiary hearings are not necessary. Lastly, Parties stipulated that, subject to revisions, all intervenor and rebuttal testimony should be moved and admitted into the record as evidence.⁴ Additionally, RuralREN, while it did not serve

³ Frontier Energy, while an Information Only stakeholder, was also in attendance at the Meet and Confer.

⁴ Cal Advocates and County of Los Angeles, on behalf of the SoCalREN intend to serve Errata testimony in December 2022.

testimony, requested that certain data request responses be considered available to be moved and admitted into evidence at the appropriate time.

B. (2) Identifying the Facts and Issues in the Case that are Uncontested and May be the Subject of Stipulation

NRDC sought confirmation that using a collaborative forum to set the baseline for equity metrics before setting targets was uncontested, including what specific procedural mechanism would be used (*e.g.*, workshop, Commission project coordination group, the California Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee, etc.). Parties were unable to stipulate that this issue is uncontested. Specifically, SoCalGas, SCE, and SDG&E agreed that additional data is needed to set equity targets but did not explicitly agree to NRDC's suggestion. Cal Advocates maintained its positions as stated in Rebuttal Testimony, served on November 21, 2022, which sought for the Commission to set targets. BayREN and 3C-REN indicated that if there are meter data-based targets, this raises data access issues for Regional Energy Networks (RENs). As such, this issue remains in dispute, and is subject to (3) below.

C. (3) Identifying the Facts and Issues in the Case that are in Dispute

Redwood Coast Energy Authority, on behalf of RuralREN, sought confirmation on whether Cal Advocates would stipulate to any of its proposals that Cal Advocates did not oppose in its Intervenor Testimony, served on October 21, 2022, and whether parties, in general, would be willing to stipulate to REN, investor-owned utility, and Community Choice Aggregation program and budget proposals that were not opposed by any party in Intervenor Testimony. Cal Advocates and parties were unable to stipulate to this during the Meet and Confer. As such, the unopposed proposals remain in dispute.

County of Los Angeles, on behalf of the SoCalREN, sought clarification on whether the issue presented in party testimonies regarding program precedence, allowing certain Program

Administrators and/or third-party implementers to have priority in program administration, is still in dispute or whether it could be resolved outside of the application proceeding. Parties questioned whether this is within the scope of the abovementioned proceeding or more appropriately subject to the Energy Efficiency Rulemaking (R.13-11-005). Parties, including Cal Advocates and SCE, agreed that this is an outstanding fact and venue in dispute.

Not every issue outstanding in the abovementioned proceeding was discussed individually during the Meet and Confer. Failure to address any individual issue does not imply agreement by the Parties. Parties rely on their testimony submissions to further identify the facts and issues that remain in dispute.

D. (4) Determining Whether the Contested Issues in the Case Can be Narrowed

Based on the foregoing, to the extent Parties discussed specific issues, Parties were unable to narrow any contested issue.

E. (5) Determining Whether Settlement is Possible

Based on the foregoing, Parties agreed that they would be open to Settlement discussions in the future on certain items; however, due to the outstanding issues in dispute, no formal determinations were made during the Meet and Confer.

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IV. CONCLUSION

SDG&E respectfully files this Joint Statement, which reflects the positions of Parties who participated in the December 1, 2022 Meet and Confer, and looks forward to further participation in this proceeding.

Dated in San Diego, California, this 8th day of December, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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