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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIAAM

R2001007

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and perform Long-Term Gas System Planning

Rulemaking 20-01-007

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING DENYING ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND'S MOTION REQUESTING TECHNICAL WORKSHOP WITHOUT PREJUDICE, PROVIDING GUIDANCE ON THE ANNUAL REPORT WORKSHOP REQUIRED IN DECISION 22-12-021 AND REQUIRING FILINGS PRIOR TO WORKSHOP

On April 11, 2023, the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) filed a *Motion Requesting Technical Workshop*. On April 26, 2023, the Southern California Generation Coalition and The Utility Reform Network (jointly) and Indicated Shippers filed responses supporting the motion. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a response noting an upcoming Annual Report of Planned Gas Investments Workshop (Annual Workshop) as ordered in Decision (D.) 22-12-021 that will address topics similar to those proposed by EDF for the technical workshop. Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (jointly the Sempra companies) filed a response supporting discussing reporting issues in a workshop but objecting to other discussion areas.

Ordering Paragraph 8 of D.22-12-021 directs the Sempra companies and PG&E to jointly convene an Annual Workshop not less than 60 days from March 1 for the years 2023 – 2025.

The topics identified in the EDF motion for discussion are suitable to include in the 2023 Annual Workshop. The topics are:

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- Improving and augmenting the Annual Reports;
- Forming a consistent interpretation regarding the applicability of General Order 177 to projects; and
- Clarifying processes to comply with General Order 177.

To provide for discussion on these topics at the Annual Workshop, the Sempra companies and PG&E shall work with interested parties to plan the agenda for the workshop, shall include time for the three identified topics in the workshop agenda and shall include sufficient time in the agenda for parties to provide verbal input and for broad party discussions.

Additionally, to support fruitful discussions during the Annual Workshop, the Sempra companies and PG&E shall each file responses to the alleged deficiencies in their Annual Reports identified in the EDF motion at least one week prior to the Annual Workshop.

The EDF motion is denied without prejudice.

IT IS RULED that:

- 1. EDF's April 11, 2023 *Motion Requesting Technical Workshop* is denied without prejudice.
- 2. The Sempra companies and PG&E shall adhere to the guidance in this ruling when convening the Annual Report workshop ordered in D.22-12-021.
- 3. The Sempra companies and PG&E shall file responses to the alleged deficiencies in their Annual Reports identified in the EDF motion at least one week prior to the Annual Workshop.

Dated June 26, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

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Administrative Law Judge