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Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for Authority to Update Marginal Costs, Cost Allocation, and Electric Rate Design.

Application 23-01-008

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE’S RULING NOTICING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS AND MODIFYING THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This ruling provides notification of in-person and remote public participation hearings (PPHs) in San Diego Gas & Electric Company’s (SDG&E’s) General Rate Case Phase 2 (GRC P2) Application (A.) 23-01-008. To reflect a change in the in-person PPH date from October 26, 2023, to November 6, 2023, this ruling also modifies the procedural schedule.

SDG&E’s GRC P2 application requests Commission authority for SDG&E to implement proposed rate design changes. PPHs have been scheduled to provide SDG&E customers and other interested parties with an opportunity to communicate directly with the Commission regarding these rate design changes. Details about attending and delivering comments at PPHs are provided below. Further, SDG&E is directed to take certain actions to notice and facilitate public attendance and involvement at PPHs.

1. Modification of the Procedural Schedule

Based on Commission staff and resource availability, the in-person PPH will now be held on November 6, 2023. The remote PPH will still be held on November 20, 2023. Accordingly, the proceeding schedule will be modified as

follows:

| Event | Date |
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| SDG&E Supplemental Testimony Served | September 30, 2023 |
| Cal Advocates Testimony Served | October 19, 2023 |
| Public Participation Hearing (in-person) | November 6, 2023 |
| Intervenor Testimony Served | November 16, 2023 |
| Public Participation Hearing (virtual) | November 20, 2023 |
| Placeholder for Settlement Discussions | November-December 2023 |
| Status Report on Settlement Discussions | December 13, 2023 |
| Status Conference on Need for Hearings | December 15, 2023 |
| Concurrent Rebuttal Testimony | January 11, 2024 |
| Evidentiary Hearings (if required) | January 16-20, 2024 |
| Concurrent Opening Briefs | February 23, 2024 |
| Concurrent Reply Briefs | March 23, 2024 |
| Proposed Decision | June 2024 |
| Commission Decision | No sooner than 30 days after Proposed Decision is issued. |

2. In-Person Public Participation Hearing

The date, time, and location for the in-person PPH are listed below. To provide comments, please sign up at the California Public Utilities Commission's Public Advisor's Office (PAO) table located in the lobby of the Escondido City Council Chambers. There are two sessions, one begins at 2:00 p.m. and the other begins at 6:00 p.m.

| Date | Time | Location |
|------------------|----------------------------|---|
| November 6, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. | Escondido City Council Chambers 201 North Broadway Escondido, CA 92025 |

3. Remote Public Participation Hearing

The date, time, and access information for the remote PPH are listed below, including a link to view the PPH via Webcast. Participants that wish to

make public comments are instructed to dial-in one-half hour prior to each remote PPH (*i.e.*, at 1:30 p.m. prior to the start of the 2:00 p.m. PPH and at 5:30 p.m. prior to the start of the 6:00 p.m. PPH). At that time, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will provide instructions to provide public comment.

| Date | Time | Access Information |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| November 20, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. | Phone Number: 1-800-857-1917 Passcode: 6032788# Webcast: adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc/ |

4. PPH Overview

A quorum of Commissioners may attend the PPHs but no decisions regarding SDG&E's proposed rate design changes will be made.

To comment, the public must register with PAO at the in-person PPH or follow ALJ instructions prior to the remote PPH. Public officials should provide their name, title, and governmental entity prior to speaking. The ALJ will make an announcement prior to the initiation of comments. If several PPH attendees wish to comment, the ALJ may limit or specify the time for each comment. This will provide an opportunity for all participants to speak.

The Commission's court reporters will record PPH comments and post transcripts on the Commission's website on the Docket Card for this proceeding.

If you need a language interpreter, contact PAO at least five business days before the hearing, using one of the following methods:

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office, 505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

E-mail: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

In addition to providing verbal comments at PPHs, customers may submit written public comments at any time during the proceeding and read other public comments on the Commission's Docket Card for this proceeding, by using this link: apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2301008.

4. Directives to SDG&E

At the in-person PPH, SDG&E shall have a customer service representative on site who can assist customers with service and billing issues. SDG&E will also have at least one representative prepared to respond to specific questions about the material in this Application in person at the PPH.

For the remote PPH, SDG&E shall prepare the name, title, and telephone number of at least one senior customer service representative who can be reached by customers during the PPH for individual service or billing issues and one representative prepared to respond to specific questions about the material in its Application. SDG&E shall provide this information to the PAO by sending it to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov, no later than seven days before either the in-person or remote PPHs. This information may be posted for the public during the PPH.

Pursuant to Rule 13.1(b) and (c),¹ SDG&E is directed to take, at a minimum, the below actions to ensure that customer notice regarding the PPHs is distributed in a comprehensive manner:

¹ Rule 13.1(b) and (c) provides as follows: (b) Whenever any electrical, gas, heat, telephone, water, or sewer system utility files an application to increase any rate, the utility shall give notice of any public participation hearing that may be set in the proceeding, not less than five nor more than 30 days before the date of the public participation hearing, to entities or persons who may be affected thereby, by posting notice in public places, which may include the website of the utility, and by publishing notice in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the area or areas concerned, of the time, date, and place of hearing. Proof of publication and sample copies of the notices shall be filed within 10 days after publication. (c) In addition to the

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- Post notice of the PPHs in at least one newspaper in each geographic region in its service territory. In a geographic region with a notable number of non-English speaking customers, post notice of the PPHs in a regional newspaper in those languages and broadcast notice of PPHs on non-English language radio stations.
- Include PPH notices in mailed customer bills that currently receive bills via the United States Postal Service.
- Send e-mail messages with a subject line that clearly states to e-mail recipients that PPHs will be held in this proceeding to all customers that provided SDG&E with an e-mail address. The body of the e-mail must include the same information as approved by the PAO in the bill notice. In addition, e-mail messages shall not be combined with e-mail electronic bills but, instead, be sent separately from a customer's electronic bill.
- Publicize the PPHs on all social media platforms they use.
- Post notice of their PPHs on their respective websites in a prominent location so that customers easily access the notice/information.
- Ensure all the above communication methods are compatible with electronic or remote access and clearly state PPHs can be accessed remotely or attended in-person.

Not later than seven days prior to each PPH, SDG&E shall file and provide the Commission's PAO a letter verifying that they have complied with the above directives. This letter shall state the dates when the referenced types of notices were sent to customers, the methods used, and the approximate number of customers notified by each method. SDG&E shall also provide the dates and locations of publication and posting. A copy of their respective public participation hearing notice shall be attached to this filing.

notice required by this rule, parties shall provide such notice of hearing as the presiding officer may designate.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The schedule for the public participation hearings is set forth above.
2. San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) shall each provide customer notice via direct mailing or the Internet not less than five days before the date of the first scheduled public participation hearing. Where customer email addresses are available, SDG&E shall also provide the notice through direct e-mail communication.
3. In each service area where a public participation hearing (PPH) will be held, San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall publish a notice of the PPHs in one or more local newspapers of general circulation for seven consecutive days prior to, and including, the date of the PPH.
4. San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) shall prominently post a notice of the public participation hearings on their website and in all their offices where customers contact an SDG&E customer service representative.
5. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall provide the Public Advisor's Office, not later than five days prior to each public participation hearing, a letter verifying that it has complied with the customer notice requirement.
6. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall have at least one customer service representative available at each of the respective public participation hearings to answer any billing or service questions that individual customers may have.

Dated September 29, 2023, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ RAJAN MUTIALU
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Administrative Law Judge