

06/30/25

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA PM A2502012

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902G) to Recover Costs Recorded in the Transmission Integrity Management Program Balancing Account from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2023

Application 25-02-012

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMO AND RULING

This scoping memo and ruling sets forth the issues, need for hearing, schedule, category, and other matters necessary to scope this proceeding pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1701.1 and Article 7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).

1. Procedural Background

On February 27, 2025, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E, or Applicant) filed Application (A.) 25-02-012 to recover costs recorded in the Transmission Integrity Management Program Balancing Account (TIMPBA) from January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2023.

On April 4, 2025, the Public Advocates Office filed a protest. On April 29, 2025, the Commission held a telephonic prehearing conference. On May 2, 2025, the Applicant filed post prehearing conference comments.

After considering the discussion at the prehearing conference and filings made thus far, I have determined the issues and schedule of the proceeding to be as outlined in this scoping memo.

569428617 - 1 -

2. Issues

The issues to consider are:

- 1. Whether SDG&E's TIMPBA expenditures and cost recovery request of \$7.4 million are just and reasonable;
- 2. Whether SDG&E's revenue requirement associated with the costs presented in the Application and recorded in their TIMPBA are justified for rate recovery;
- 3. Whether SDG&E's TIMPBA recovery request complies with all applicable rules, decisions, statutes, and other requirements, including the tariff;
- 4. Whether SDG&E's TIMPBA recovery request is incremental to the cost recovery approved in AL 3257-G-A; and
- 5. Whether the cost allocation policies adopted in Decision (D.) 24-07-009 should apply to the TIMPBA under-collection requested in this Application.

3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing

Based on protest and the discussion at the prehearing conference, there are material factual issues in dispute. Accordingly, I will allow parties to present evidence on the material factual issues in dispute. Parties are encouraged to meet and confer to determine if stipulations or settlements on such disputed issues maybe reached. The need for evidentiary hearing may be revisited by the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) at a later date, as appropriate.

4. Schedule

The following schedule is adopted here and may be modified by the ALJ as required to promote the efficient and fair resolution of the application:

Event	Date
Intervenors' prepared direct testimony served	July 31, 2025

Prepared rebuttal testimony served	August 20, 2025
Status conference	September 19, 2025
Evidentiary hearing	October 2025
Opening briefs	November 3, 2025
Reply briefs	November 24, 2025
Proposed decision	Target Q1 of 2026

The purpose of the status conference is to ascertain whether, pursuant to Rule 13.8(c), the parties stipulate to the receipt of prepared testimony into evidence without direct or cross examination or other need to convene an evidentiary hearing or, in the alternative, the parties' resources, readiness and needs for the effective remote conduct of the evidentiary hearing, including estimates of time requested for cross-examination and identification of anticipated exhibits.

The proceeding will stand submitted upon the filing of reply briefs, unless the ALJ requires further evidence or argument. Based on this schedule, the proceeding will be resolved within 18 months as required by Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5.

5. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program and Settlements

The Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program offers mediation, early neutral evaluation, and facilitation services, and uses ALJs who have been trained as neutrals. At the parties' request, the assigned ALJ can refer this proceeding to the Commission's ADR Coordinator. Additional ADR information is available on the Commission's website.¹

¹ https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/adr/

Any settlements between parties, whether regarding all or some of the issues, shall comply with Article 12 of the Rules and shall be served in writing. Such settlements shall include a complete explanation of the settlement and a complete explanation of why it is reasonable in light of the whole record, consistent with the law, and in the public interest. The proposing parties bear the burden of proof as to whether the settlement should be adopted by the Commission.

6. Category of Proceeding and Ex Parte Restrictions

This ruling confirms the Commission's preliminary determination² that this is a ratesetting proceeding. Accordingly, ex parte communications are restricted and must be reported pursuant to Article 8 of the Rules.

7. Public Outreach

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1711(a), where feasible and appropriate, before determining the scope of the proceeding, the Commission sought the participation of those likely to be affected, including those likely to derive benefit from, and those potentially subject to, a decision in this proceeding. This matter was noticed on the Commission's daily calendar. Where feasible and appropriate, this matter was incorporated into engagements conducted by the Commission's External Affairs Division with local governments and other interested parties.

8. Intervenor Compensation

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1804(a)(1), a customer who intends to seek an award of compensation must have filed and served a notice of

-

² Resolution ALJ-3560 at 2.

intent to claim compensation by May 29, 2025, 30 days after the prehearing conference.

9. Response to Public Comments

Parties may, but are not required to, respond to written comments received from the public. Parties may do so by posting such response using the "Add Public Comment" button on the "Public Comment" tab of the online docket card for the proceeding.

10. Public Advisor

Any person interested in participating in this proceeding who is unfamiliar with the Commission's procedures or has questions about the electronic filing procedures is encouraged to obtain more information at https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/about-cpuc/divisions/news-and-public-information-office/public-advisors-office or contact the Commission's Public Advisor at 866-849-8390 or 866-836-7825 (TTY), or send an e-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

11. Filing, Service, and Service List

The official service list has been created and is on the Commission's website. Parties should confirm that their information on the service list is correct and serve notice of any errors on the Commission's Process office, the service list, and the ALJ. Persons may become a party pursuant to Rule 1.4.

When serving any document, each party must ensure that it is using the current official service list on the Commission's website.

This proceeding will follow the electronic service protocol set forth in Rule 1.10 with one exception, that all parties are excused from the Rule 1.10 requirement to serve on the ALJ both the electronic and paper copy of filed or served documents. Therefore, when serving documents on Commissioners, their personal advisors, and the ALJ, parties must only provide electronic service,

unless otherwise instructed by the ALJ. All parties to this proceeding shall serve documents and pleadings using electronic mail, whenever possible, transmitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date scheduled for service to occur.

Persons who are not parties but wish to receive electronic service of documents filed in the proceeding may contact the Process Office at process_office@cpuc.ca.gov to request addition to the "Information Only" category of the official service list pursuant to Rule 1.9(f).

The Commission encourages those who seek information-only status on the service list to consider the Commission's subscription service as an alternative. The subscription service sends individual notifications to each subscriber of formal e-filings tendered and accepted by the Commission. Notices sent through subscription service are less likely to be flagged by spam or other filters. Notifications can be for a specific proceeding, a range of documents and daily or weekly digests.

12. Receiving Electronic Service from the Commission

Parties and other persons on the service list are advised that it is the responsibility of each person or entity on the service list for Commission proceedings to ensure their ability to receive emails from the Commission. Please add "@cpuc.ca.gov" to your email safe sender list and update your email screening practices, settings and filters to ensure receipt of emails from the Commission.

13. Assignment of Proceeding

Darcie L. Houck is the assigned Commissioner and Amin Nojan is the assigned ALJ and presiding officer for the proceeding.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The scope of this proceeding is described above and is adopted.

A.25-02-012 COM/DH7/smt/asf

- 2. The category of the proceeding is ratesetting.
- 3. The schedule of this proceeding is set forth above and is adopted.
- 4. Evidentiary hearings are required.
- 5. The presiding officer is Administrative Law Judge Amin Nojan. Dated June 30, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DARCIE L. HOUCK

Darcie L. Houck

Assigned Commissioner