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OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
ZITA KLINE, in attendance

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ANDREA MCGARY, presiding

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and San Diego Gas & Electric Company	)	HEARING
(U 902-E) For the 2024 Nuclear	)	
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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE McGARY: We're now on record and call to order for the Public Participation Hearing for Application 24-12-003, the Joint Application of Southern California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company to the 2024 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding.

The assigned commissioner is Darcie L. Houck. Commissioner Houck cannot be with us today, but an advisor from her office, Victor Smith, will be providing some opening remarks to get us started.

My name is Andrea McGary. I am the assigned administrative law judge. I'm -- this is a -- I am present at the San Clemente City Council council chambers in San Clemente, California; however this is a remote-only public participation hearing, which we will from time to time refer to that as "PPH."

As noted by the operator, we are recording both audio and video of this PPH. If you do not wish to be recorded, again, please do disconnect now. This PPH is also being transcribed by our court reporters, Andrea Ross Winters (sic) and Jason Stacey. I remind myself and our presenters and the public, please speak slowly

1 for the benefit of our court reporters because it's
2 really important for us to be able to get down the
3 things you're adding and giving to our proceeding.

4 If you are near noise, background noise, or you
5 have a cell phone or other communication device, please
6 do silence it, but if you have to take a call or make a
7 call, please disconnect or mute your sound so that we do
8 not hear it in our PPH. We also have some best
9 practices that -- you should avoid using a speaker phone
10 if possible, and speak directly into your phone or your
11 headset. That should allow us to hear you clearly and
12 also for the court reporters to get down the things you
13 are contributing to our PPH.

14 The purpose of today's public -- PPH is to
15 allow the California Public Utilities Commission to
16 receive feedback and input from the public, and also for
17 the public to have a chance to learn about and express
18 their opinions on issues in this proceeding, Application
19 24-12-003.

20 This proceeding is currently categorized as
21 ratesetting, which means that the Commission's Rules of
22 Practice and Procedure, Rule 8, do apply. Those rules
23 relate to ex parte communications and communications
24 with Commissioner Baker, myself and Commissioner Houck.
25 If you are not familiar with those rules, you can find

1 them on our website at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

2 Just a little bit of a primer, we're going to
3 let the public and our presenters know what our agenda
4 will look like today. Obviously, right now, we are in
5 the call-to-order process. We will have introductory
6 remarks from Advisor Victor Smith, who is an advisor for
7 Commissioner Houck.

8 We will then move on to just a brief
9 application and Commission procedural overview. We will
10 then hear from our presenters, Southern California
11 Edison, which at times, we will refer to it as "SCE";
12 San Diego Gas & Electric, which we will also at times
13 refer to as "SDG&E"; as well as Alliance for Nuclear
14 Responsibility, which at times we will refer to as
15 "A4NR"; thereafter, the public comment portion of our
16 hearing will begin, and then once public comment is
17 completed, we'll hear from Advisor Smith again.

18 So let's go ahead and move forward with Advisor
19 Smith to get us opened and move on.

20 Advisor Smith, are you --

21 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Judge McGary.

22 Good afternoon, everyone. As Judge McGary
23 said, I'm Victor Smith. I'm acting chief of staff for
24 Commissioner Darcie Houck, who is the assigned
25 commissioner for this proceeding. Commissioner Houck

1 cannot be here today, so I'm going to read a statement
2 on her behalf.

3 I want to thank Judge McGary for facilitating
4 this afternoon's public participation hearing as well as
5 all the staff that worked to make it possible. I want
6 to specifically recognize our IT staff, Robert Sanford
7 and Francisco Hernandez; our court reporters, Jason
8 Stacey and Shannon Ross; the Public Advisor's Office,
9 including Claudia Sanchez, Jaime Elder, and Eric Sawyer.
10 We could not be here in this virtual hearing without the
11 support they provide.

12 I would like to thank the public for your
13 participation in today's PPH. The purpose of this
14 afternoon's hearing is to hear the public on the issues
15 pertaining to this proceeding, the Nuclear
16 Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding, or NDCTP, as
17 Judge McGary indicated earlier. This proceeding
18 concerns Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas &
19 Electric Company.

20 I also want to thank the parties for their
21 ongoing participation throughout this proceeding, and
22 the parties who are participating later today in the
23 proceeding. This important proceeding has resulted from
24 California's adopted framework that ensures the adequate
25 financial resources for nuclear decommission.

1 The California Public Utilities Commission has
2 the responsibility to conduct a review of nuclear
3 decommissioning cost and ensure that the expenses
4 incurred are reasonable and meet the financial resource
5 requirements of the framework adopted by California and
6 as required by Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

7 In this proceeding, we will conduct this review
8 and ultimately issue a decision. Our reporters today
9 will make a transcript of every comment. Commissioner
10 Houck will later review it and carefully consider all
11 the comments made.

12 With that, I'll conclude my remarks and turn it
13 back over to ALJ McGary.

14 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Chief Smith.

15 So now we'll move on to the part of the agenda,
16 which I referenced, which is just a brief procedural
17 Commission overview, some of it, which I may skip a bit
18 because Commissioner Houck and Chief Smith have covered
19 it.

20 So the California Public Utilities Commission
21 is the state agency that regulates publicly owned
22 utilities like Southern California Edison and San Diego
23 Gas & Electric Company, which provide essential services
24 such as electric, gas and water.

25 The Commission itself is comprised of five

1 commissioners, including Commissioner Darcie Houck. The
2 five Commissioners are the people who will vote and
3 decide on this application.

4 My role, as the administrative law judge, which
5 is sometimes referred to as "ALJ" or "judge," is to
6 review the application, and based on the evidence
7 presented and the applicable law, I will write a
8 proposed decision for the commissioners to consider.
9 The commissioners will then vote to adopt my proposed
10 decision or an alternative decision if put forth by a
11 commissioner.

12 The commissioner -- there will be evidentiary
13 hearings in this proceeding. At this time they are
14 scheduled for September 23rd through the 25th in Los
15 Angeles. Although hearings having been scheduled, it is
16 possible that parties may settle this matter prior to
17 the date of hearing. If they do settle, the Commission
18 will evaluate whether or not to adopt the settlement
19 agreement or portions thereof, all of which will be
20 published to the public.

21 For participants -- excuse me -- to participate
22 in today's PPH, if you'd like to provide public comment
23 today, you may also do so by calling 800-857-1917;
24 thereafter, you'll enter the passcode 032788# and then
25 you'll press star one on your phone. At that point

1 you'll record your name and location when you're
2 prompted.

3 If you're a public official, please state your
4 title in addition to your name and location. The
5 operator will maintain the queue of public commenters,
6 and announce your name when it's your turn to speak.

7 Commissioner Houck's office, Chief Smith, and I
8 will not be answering questions at the application (sic)
9 today because the purpose of the PPH is to obtain your
10 public comments about the application; however, if you
11 are a customer and you have specific questions about
12 your bill or service, you can contact Southern
13 California Edison Company at 800-655-4555 or if you are
14 a San Diego Gas & Electric customer, you can contact
15 them at 800-411-7343.

16 If you are on our PPH right now via video,
17 those numbers are also appearing on the slide on the
18 screen right now. If you are just on audio, you can use
19 the numbers I've provided.

20 There will also be representatives from San
21 Diego Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison
22 available to answer questions about this application.
23 This is also appearing on screen right now, but if
24 you're only with us on the audio, for SCE, it's Katie
25 Chollet-Guibert. Her number is 949-317-1883. The email

1 is questionsforsongs@sdaorg.com.

2 And for San Diego Gas & Electric, it's Tyler
3 Kirchoff and the phone number is 619-676-3898. The
4 email is tmkirch2@sdge.com. Our Public Advisor is also
5 available if you have questions about how to participate
6 in this proceeding or other questions about the
7 Commission process, and their number is 866-849-89- --
8 excuse me -- 866-849-8390. The email is -- it's
9 public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

10 And with that, we will move on to a little bit
11 of background related to the procedural history of this
12 application, one -- 24-12-003.

13 The original filing date for this application
14 was December 6, 2024. As noted, it's -- the subject
15 matter of our proceeding is the CP- -- the CPUC's
16 review, nuclear decommissioning costs, the NDCTP, to
17 determine reasonableness of decommissioning cost
18 estimates, decommissioning activities, actual
19 decommissioning costs incurred. The period of review is
20 2021 to 2023. It's the triannual period we're looking
21 at.

22 The review period for -- excuse me -- is
23 related to San Onofre Nuclear -- Nuclear Generation
24 Station, which we will refer to as SONGS, Units 1, 2
25 and 3, which are co-owned by SCE and SDG&E and Palo

1 Verde Nuclear Generating Station, which we'll refer to
2 as PVNGS Units 1, 2, and 3, which are -- is a nuclear
3 plant that is located in Arizona and it's co-owned by
4 SCE and the Arizona Public Service.

5 Please note the Commission does not regulate
6 the Arizona Public Service, only the private
7 investor-owned utility SCE.

8 The applicants in this proceeding are Southern
9 California Edison Company and San Diego Gas & Electric
10 Company. Protests to this application were filed by The
11 Utility Reform Network, also known as TURN, the Alliance
12 for Nuclear Responsibility, also referred to as A4NR,
13 and -- as well as a protest from the Public Advocates
14 Office of the California Public Utilities Commission,
15 which is also referred to as "Cal Advocates."

16 We will hear from both the applicants as well
17 as A4NR a little later in our agenda. The scoping memo
18 which lays out the issues was issued as of June 3, 2025.
19 That document can be reviewed on the docket list
20 proceeding, which is at www.cpuc.ca.gov under "docket
21 24-12-003."

22 The -- my ruling setting this public
23 participation hearing was issued on May 12, 2025. We
24 will be holding three public participation hearings at
25 the time today at 2:00 p.m., remote-only hearing, as

1 well as tomorrow in person in San Clemente at 2:00 p.m.,
2 and 6:00 p.m. at the San Clemente Council Chamber
3 located at 910 Calle Negocio C-a-l-l-e N-e-g-o-c-i-o in
4 San Clemente, California. The zip code is 92673. You
5 might not need it, but in case you need it, now you have
6 it.

7 So, again, we are here. And we are very
8 grateful to the public for participating. We want to
9 listen to the comments on this NDCTP proceeding. We
10 want to hear how this -- what's happening in this
11 proceeding might impact you, your family, your community
12 as SCE and SDG&E customers. It will help us gather
13 critical information to determine whether to grant, deny
14 or modify this application.

15 We will also consider all comments submitted
16 electronically, which can be done by going to the
17 docket, choosing the public comments' tab, and entering
18 in comments that you might want to submit to the
19 Commission in writing.

20 I think with that -- oh, one other note, the
21 applicants, SCE and SDG&E, are not requesting an
22 increase in customer rates in this application,
23 24-12-003. It addresses only the decommissioning cost
24 items that I have reviewed, and does not address whether
25 or not to decommission SONGS because that is in

1 progress.

2 And with that, we'll move on to our first
3 presentation from San Diego Gas & Electric and Southern
4 California Edison.

5 Mr. Perez and Ms. Dalu, if you're ready.

6 MR. PEREZ: I am ready, your Honor. Waiting
7 for the presentation to come up.

8 Okay. Thank you for the opportunity to provide
9 some comments and feedback about our application. Let's
10 go to the next slide. I have provided a brief overview
11 that we're going to go through. So I'll provide an
12 overview of the application, although Judge McGary
13 already went through several of those items, and then
14 Tracy Dalu will provide comments about their portion of
15 the application that is specific to them.

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17 So as the judge said, we submitted this
18 application late last year in December. It's a joint
19 application with San Diego and Southern California
20 Edison, and the cities of Anaheim and Riverside are also
21 co-participants in SONGS 2 and 3, but they are not
22 governed by the CPUC and are not part of this
23 application.

24 The costs that we submitted for this
25 application are from January 1st, 2021 through the end

1 of 2023. It is classified as a ratesetting application;
2 however, we are not requesting a change in any kind of
3 contributions or rates. We have the funds in several
4 trusts that are set aside for decommissioning that we've
5 collected while the plants were operating.

6 We submitted a total of about nine exhibits or
7 testimony that support our application. Several of them
8 provide information and the cost data for the
9 reasonableness review of SONGS 1, and SONGS 2 and 3
10 costs, a couple of volumes of testimony regarding the
11 decommissioning cost estimates that we refer to as
12 "DCEs" at times, and then financial analysis involving
13 the testimony that takes all that information with
14 respect to the DCEs and determines whether contributions
15 can remain at zero, and as I said earlier, they are at
16 zero for this application.

17 We've also provided a volume of testimony that
18 provides an update on our litigation with the Department
19 of Energy regarding their inability to take spent fuel
20 from our site, and we've also provided in that volume of
21 testimony, the history of our proceedings with the DOE.

22 A small volume of testimony identifies how
23 we've complied with prior Commission decisions and then
24 a joint exhibit with San Diego Gas & Electric that
25 provides when certain costs will be reviewed for

1 reasonableness and upcoming NDCTPs.

2 Next slide, please.

3 So the decommissioning process, we have one
4 volume that has both SONGS 1 and SONGS 2 and 3. The
5 SONGS 2 and 3 DCE is at 4.7 billion, and that is in 2014
6 dollars. We've kept that 2014-dollar standard to make
7 sure that we can easily compare against the first DCE
8 that was issued when we started decommissioning. The
9 DCE for SONGS 1 is a lot smaller. That unit has,
10 basically, been decommissioned already. It is at 215
11 million, again, in 2014 dollars. Both of those are the
12 100 percent shares, meaning that is the share for all of
13 the business.

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15 For Palo Verde, we also submitted testimony for
16 that. We do not prepare that DCE. The owner-operator
17 APS, "Arizona Public Service," engages a vendor to put
18 that DCE together, and we use that information; and for
19 our share, which is a little bit over 15 percent, is
20 what we submit to the Public Utilities Commission. That
21 number is \$632 million, and that one is in 2023 dollars.

22 Palo Verde is not scheduled to be
23 decommissioned for quite a few decades still and -- but
24 we do provide an update on this DCE on a triennial
25 basis.

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2 So for the reasonableness review, the cost we
3 submit two volumes of testimony, one for SONGS 1, one
4 for SONGS 2 and 3. For SONGS 1, we incurred 500 -- or
5 \$5.1 million, again 100 percent share, and that's for
6 primarily labor staffing and expenses that -- cost.

7 For SONGS 2 and 3, we submitted for review 518
8 million and includes a couple of major projects. Some
9 initial -- additional decommissioning activities and
10 some -- a couple of other -- mostly the waste associated
11 with the decommissioning of the plant.

12 We also have undistributed costs, which are
13 basically labor costs, SCE staffing, some contractor
14 staffing; and then, again, non-labor costs for expenses
15 such as leases, water, electricity, and such.

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17 The financial maps now, as I mentioned before,
18 takes that DCE and takes cash flows associated with that
19 and does a discounted cash flow analysis using the rate
20 of return assumptions and escalation assumptions that
21 we've made. We take the trust fund balances in this
22 case as of the middle of last year prior to us
23 submitting the application and then calculates whether
24 we have sufficient funds in the trust to be able to
25 carry out the decommissioning, which right now is

1 scheduled to end at the end of 2056.

2 The major activities that are ongoing at the
3 plant right now should be finished by the end of '28,
4 and after that will go into a period that we call "spent
5 fuel storage only," and then we will commence
6 decommissioning once all of our re-commit -- re-initiate
7 decommissioning once all the spent fuel is taken by the
8 Department of Energy, and that would be through the 2056
9 timeframe when we are estimating it will be done.

10 Again, (indecipherable) contributions we're
11 estimate -- or requesting to remain at zero.

12 Next slide please.

13 Tracy, over to you.

14 MS. DALU: Thank you, Jose.

15 My name is Tracy Dalu. I am the manager of
16 nuclear decommissioning -- or -- for San Diego Gas &
17 Electric. SDG&E owns 20 percent of SONGS 1, 2, and 3.
18 And in this proceeding, our exhibits look at SDG&E's
19 oversight and fiscal management role at SONGS, our
20 treatment (indecipherable) mitigation proceeds, and our
21 compliance with prior Commission decisions.

22 It also includes the reasonableness review of
23 recorded costs for '21 to 2023 with SDG&E's share being
24 approximately 108 million. And it also looks at the
25 decommissioning cost estimates with SDG&E's share being

1 approximately 1 billion. We also have testimony on
2 financial modeling, trust fund contributions, tax
3 issues, and regulatory accounting.

4 Decommissioning costs that have been invoiced
5 to SDG&E have been -- are covered by the Nuclear
6 Decommissioning Trust, and those trusts were funded by
7 SDG&E ratepayers when the plant was operating consistent
8 with Edison and also in line with what ALJ McGary said
9 SDG&E will not be requesting any additional funding for
10 the nuclear decommissioning trust, and we will not be
11 asking for any changes to electric rates.

12 In addition to our 20 percent share of costs
13 that are billed to us by Southern California Edison,
14 SDG&E includes SDG&E-only costs in our testimony.
15 SDG&E-only costs are expenses incurred by SDG&E to carry
16 out our oversight role at SONGS. And in this
17 proceeding, SDG&E is -- SDG&E is asking that the
18 Commission find reasonable the forecast of 18.6 million
19 for SDG&E-only costs through the end of decommissioning
20 and find reasonable 2021 to 2023 SDG&E-only costs of
21 3.1 million.

22 Thank you. That's the end of my presentation.

23 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Manager Perez; and
24 Thank you, Manager Dalu.

25 We can now move on to a brief introduction from

1 the Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, A4NR.

2 Counsel John Geesman for A4NR, are you ready to
3 give us a brief introduction?

4 MR. GEESMAN: Yes. Thank you, Judge McGary.

5 Good afternoon. My name is John Geesman. I'm
6 an attorney representing the Alliance for Nuclear
7 Responsibility, which is one of the parties in this
8 proceeding.

9 We will offer evidence that Southern California
10 Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric have used out of
11 date pie-in-the-sky assumptions to minimize the length
12 of time that they predict spent nuclear fuel will remain
13 on site at San Onofre.

14 The effect of this distortion is to avoid
15 disclosing the amount they may ask future ratepayers to
16 pay in the years ahead in order to safely store this
17 waste on the SONGS site. Both utilities know better as
18 our evidence will show because national experts retained
19 by Edison told them so in 2021.

20 Rather than heed the input from their experts,
21 both utilities have mechanically added three years to
22 their old estimates to reflect the lack of progress on
23 this issues since the last decommissioning case three
24 years ago. This is the seventh time they have made this
25 arbitrary adjustment.

1 They first started doing it two decades ago,
2 and they have preserved the same lead times they used
3 then even before the federal government abandoned the
4 Yucca Mountain project in 2010.

5 Edison and San Diego now estimate that their
6 waste will be on site until 2054. Even that rosy
7 scenario blows past the 2049 deadline that the Coastal
8 Commission assumed, and it increases the likelihood that
9 the Coastal Commission will require them to build a new
10 storage facility at a higher location on the existing
11 SONGS site.

12 Public Utilities Code Section 8323 requires the
13 Commission to do three basic things: First, develop
14 regulations and guidelines that promote realism in
15 estimating costs;

16 Second, provide periodic review procedures that
17 create maximum incentives for accurate cost estimates;

18 And third, provide for decommissioning cost
19 controls.

20 The Alliance's efforts in this proceeding are
21 intended to help the Commission do that.

22 Thank you very much for the opportunity to
23 address you.

24 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Counsel Geesman.

25 So now that we've heard from the applicant and

1 one of the protesting parties, we're going to go ahead
2 and move to the public comment portion of our PPH, and I
3 thank the public for their patience for us getting here.

4 Operator, can you go ahead and queue our first
5 caller for public comment?

6 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. If you wish to make
7 a comment during the public comment period, please press
8 star-one, unmute your phone, and record your name and
9 location clearly when prompted. I will announce the
10 name and location as they come up.

11 Our first comment comes from Isabela Kmiec of
12 Murrieta.

13 Your line is open.

14 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER KMIEC

15 Good afternoon. I have a question for
16 decommissioning the (indecipherable) plant that now it
17 has been corrugated (sic) and now audited in time for
18 the decommissioning, and I want to know the impact that
19 this will have in our -- for the rates for electricity.

20 Thank you.

21 ALJ McGARY: Well, thank you very much for your
22 question. Today we won't be able to answer those
23 detail-type questions. However, our Public Advisors
24 Office, and their information is appearing on the screen
25 right now, could assist you with how you can participate

1 and get that information and background.

2 The number for the Public Advisor is
3 (866)849-8390. And the Public Advisors' email is
4 public.advisor@cpu.ca.gov (sic).

5 Do you wish to add additional comments? Like I
6 said unfortunately today in this proceeding in this
7 hearing, we won't be taking questions just receiving
8 your input and comment.

9 SPEAKER KMIEC: Thank you.

10 ALJ McGARY: Okay. Please do reach out to the
11 Public Advisor.

12 Operator -- did that conclude your comments,
13 Ms. Isabelle (sic)?

14 SPEAKER KMIEC: Yes. Thank you.

15 ALJ McGARY: Okay. Thank you very much.

16 Operator, do we have another -- another caller
17 for public comment?

18 THE OPERATOR: The next comment comes from Rudy
19 Salazar of the Randsburg Project.

20 Your line is open.

21 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER SALAZAR

22 Hello. My name is Rudy Salazar. I'm with the
23 Randsburg Project. Randsburg, California has a
24 population of 50 people, and I am the owner of 58 acres
25 of this land that is perfect for the canisters, the 123

1 cannisters at SONGS to take to higher ground.

2 I have been talking to SONGS about this
3 initiative because I can also take all 291 cannisters
4 that line the coast. These canisters are not going to
5 cross state lines in our lifetime, and we know that. No
6 matter what happens in New Mexico, Texas, wherever else.
7 So my initiative, The Randsburg Project, I want it
8 introduced in this meeting, and I've been to Diablo
9 Canyon and spoke about this.

10 And so I just wanted to say hello, everybody.
11 Rudy Salazar from the Randsburg Project. I am a private
12 radioactive entrepreneur, and I own the most promising
13 geological formation for spent nuclear fuel in North
14 America hands down. I got zero water table, zero water
15 basin. It's full of quartz monzonite sprinkled with
16 gold. I share a fence line with the Yellow Aster Mine
17 that was -- that is the largest gold producer in the
18 State of California.

19 And Randsburg, California is far east of the
20 San Andreas Fault. It is completely surrounded by
21 Bureau of Land Management property, and we're under a No
22 Fly Zone, and it is 120 miles away from major
23 populations and -- but it's also close enough for
24 employment for people to watch this spent nuclear fuel,
25 have it placed in the dessert, watch it forever until

1 future generations can figure out what to do with this.

2 So this temporary storage above ground 120
3 miles away from Yucca Mountain if that ever does open.
4 There could be a rail -- the rail lines taken right to
5 it but for spent nuclear fuel above ground.

6 Thank you.

7 ALJ McGARY: Thank you, Mr. Salazar. Does
8 that -- we are at time for your comment, but are you --
9 does that conclude your comment?

10 SPEAKER SALAZAR: Yes. It was just an
11 introduction comment.

12 ALJ McGARY: Okay. Thank you very much for
13 your time.

14 SPEAKER SALAZAR: I'll see you guys tomorrow.
15 Thank you.

16 ALJ McGARY: All right. Thank you.

17 Operator, do we have another caller on the line
18 for public comment?

19 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. The next comment
20 comes from Bobbie Marie Fields of Long Beach.

21 Your line is open.

22 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER FIELDS

23 Hello. Uh-oh --

24 ALJ McGARY: Hi. We're receiving little --

25 SPEAKER FIELDS: Hi. My comment --

1 (Crosstalk.)

2 SPEAKER FIELDS: -- does not concern the
3 millions of dollars that are being talked about or the
4 two organizations that have applied to whatever they've
5 applied to.

6 My comment concerns SCE in Long Beach, okay. I
7 have been a residential participant of their utility for
8 the last 17 years, okay. In 20 -- in September of 2023,
9 somebody new or the --

10 (Crosstalk.)

11 ALJ McGARY: I'm sorry to interrupt you.

12 SPEAKER FIELDS: Wait, wait, wait. My --

13 ALJ McGARY: We're not cutting you off.

14 (Crosstalk.)

15 SPEAKER FIELDS: -- bills have always been on
16 auto pay, okay.

17 (Crosstalk.)

18 ALJ McGARY: We need you to --

19 (Crosstalk.)

20 SPEAKER FIELDS: -- paper billing and charged
21 me a balloon amount of \$685.

22 ALJ McGARY: Right. Caller, just one second,
23 please. Can you mute your video so that we can hear
24 your audio? Because we want to be able to get down
25 everything that you're saying, but you are having

1 background noise because you got two audios running.

2 Are you able to do that? Caller?

3 SPEAKER FIELDS: Can you hear me now?

4 ALJ McGARY: Yes. We got you with no
5 distortion. So we'll restart your time by about a
6 minute, and can you repeat a little bit of that
7 because --

8 SPEAKER FIELDS: Okay.

9 ALJ McGARY: Okay. I think we're good now. So
10 go ahead and restart.

11 (Crosstalk.)

12 ALJ McGARY: Yes, ma'am.

13 SPEAKER FIELDS: My complaint is with SCE in
14 Long Beach. In September 2024 after 17 years of my
15 being a residential participant of their utility,
16 suddenly my auto pay was cut off and my paper billing
17 was cut off.

18 I had no knowledge of this, and it was done
19 without my permission. So from September 2023 till May
20 2024, I was not aware of it. I was not notified about
21 it, but I was expected to pay that balloon bill of \$685
22 immediately.

23 Of course I couldn't do that. My total Social
24 Security income at that time was \$1,200. I have to live
25 on \$1,200 a month. That includes doing everything

1 everybody else does: bills, utilities, rent, you know,
2 groceries, laundry, you name it.

3 So right now we have been arguing since May
4 2024 regarding this bill, and I've talked to three
5 different supervisors. I have emails confirming exactly
6 what I've said, and they still want me to pay this
7 money, okay.

8 One week ago, I told them, "You know, this has
9 really gone too far. What I'll do is be the bigger
10 person, and I will be responsible for half that bill,
11 but this bill is not my fault. On your end, my auto pay
12 was cut off. My bills are all on auto pay, but they're
13 not in my statement, my bank statements. I have no way
14 of knowing that you're not being paid unless you contact
15 me."

16 In the last three months --

17 (Timer notification.)

18 SPEAKER FIELDS: -- SCE has covered their rear.
19 They have --

20 (Crosstalk.)

21 ALJ McGARY: Interrupt one more time. I
22 apologize.

23 SPEAKER FIELDS: -- 2023 they did send me a
24 letter saying that my bill was not paid. That's not
25 true. I just received --

1 ALJ MCGARY: We're at time. We're at -- can
2 you hear me okay? We're at time for your comment.

3 SPEAKER FIELDS: Okay.

4 ALJ MCGARY: So we do have to move on to the
5 next caller. But before you go, SCE and SDG&E have set
6 up a way for you to discuss billing issues with them.
7 It's on screen right now; but in case you're just on
8 audio, you can call (800)655-4555. For SCE you can call
9 (800)411-7343. For SDG&E -- you can also -- there is a
10 consumer division at the Commission that might be able
11 to help you as well.

12 Because the thing that you're talking about
13 today, while we value your input, are not the subject of
14 our current hearing. But we do want to make sure you
15 have access to resources.

16 So you can also contact our Public Advisor to
17 maybe also to direct you other resources. So that's
18 (866)849-8390. And you can also print screen if you're
19 watching this on video, and I thank you very much.

20 SPEAKER FIELDS: The first two numbers you gave
21 me are the ones that want me to pay. I will be calling
22 your Public Advisors, and I thank you so much for that
23 number.

24 ALJ MCGARY: Yes, ma'am. Does that conclude
25 your comment on the subject of the SONGS topic today,

1 because we do have to move to the next caller. I want
2 to make sure you have those resources down.

3 SPEAKER FIELDS: Thank you so much. No, I have
4 nothing to do with the SONGS and all of the other stuff
5 that is in the thousands and millions of dollars and
6 land and all that. All I'm concerned with is my
7 residential living. I'm 77.

8 ALJ MCGARY: Well, thank you very much for your
9 comment and your time. And we're going to move on to
10 the next caller, but please do reach out to the Public
11 Advisor.

12 Operator?]

13 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. The next comment
14 comes from Diana Luxenberg of Three Rivers. Your line
15 is open.

16 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER LUXENBERG

17 There is a fundamental problem with the
18 calculation. They're using rates from 2014. We have
19 had the largest increase in inflation over the past 40
20 years. If they fail to include this in their
21 calculation, their numbers will be inaccurate, and I
22 can't believe that no one in your organization has the
23 intelligence to figure that out. That is a basic, basic
24 intelligence question. They're not asking for a rate
25 now; they will be asking for a rate later because their

1 numbers are off.

2 And, secondly, there is no discussion of an
3 audit of the company. Whether they're CEOs and
4 underlings, they are making too much money for what
5 they're actually providing in service. And if they
6 can't figure out that inflation is a necessary part of
7 any calculation, then the stupidity is beyond the pale.

8 And, lastly, any future increase -- which I can
9 guarantee you it will happen, because there are always
10 cost overruns on these kinds of projects -- should be
11 born solely and entirely by the stockholders of these
12 companies.

13 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you very -- does that
14 conclude your comments for today?

15 SPEAKER LUXENBERG: Yes. Except that I find it
16 inane that this judge does not have a procedure so she
17 cuts off people who have no business -- this venue is to
18 discuss problems that are not related to the question
19 that's being posed.

20 ALJ MCGARY: Well, thank you for your comment.
21 We hope to give everyone access to resources and
22 appreciate -- we appreciate your patience as we navigate
23 that through our remote system.

24 Does that conclude your comment?

25 SPEAKER LUXENBERG: Yes.

1 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you very much.

2 Operator, do we have another comment -- a
3 caller for public comment?

4 THE OPERATOR: Thank you.

5 A reminder if you would like to make a comment,
6 please press star one on your phone. Please unmute
7 yourself before stating your name and location when
8 prompted.

9 Our next comment comes from Joy Shaw from
10 Oxnard. Ma'am, your line is open.

11 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER SHAW

12 Hello? Can you hear me?

13 ALJ MCGARY: Yes, we can. Thank you.

14 SPEAKER SHAW: Okay. First, I sympathize with
15 the lady with the bill problem. I've been there in my
16 lifetime. I'm 85 years old, so problems with utilities
17 is not unusual.

18 And as far as the cost, I also think that the
19 comments by the previous lady about the cost, I think
20 probably she is right, that you never really get to the
21 real cost of anything especially when you're dealing
22 with companies as large the southern -- the gas company,
23 the electric companies, and the other utilities.

24 But the other thing is, if you are
25 decommissioning a nuclear facility, what are you

1 going -- what are your plans for replacing them? I hope
2 you're not planning to build more windmills that have
3 proven to be a total waste.

4 There are windmills out in the desert out by
5 Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs that have -- Palm
6 Springs -- I'm sorry -- that have stopped and fallen to
7 the ground, and there's nothing in them that can be
8 recycled. They are just these used metal blades that
9 are laying on the desert floor forever.

10 My mother lived out in Desert Hot Springs for
11 years and years, and that area is just made so ugly with
12 all those windmills. It's -- it's -- it's just -- I
13 can't believe that people have allowed this desecration
14 of the earth with the ugly windmills.

15 (Timer notification.)

16 SPEAKER SHAW: I'm sorry. You need to stick to
17 the nuclear facilities to run this to provide energy to
18 us. It's cheaper and better by far.

19 ALJ MCGARY: We -- we thank you for your
20 comment. We are at time for your comment. I hope we
21 had announced this, that comments are limited to two
22 minutes, and we are at time, but does that conclude --

23 (Crosstalk.)

24 ALJ MCGARY: No, you're fine.

25 Does that conclude your comment or do you need

1 an additional 30 seconds or so to --

2 SPEAKER SHAW: Yeah, I just -- I just thought
3 the gentleman who offered his land for storage was very
4 nice, and I hope you take him up on it because I've --
5 I've already read about the mountain storage thing had
6 been stopped. So, yes, I appreciate listening to
7 everything, and I just hope that you guys find a better
8 solution than the windmills.

9 ALJ MCGARY: Okay. Well, thank you very much
10 for your comment and for your time. We are going to go
11 ahead and move on to the next caller, but please do
12 continue to participate in our proceedings.

13 Operator, our next caller for public comment.

14 THE OPERATOR: Thank you.

15 The comment comes from Steven Rosenberg of Palo
16 Alto. Your line is open.

17 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER ROSENBAUM

18 Hello. My name is Steven Rosenbaum, not
19 Rosenberg. I live in Palo Alto and I'd like to echo the
20 comments about permanent storage of nuclear waste. It's
21 not a problem where you can just put a fence around it.
22 It's stuff that's extremely hazardous to health, and if
23 it's not environmentally away from water, these waste
24 products of nuclear reactors such as plutonium, radium,
25 and all kinds of rare earth -- radioactive rare earth

1 that have half lives of thousands of years are around in
2 the environment forever.

3 As was pointed out, Yucca Mountain was canceled
4 in 2010 after more than a decade of study because once
5 it was decided where it was going to go, the people near
6 Yucca Mountain decided they didn't want it.

7 And I think anybody that thinks that they want
8 a mountain of nuclear waste in their backyard is really
9 thinking very poorly because they're not going to be
10 around very long.

11 The previous speaker is completely off base on
12 the issue of renewable energy. It's much cheaper than
13 nuclear power. Nuclear power costs about five times as
14 much as wind or solar power.

15 So the other issue is the question of cost. I
16 think its disingenuous for these utilities to propose
17 2014 costs. As was pointed out by a previous speaker,
18 inflation is increasing these costs, and they're going
19 to come back to ratepayers to make up for this
20 difference in the future. So it's easy for them to say
21 no rate --

22 (Timer notification.)

23 SPEAKER ROSENBAUM: -- increases now, but in
24 the future, that's going to happen. And people in -- I
25 don't know -- 2030 or 2040, they're going to be out --

1 ALJ McGARY: Okay.

2 SPEAKER ROSENBAUM: -- the money to do this.
3 And it's not going to be cheap. You're going to need to
4 build a waste storage facility that -- you know,
5 thousands of feet underground --

6 ALJ McGARY: Okay.

7 SPEAKER ROSENBAUM: -- groundwater.

8 ALJ McGARY: Thank you very much. We are at
9 time, but does that conclude your comments?

10 SPEAKER ROSENBAUM: Yes, it does. Thank you.

11 ALJ McGARY: Okay. Thank you very much.

12 Operator, we're going to queue the next caller
13 for public comment.

14 THE OPERATOR: The next comment comes from
15 David McCade of San Diego. Your line is open.

16 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER McCADE

17 My name is David McCade. As a user, I'm just
18 concerned with the loss of nuclear sites. Where will
19 all the new generation of power come from? And if the
20 utilities are considering using more modern, more
21 compact -- much of the reactors are also nuclear. I'm a
22 huge proponent of nuclear as being the best source of
23 clean energy.

24 Of course, we can dispose of the waste
25 responsibly, and I'm just looking forward to the best,

1 most economic methods of generating electricity, but
2 find renewables to be very inefficient. Thank you.

3 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Mr. McCade. Does that
4 conclude your comment?

5 SPEAKER MCCADE: Yes.

6 ALJ MCGARY: Okay. Thank you very much for
7 participating today.

8 Operator, do we have another caller on the line
9 for public comment?

10 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. The next comment
11 comes from Chris Smith also of San Diego. Your line is
12 open.

13 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER SMITH

14 Hi. This is Chris Smith out of San Diego. I
15 drove past San Onofre this morning on my way to work.

16 I believe the CPUC should halt any additional
17 decommissioning at SONGS. The need for additional
18 electricity is abundantly clear, and -- renewables with
19 or without battery backup and the distribution
20 infrastructure. Spent fuels are stored onsite, so
21 there's no point in replicating a SONGS-like facility
22 elsewhere increasing the nuclear footprint. Thank you.

23 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Mr. McKay.

24 Before you go, can I -- I apologize -- can I
25 get the spelling of your first and last name.

1 SPEAKER SMITH: My name is not "McKay." That's
2 not my name.

3 ALJ McGARY: Is it -- so just the last name,
4 the spelling?

5 SPEAKER SMITH: I'm Chris Smith C-h-r-i-s
6 S-m-i-t-h. So simple.

7 ALJ McGARY: Oh, I'm sorry. You're correct --
8 me -- you're correct. Oh, sorry. Thank you. Chris --
9 Mr. Smith, does that conclude your comment?

10 SPEAKER SMITH: Yes. That's it.

11 ALJ McGARY: All right. Thank you for
12 participating today.

13 SPEAKER SMITH: Thanks for your time.

14 ALJ McGARY: Operator -- oh, you're welcome.

15 Operator, can we queue our next caller.

16 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. The next comment
17 comes from Glenn Howland, USD. Your line is open.

18 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER HOWLAND

19 Yes, I'm like --

20 ALJ McGARY: Before you get started -- Glenn
21 Howland, hi. This is Judge McGary. Can you give us the
22 first and -- the spelling of your first and last name.

23 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Yes --

24 (Audio failure.)

25 (Reporter clarification.)

1 ALJ McGARY: Mr. Howland, are you able to get
2 on a line with a better connection?

3 SPEAKER HOWLAND: This is this only -- this is
4 the only phone number I have that I'm calling from. I'm
5 on --

6 ALJ McGARY: Okay. It's clear now -- now --

7 SPEAKER HOWLAND: I dialed -- I dialed your --
8 that number, 1-800-857-1917.

9 ALJ McGARY: Okay. I think you're -- I think
10 right now, if you don't move or blink, you are coming
11 across pretty clear.

12 Court Reporter Ross Winters, is that a
13 better -- is that better?

14 THE REPORTER: It's okay now. Thank you.

15 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Okay.

16 ALJ McGARY: I think we're okay. I'm sorry.
17 We'll rewind just a little. Ground Hogs Day. Please
18 spell your first and your last name. Also, if you are a
19 public official, please let us know.

20 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Okay. I'm not a public
21 official. My name is Glenn Howland. I'm an educator.

22 ALJ McGARY: How do you spell your last name?

23 SPEAKER HOWLAND: H-o-w-l-a-n-d.

24 ALJ McGARY: Okay. All right. I think we can
25 go ahead and move forward with your comment.

1 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Yes. I'd like to comment
2 about -- I'd like to ask a question about the spent
3 fuel, spent radioactive fuel. When -- basically, when
4 they decommission -- when Southern California Edison and
5 SDG&E decommission the site, what's going to happen to
6 that fuel?

7 Is that fuel going remain on site or is it
8 going to be sent to, like, Yucca Mountain or another
9 mountain and dug deep -- deep underground? It's going
10 to be put deep -- you know, like a thousand -- thousand
11 feet below the surface? What's going to happen to it?

12 ALJ McGARY: So in today's public participation
13 hearing, we're not answering questions about the
14 application; however, Mr. Howland, we do have
15 representatives from SCE and SDG&E who would be
16 available to answer your questions about the
17 application.

18 If you're not on screen right now, I'm going to
19 go ahead and give you this information. For SCE, it's
20 Katie Chollet-Guibert. Her number is 949-317- --

21 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Wait a minute. I can't -- I
22 can't get this down. I have to get a pen. Wait a sec.

23 ALJ McGARY: Okay. Sure.

24 SPEAKER HOWLAND: The pen isn't working. Her
25 name is Katie Chollet-Guibert?

1 ALJ McGARY: It's Chollet-Guibert
2 C-h-o-l-l-e-t, hyphen, G-u-i-b-e-r-t.

3 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Okay. Wait a minute. I
4 can't -- I can't hear you.

5 ALJ McGARY: Uh-huh.

6 SPEAKER HOWLAND: C-h -- what?

7 ALJ McGARY: Yes, sir -- -e-t

8 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Okay.

9 ALJ McGARY: G-u-i-b-e-r-t.

10 SPEAKER HOWLAND: G-u-i -- what else?

11 ALJ McGARY: B, as in boy e-r-t, Guibert
12 G-u-i-b-e-r-t.

13 SPEAKER HOWLAND: I can't even write it down.
14 Okay. What's -- what's --

15 ALJ McGARY: So you don't run out of time, why
16 don't I give you the information for our Public Advisor
17 who can also share that information with you because
18 there are two contacts.

19 So let's go ahead and just give you our Public
20 Advisor's information and then we'll give you that
21 information to give them a call.

22 So the Public Advisor's number for the Public
23 Advisor at the CPUC is 866 --

24 SPEAKER HOWLAND: 866, yeah.

25 ALJ McGARY: 849.

1 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Yeah.

2 ALJ McGARY: And then the last four digits,
3 8390.

4 And they will be able to connect you with that
5 information as well. There's also webpage for the
6 public participation hearings. You can get some of that
7 contact information at cpuc.ca.gov --

8 SPEAKER HOWLAND: 1-866-849-8390?

9 ALJ McGARY: Yes, Mr. Howland.

10 SPEAKER HOWLAND: They should be able to answer
11 at this -- at this meeting -- at this meeting they
12 should able so answer what's going on with the
13 decommissioning as far as if it's -- what the -- what
14 the -- the radioactive -- the radioactive materials,
15 what's going to happen with that as well as the -- how
16 the site is going to be used after it's decommissioned.

17 ALJ McGARY: So as we noted --

18 SPEAKER HOWLAND: What's going to happen to the
19 site after they decommission the site? Is it going --

20 ALJ McGARY: Mr. Howland?

21 SPEAKER HOWLAND: -- to be another type of
22 reactor or what?

23 ALJ McGARY: Mr. Howland -- Mr. Howland --

24 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Yeah.

25 ALJ McGARY: It's Judge McGary again,

1 Mr. Howland. So in this particular proceeding today,
2 we're taking public comments.

3 As noted earlier on the record, we won't be
4 answering questions today. We're taking input from the
5 public. What you're bringing up is very relevant to the
6 proceeding. It's just in this particular public
7 participation hearing, we're not answering questions --

8 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Okay --

9 ALJ McGARY: -- but this information is
10 available in the record and also from SCE, SDG&E and
11 other resources that our Public Advisor can point you in
12 that direction --

13 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Okay. Okay. That's good. I
14 just wanted to find out what's going on with it. That's
15 all. Yeah. Okay.

16 ALJ McGARY: Of course. We really -- we
17 really --

18 (Crosstalk.)

19 ALJ McGARY: -- appreciate your participation
20 and comments.

21 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Okay. Well, thank you very
22 much. I appreciate it. It's -- I'm glad --

23 ALJ McGARY: Thank --

24 SPEAKER HOWLAND: -- hopefully it's successful.

25 ALJ McGARY: Well, thank you, Mr. Howland.

1 SPEAKER HOWLAND: Yes. Thank you.

2 (Crosstalk.)

3 ALJ McGARY: You're welcome.

4 We're going to go ahead and move on to the next
5 caller, but please do reach out to our Public Advisor
6 for resources.

7 MR. HOWLAND: Yeah, yeah, thanks.

8 ALJ McGARY: You're welcome.

9 Operator, can you queue our next caller for
10 public comment.]

11 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. The next comment
12 come from Robin Allen of Ontario.

13 Your line is open.

14 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER ALLEN

15 Hello.

16 ALJ McGARY: Hi, Robin Allen. This is
17 Judge McGary for your proceeding for this. Before you
18 get started, can you let us get your spelling of your
19 first and your last name and let us know if you're a
20 public official.

21 SPEAKER ALLEN: I am not a public official. My
22 first name is Robin just like a bird, R-o-b-i-n. My
23 last name is Allen, A-l-l-e-n, just like a man's name.

24 ALJ McGARY: Okay. Thanks, Ms. Allen. You can
25 proceed. Thank you.

1 SPEAKER ALLEN: Okay. My comment for the
2 proceeding is -- obviously you're not answering any
3 questions, so I can't ask that and I have the numbers in
4 order to go forward but my comment other than that is
5 for the cost.

6 Obviously if they've already got a hundred
7 percent share 2014 costs, and they're -- and they're not
8 asking for any increases, the people have already paid
9 for what has already been accumulated. If they already
10 have it, they've already accumulated and the people,
11 obviously the customers, have already paid for it.

12 So if they're going to do it that way, it
13 has -- people have to make a judgement call or make a
14 comment based on the numbers that are given, the number
15 should be capped.

16 If they gave us 2014 costs and said that they
17 will not be asking for any more, then cap it. And we
18 don't have to worry about if the numbers are correct or
19 incorrect, if they're inflated or deflated.

20 The reality is if those are the numbers that
21 we're making the decision on, then the number should be
22 capped.

23 That's my comment.

24 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Commenter Allen. Does
25 that -- let me also note again: Please do reach out to

1 the public advisor or the designated representatives,
2 SCE and SDG&E, to follow up on your questions or other
3 ways -- the public advisor can also let you know other
4 ways to continue to participate or provide written
5 comments.

6 Does that conclude your comments for today?

7 SPEAKER ALLEN: Yes, it does. Thank you.

8 ALJ MCGARY: Okay. Thank you very much for
9 your time and participation.

10 We're going to go ahead and move on to the next
11 caller. But, again, please do continue to participate.

12 Operator, can you queue our next person for
13 public comment?

14 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. The next comment
15 comes from Christine Lee (sic) of Chula Vista.

16 Ms. Lee, if you could spell your first and last
17 name, please.

18 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER LEES

19 Yeah, hi. My name is Christine Lees. My first
20 name is C-h-r-i-s-t-i-n-e, and my last name is L-e-e-s.

21 And you can hear me okay?

22 ALJ MCGARY: Yes. We can, Ms. Lees. This is
23 Judge McGary. Just also quickly we want to note whether
24 you're a public official.

25 SPEAKER LEES: No. I'm a senior citizen

1 resident of Chula Vista.

2 ALJ McGARY: Okay. So we can go ahead and --
3 you can go ahead and begin your comment.

4 SPEAKER LEES: Yeah, I was just wondering
5 because I think when I first moved into my apartment in
6 2020 I think I was just getting a bill for SDG&E. And
7 then all of a sudden I started getting a bill that said
8 SDG&E and then another part of the bill that said it was
9 to deliver the energy -- I mean deliver my electricity.
10 And so I was getting charged for SDG&E, and then I was
11 getting charged for the electricity to be delivered.
12 And I must have missed that meeting, but I absolutely do
13 not understand why I have to pay to get my energy
14 delivered, my electricity delivered. Before I have
15 always just had just an SDG&E bill.

16 And also --

17 ALJ McGARY: Let me interject really
18 (inaudible). I just want to interject really quickly.
19 Today's proceeding is actually about the San Onofre
20 Nuclear Generation Station in the Palo Verde.

21 If you are having some concerns with your bill
22 or other complaints related to other matters, I can give
23 you some resources. They're also projected on the
24 screen right now.

25 Did you have any comment today about the

1 nuclear decommissioning of SONGS or Palo Verde?

2 SPEAKER LEES: Yes, yes. Because I agree with
3 the other lady that if I -- I wish that we could have
4 just stayed with the nuclear and forget those windmills.
5 Those windmills I think are totally worthless. I mean,
6 I have no idea what the windmills are all about.

7 I just know that I agree with her. I want to
8 tell them what she said that they're ugly. They're
9 falling all over the land, and I just didn't understand
10 what that was all about, but I wish that they could have
11 kept San Onofre open.

12 And I'm not understanding why that's being
13 closed either, but I will take the number for -- to call
14 so I can get come things explained to me.

15 ALJ McGARY: Okay. So about SONGS? So for
16 your bill, the SCE phone number is (800)655-4555.

17 SPEAKER LEES: Okay.

18 ALJ McGARY: For SDG&E related to your bill or
19 service, it's (800)411-7343.

20 SPEAKER LEES: 7343.

21 ALJ McGARY: Yes, Ms. Lees.

22 Related to how you can further participate in
23 our proceeding or questions you might have, you can also
24 reach out to our Public Advisors Office at the CPUC,
25 which can provide direction or resources for you to

1 participate in this SONGS proceeding A.24-12-003. And
2 that phone number is (866)849-8390. There's also an
3 email, which is -- it's just public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

4 (Crosstalk.)

5 ALJ McGARY: -- other resources too.

6 SPEAKER LEES: Okay. Public.advisor -- what
7 was the rest of it?

8 ALJ McGARY: @cpuc.ca.gov.

9 (Crosstalk.)

10 ALJ McGARY: And if you are joining us by --

11 (Crosstalk.)

12 ALJ McGARY: Apologies. If you are viewing us
13 on Admin Monitor right now, which is a video webcast,
14 that -- the slide that's projected also has that
15 information, and we're going to leave that up throughout
16 the rest of the PPH.

17 SPEAKER LEES: Okay. Thank you very much. I
18 appreciate it.

19 ALJ McGARY: Thank you, Commenter Lees. Does
20 that conclude your comment about SONGS and Palo Verde
21 decommissioning?

22 SPEAKER LEES: Yes.

23 ALJ McGARY: Okay. Thanks again. Thank you
24 again.

25 We're going to move to the next commenter.

1 Operator, can you queue the next caller?

2 THE OPERATOR: Thank you.

3 I would like to remind parties that if you
4 would like to make a comment, please press star-one on
5 your phone. Please ensure that your phone is unmuted
6 and state your name and location (indecipherable).

7 Let's go with our next comment comes from Grace
8 Valdez of Santa Ana.

9 Ms. Valdez, if you could please spell your
10 first and last name.

11 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER VALDEZ

12 Yes. My first name is Grace, G-r-a-c-e. Last
13 name Valdez, V, as in victory, a-l-d-e-z.

14 ALJ MCGARY: Ms. Valdez, hi. Good afternoon.
15 This is Judge McGary. Thank you very much for joining
16 us. Are you -- I just want to clarify whether you're a
17 public official.

18 SPEAKER VALDEZ: I am not a public official.
19 Just a deeply concerned resident from Santa Ana. I am
20 deeply -- my comments -- I am deeply concerned about the
21 lack of transparency in this process. SCE and SDG&E are
22 asking us to approve -- or are asking CPUC to approve
23 billions of dollars in nuclear decommissioning costs,
24 but the public has not been given a clear detailed
25 breakdown on how that money was spent or how future

1 costs will be managed.

2 We're being told there's no rate increase at
3 this time, but we all know that once these costs are
4 approved, the burden eventually gets passed on to us.
5 We've seen this happen over and over again. So as a
6 resident of California, I am deeply concerned about
7 this.

8 Now, another thing is once these costs are
9 approved, like I said, the burden gets passed on to us,
10 the ratepayers. And without real transparency or
11 oversight, we have no way of knowing whether this
12 spending is justified, inflated, or just wasteful. So
13 that's also very concerning to me.

14 If the CPUC is serious about public
15 participation, then the public deserves a clear --
16 deserves clear answers, itemized data, and
17 accountability, not vague numbers and rubber stamp
18 approvals.

19 We should not be asked to trust blindly when
20 our household budgets are on the line. That is not fair
21 to us or our families, and this is going to conclude my
22 comment.

23 ALJ McGARY: Well, thank you very much for your
24 comment. We do appreciate your time and you taking the
25 time to login to give us input, and we're going to go

1 ahead move on the next caller. Please do continue to
2 participate in our proceeding. There's a public comment
3 tab as well on the website and there's also resources
4 the public advisor may be able to give you to get some
5 of the links to the data that you're talking about.

6 Operator, can we go ahead and queue the next
7 caller?

8 THE OPERATOR: At this time, we have no further
9 public comments from the phone.

10 ALJ MCGARY: Okay. So I believe what we'd like
11 to do, Operator, is let's go ahead and take a
12 five-minute break until 3:15. Can you also put up a
13 slide letting the public know we're at break. And we'll
14 come back at 3:15 and see if there are other commenters
15 who had an opportunity to get in the queue.

16 We're off the record.

17 (Off the record.)

18 ALJ MCGARY: The time is 3:15 -- actually it's
19 now 3:16. We just took a very short five-minute break
20 to allow time for additional callers to get in queue for
21 public comment for the public participation hearing for
22 A.24-12-003, Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial
23 proceeding.

24 We do not currently have additional callers in
25 queue. I would, however, like to take another -- if

1 that's acceptable for Chief Smith and Commissioner
2 Houck's Office to allow additional callers to call in.

3 Chief Smith, are you still there on the line?

4 MR. SMITH: I'm here. I'm amenable to taking
5 another five minutes or however long you want.

6 ALJ McGARY: Okay. Thank you.

7 Let's take -- actually let's go ahead and
8 take -- we'll take a break until 3:30. That's actually
9 13 minutes so we don't have a Ground Hog Day situation.
10 And then we'll comeback at 3:30. At that time, we'll
11 decide whether we can move forward or take -- or adjourn
12 for the day.

13 Chief Stacey and Court Reporter Ross-Winters,
14 we are off record, and we will be back at 3:30.

15 (Off the record.)

16 ALJ McGARY: We are now back on record.

17 The time is 3:30. We have -- oh, I'm sorry,
18 Operator.

19 Are you queued up as well?

20 THE OPERATOR: Yes. The line is now open.

21 ALJ McGARY: Thank you very much.

22 The time is 3:30 we are now back on record for
23 the public participation hearing for the joint
24 application of Southern California Edison Company and
25 San Diego Gas & Electric Company 2024 Nuclear

1 Decommission Cost Triennial Proceeding Application
2 24-12-003.

3 We took a short break -- excuse me -- 3:17 to
4 3:30 to allow additional time for callers to get in
5 queue for public comment, and now we are back on record.

6 Operator, can you queue the next public
7 commenter?

8 THE OPERATOR: Thank you.

9 The next comment comes from Shabnam Dewji of
10 Fullerton.

11 Your line is open.

12 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER DEWJI

13 Thank you for taking my call.

14 ALJ MCGARY: This is Judge McGary. Before you
15 get started, can we get the spelling of your first and
16 last name and whether you are a public official?

17 SPEAKER DEWJI: I am not a public official.
18 Just a concerned resident. My first name is S-h-a-b, as
19 in boy, n-a-m, Shabnam. The last name is D-e-w-j-i,
20 Dewji.

21 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Commenter Dewji. And I
22 just want to make sure to clarify that there were a
23 couple commenters. We are taking comment about the
24 SONGS proceeding today, SONGS in Palo Verde
25 decommissioning.

1 Other items we can give you information and
2 resources to contact for assistance, but today we are
3 limiting comments to just the SONGS proceeding and the
4 Palo Verde proceeding.

5 And so go ahead and continue.

6 SPEAKER DEWJI: Thank you. My comment is of
7 course the safety of all the residents in our state.
8 The nuclear facilities that are being decommissioned
9 somebody earlier made a comment about storage and fuel.
10 It is a very good big concern for me. Our grandchildren
11 and children are here. They have to utilize and drink
12 the water.

13 And personally I've been an Edison customer for
14 the last 40 years, and honestly my trust level has gone
15 down significantly. We try to do our best to do well to
16 the environment. We've used solar the last eight years;
17 and because we still have to be on the grid, we continue
18 to absorb some of these ridiculous costs that are being
19 approved.

20 So that is my comment. Safety first. Cost no
21 matter what we do as concerned environmental citizens,
22 and thank you for this opportunity to make this comment.

23 ALJ McGARY: Well, thank you very much,
24 Commenter Dewji. We thank you again for taking time out
25 of your day to comment. Does that conclude your comment

1 for today?

2 SPEAKER DEWJI: Yes, it does. Thank you.

3 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you. Have a good day.

4 Operator, can you queue our next public
5 commenter?

6 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. The next comment
7 comes from Brian Middleton of Irvine, California.

8 Sir, if you could please spell your first and
9 last name?

10 STATEMENT OF SPEAKER MIDDLETON

11 Brian Middleton, B-r-i-a-n M-i-d-d-l-e-t-o-n.

12 I'm in Irvine, California, and I'm not a public
13 official.

14 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Commenter Middleton.
15 We are getting a little bit of background noise. Maybe
16 sounds like it's wind. Do you have the ability to
17 maybe -- that's a little better, yes.

18 SPEAKER MIDDLETON: I can head in, in a second.
19 Give me one second.

20 ALJ MCGARY: Okay.

21 Chief Stacey, are you able to hear
22 Mr. Middleton?

23 THE REPORTER: (Indicating.)

24 SPEAKER MIDDLETON: Is this better?

25 ALJ MCGARY: That is better. Thank you,

1 Mr. Middleton.

2 SPEAKER MIDDLETON: My comment is regarding the
3 decommissioning of the SONGS station; and what seems to
4 be a one direction approach in California to increase
5 the amount of electrical power available to the citizens
6 all while increasing the demand by prompting people to
7 buy electric vehicles and other energy-resource
8 intensive clean aspect of life.

9 So my comment is that the long-term thinking
10 needs to be done on where this energy is going to come
11 from. Because solar and wind power is not making up the
12 difference, and that's painfully obvious. I think the
13 officials in this state need to re-prioritize certain
14 things. The environment, cost, and California's future.

15 And that is the end of my comment.

16 ALJ MCGARY: Okay. Well, thank you very much,
17 Mr. Middleton, for taking time to give us input today.
18 Please do continue to participate in our proceeding, and
19 we're going to move to the next caller, but, again,
20 thank you.

21 Operator, can you queue or next commenter.

22 THE OPERATOR: Thank you. At this time, there
23 are no further comments.

24 ALJ MCGARY: Okay. So, Chief Smith from
25 Commissioner Houck's Office, would you like to make some

1 concluding remarks before we adjourn, or is it
2 preferable to take another short break? I think at this
3 point we've taken two breaks totalling about 18 minutes.

4 MR. SMITH: I'll leave it to your discretion
5 whether or not to take another break.

6 ALJ McGARY: Okay. We're going to go ahead and
7 take -- this one is going to be much shorter. A
8 four-minute break. We'll take a break until 3:40. At
9 that time if we don't have additional callers, the plan
10 is to go ahead and adjourn.

11 So, Chief Stacey, we are off record.

12 (Off the record.)

13 ALJ McGARY: Good afternoon. We're back on
14 record for the public participation hearing in
15 Application 24-12-003. We took a short break until 3:40
16 to allow time for additional public comment. At this
17 time, we do not have any additional public comment.

18 We will move to Chief of Staff Victor Smith
19 from Commissioner Houck's Office for some final remarks.

20 Chief Smith.

21 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Judge McGary. I'll
22 conclude today by thanking our court reporters; our IT
23 staff; Public Advisors Office; and you, Judge McGary,
24 for managing today's proceeding.

25 And I will again note that Commissioner Houck

1 will be reviewing the transcript of today.

2 Thank you so such much.

3 ALJ MCGARY: Thank you, Chief Smith.

4 I also thank you to Chief Smith and
5 Commissioner Houck's Office. I also look forward to
6 working with you in our proceeding.

7 I'd also like to thank everyone from the public
8 today for participating. We very much appreciate that
9 you took time out of your day to participate in the
10 proceeding with us. We encourage you to continue to
11 participate or reach out to our website or the Public
12 Advisors Office for additional resources to do so.

13 I'd also like to thank our court reporters,
14 Shannon Ross-Winters, Chief Reporter Jason Stacey; our
15 IT staff, Mr. Hernandez, Robert Stanford; and a host of
16 other people in the background that a lot of people
17 don't know makes this happen for us.

18 I'd also like to thank the Public Advisor team.
19 They've been incredibly supportive by Elaina Sanchez,
20 Eric Sawyer, and their full team for their support in
21 this proceeding as well.

22 This concludes the 2:00 p.m. public
23 participation hearing for the July 16th, 2025. Please
24 note we will be in person again tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.
25 and 6:00 p.m. at the San Clemente Council Chamber. That

1 information is also available on our public
2 participation website on cpuc.ca.gov.

3 We do hope that you participate or appear if
4 you are able. If you are not able to attend in person
5 tomorrow, I direct you again to the docket tab for this
6 proceeding -- excuse me -- the public comment tab on our
7 docket for this proceeding, and that number again is
8 A.24-12-003.

9 And we are adjourned and off the record.

10 (At the hour of 3:44 p.m., this matter having
11 been continued to 2:00 p.m. July 17, 2025,
12 the Commission then adjourned.)

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