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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Joint Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) For the 2024 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding.

Application 24-12-003

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING ALLIANCE FOR NUCLEAR RESPONSIBILITY'S MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AND NOTICING IN-PERSON ORAL ARGUMENT, AND RELATED DEADLINES

Summary

This Ruling grants *Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility's Motion for Oral Argument* filed in the above captioned Application 24-12-003 on January 15, 2026. It also sets and notices oral argument for August 10, 2026 (1:00 pm) at the California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco Headquarters and provides instructions for Applicants and Intervenor Parties to request leave to address the Commission during oral argument.

Background

On December 6, 2024, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed the *Joint Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) And San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) For The 2024 Nuclear Decommission Cost Triennial Proceeding* (Application (A.) 24-12-003 or Application) with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC). In the Application, SCE and SDG&E seek

Commission review and determination of reasonableness of 1) decommissioning cost estimates (DCE), 2) decommissioning activities, and 3) actual decommissioning costs incurred related to the San Onfre Nuclear Generation Station (SONGS)¹ and the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Facility (PVNGS) for the 2021-2023 review period (2024 NDCTP).² Pursuant to the California Nuclear Facility Decommissioning Act of 1985, Commission authorization is required to set the annual revenue requirement for the nuclear decommissioning expenditures of nuclear power plants owned by regulated utilities in California.³

Commissioner Darcie L. Houck and Administrative Law Judge Andrea D. McGary were assigned to this A.24-12-003 proceeding on January 17, 2025. Current parties include Applicants SCE and SDG&E and Intervenors Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility (A4NR),⁴ The Utility Reform Network (TURN),⁵ and the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates).⁶

¹ SONGS Units 1, 2 and 3 are located in Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Region IV near Camp Pendleton in Orange County, California. SONGS 1, 2, and 3 are co-owned by Applicants SCE and SDG&E, both of which are privately owned investor utilities regulated by the CPUC. Municipalities City of Riverside (1.79%) and City of Anaheim (2.47%), California also collectively hold a 4.26 % minority interest in decommissioning cost liability for SONGS 2 and SONGS 3. See Application at 1-3.

² PVNGS Units 1, 2 and 3 are located in Tonopah, Arizona and co-owned by Applicant SCE and the Arizona Public Service. The Arizona Public Service is not a CPUC regulated utility.

³ California Public Utilities Code, Division 4.1, Chapter 6, Sections 8321 through 8330.

⁴ See *Alliance For Nuclear Responsibility's Protest* (January 10, 2025).

⁵ See *Protest Of The Utility Reform Network* (January 10, 2025).

⁶ See *Protest of The Public Advocates Office* (January 10, 2025).

Pursuant to Party stipulations and Judge McGary's Rulings, in-person hearings in this matter were taken off-calendar and vacated.⁷ Admission of evidence into the A.24-12-003 record is currently proceeding by a document only process.⁸ At this time, A.24-12-003 is categorized as ratesetting proceeding and the record consists of docketed pleadings, stipulated exhibits, transcripts, and opening and closing briefs.⁹

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rule(s)) 13.14 (b), a party in a ratesetting proceeding may request oral argument before a quorum of the Commission,¹⁰ provided any such motion is filed no later than the deadline for opening briefs. In conjunction with its January 15, 2026, opening brief, Intervenor A4NR filed a timely motion for oral argument in this A.24-12-003 proceeding.¹¹

Supplement of the evidentiary record is currently pending,¹² with the record projected to close after resolution of any Rule 13.14 oral argument matters.¹³

⁷ See *Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Off-Calendar Evidentiary Hearings And Joint Party Request For Document Only Evidence Process.*

⁸ See *Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Regarding Document Only Evidence Process and Briefing Schedule* (October 2, 2025).

⁹ See Resolution ALJ 176-3557 (January 16, 2025). See also *Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Entering Stipulated Exhibits Into The Evidentiary Record* (January 13, 2026).

¹⁰ A quorum is public meeting where at least three of the five Commissioners are present. (Cal. Pub. Util. Code Section 130102).

¹¹ See *Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility's Motion for Oral Argument* (January 15, 2026).

¹² See *Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Ordering Joint Applicants Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric To Supplement The Record Regarding U.S. Department of Energy Spent Nuclear Fuel Litigation* (June 19, 2026).

¹³ See Commission Rule 13.15 (*Submission and Reopening Record*).

RULING

Good cause appearing, it is hereby Ordered as follows:

1. *Alliance For Nuclear Responsibility's Motion For Oral Argument* filed in Application (A.) 24-12-003 on January 15, 2026 is hereby GRANTED.
2. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California has set In-Person Only Oral Arguments in A.24-12-003 before Assigned Commissioner Darcie L. Houck, Assigned Administrative Law Judge Andrea D. McGary, and a quorum of Commissioners as follows:

- **Date: August 10, 2026**
- **Time: 1:00 pm (Pacific)**
- **Location:**

**Auditorium
California Public Utilities Commission
San Francisco Headquarters
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Commissioner Quorum: A quorum of Commissioners will be present, but no decisions will be issued by the Commissioners during the Oral Argument proceeding.

3. Participation Instructions:
 - a. Limitations:
 - i. Only persons or entities with Party Status on the A.24-12-003 Official Service will be permitted to make Oral Argument.
 - ii. Each Party will be allowed one speaker per initial statement and one speaker per response to initial statement; but joint statements are permitted and encouraged.
 - iii. Oral Argument will be In-Person Only. No remote dial-in appearances or video conference appearances will be permitted. Time limits per speaker are

specified in the tentative speaking order section hereinbelow.

- iv. Scope of oral argument is limited to 1) the content of the Proposed Decision and 2) any matter in the June 3, 2025 *Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo* in this A.24-12-003 proceeding.
- b. Speaker Permissions: Parties who wish to address the Commission during Oral Argument must send an email to Proceeding Analysts Melissa Wang and Christina Dang at Melissa.Wang@cpuc.ca.gov **on or before July 20, 2026 (5:00 pm)**, with a cc to the A.24-12-003 Official Service List, as to the following matters:
 - i. Length: Estimated length of each oral argument statement, within the time limits specified hereinbelow.
 - ii. Representation:
 - Name of Oral Argument Speaker or Representative.
 - Law Firm or Business.
 - Address.
 - Telephone number.
 - Email address.
 - Fax number.
 - Party Represented.
- c. Speaking Order: In the event all Joint Applicants and Intervenors are granted permission to address the Commission, the tentative speaking order will be:
 - i. Initial Statements
 - Joint Applicants:
 1. Southern California Edison Company (SCE)
[10-minute limit]
 2. San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)
[10-minute limit]

Intervenors:

3. Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility (A4NR)
[10-minute limit]
4. The Utility Reform Network (TURN)
[10-minute limit]
5. Public Advocates Office at the California Public
Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates)
[10-minute limit]

ii. Response to Initial Statements

Joint Applicants:

1. SCE
[5-minute limit]
2. SDG&E
[5-minute limit]

Intervenors:

3. A4NR [5-minute limit]
4. TURN [5-minute limit]
5. Cal Advocates [5-minute limit]

iii. Joint Applicants Final Statement

1. SCE
[3-minute limit]
2. SDG&E
[3-minute limit]

d. Optional Illustrative Aide:

- i. Any Party that provides Analyst Wang and Analyst Dang with a timely request to speak, may provide a single slide in Microsoft PowerPoint (ppt) format with the name and business logo of the represented Party for display during their respective oral argument statements. The ppt slide must be submitted by email to Analysts Melissa Wang and Christina Dang at Melissa.Wang@cpuc.ca.gov **on or before 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2026.**

- ii. The assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge will review any timely requests received by Analyst Wang and Analyst Dang and make the final determination to allow or disallow use of any proposed in-person illustrative aide

e. Transcripts:

- i. The Oral Argument proceeding will be transcribed by a Court Reporter. During the Oral Argument, each time a participant speaks, they will be required to identify themselves for the record.
- ii. Parties desiring expedited transcripts should advise the Commission's Chief Hearing Reporter via e-mail at reporting@cpuc.ca.gov, no later than five (5) Court days prior to the Oral Argument proceeding.

4. Accessibility:

If you plan to attend and have questions about reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities or need specialized accommodations, you are encouraged to contact the Commission's Public Advisor's Office at least five (5) Court days before the Oral Argument. The Public Advisor's Office can be reached by telephone at 866-849-8390 or 866-836-7825 (TTY), or by email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

If necessary, the Commission may modify or supplement these instructions as needed to facilitate efficient resolution of the proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated June 30, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANDREA D. MCGARY

Andrea D. McGary

Administrative Law Judge