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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (“SoCalGas”) and SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (“SDG&E”)** hereby gives notice of the ex parte communication in the above captioned proceeding.

WHO INITATED COMMUNICATION:

- SoCalGas and SDG&E

DATE AND TIME OF THE ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time/Location</u>	<u>Commissioner Office</u>	<u>CPUC Attendees</u>	<u>SoCalGas/SDGE Attendees</u>
Tuesday, 8/4/26	1:30 pm (Webex) Meeting lasted approximately 30 min	Commissioner Baker	Manisha Lakhanpal , Advisor Justin Ong , Chief of Staff	Yvonne Peña , Director – Regulatory Affairs Jamie York , Director – General Rate Case and Revenue Requirements
Wednesday, 8/5/26	4:00 pm (Webex) Meeting lasted approximately 15 min	Commissioner Douglas	Jesus Gaona Perez , Advisor Kourtney Vacarro , Chief of Staff	Yvonne Peña , Director – Regulatory Affairs Jamie York , Director – General Rate Case and Revenue Requirements

Thursday, 8/6/26	11:00 am (Webex) Meeting lasted approximately 15 min	President Reynolds	Seina Soufiani , Advisor	Yvonne Peña , Director – Regulatory Affairs Jamie York , Director – General Rate Case and Revenue Requirements
Friday, 8/7/26	10:00 am (Webex) Meeting lasted approximately 15 min	Commissioner Houck	Audrey Neuman , Energy Advisor Victor Smith , Deputy Chief of Staff	Yvonne Peña , Director – Regulatory Affairs Jamie York , Director – General Rate Case and Revenue Requirements

During these communications, SoCalGas and SDG&E discussed other proceedings, and a similar notice is being filed and served concurrently in A.26-05-002, A.25-12-019, and A.25-12-012.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ORAL COMMUNICATION:

SoCalGas and SDG&E initiated the discussion to express their concern and opposition to the Motion to Consolidate (dated July 20, 2026) several major utility applications filed by the Public Advocates Office (“Cal Advocates”), including the Smart Meter (“SM”) 2.0 Proposal (Application (“A.”) 25-12-012), SoCalGas’s Advanced Meter Infrastructure Replacement (“AMIR”) Project (A.25-12-019), and the Joint Utilities’ SAP Migration Program (A.26-05-002) into the recently filed and consolidated Test Year 2028 General Rate Case (“TY 2028 GRC,” A.26-06-014 and A.26-06-015).

These independently filed applications are already subject to extensive regulatory review through separate proceedings that include discovery, testimony, evidentiary hearings, and stakeholder participation. Consolidation would not increase transparency or oversight. Instead, combining the proceedings would significantly increase procedural complexity, delay critical decisions, and postpone investments that are essential to maintaining reliability, safety, cybersecurity, and operational continuity.

Ms. Peña emphasized that Smart Meter 2.0 and AMIR address aging infrastructure that is approaching end-of-life and increasingly vulnerable to failures. Delaying approval risks higher maintenance costs, service disruptions, billing inaccuracies, and increased long-term customer costs resulting from a reactive rather than proactive replacement strategy. Similarly, the SAP Migration Program is a necessary transition from an enterprise resource planning platform that is nearing the end of vendor support. Delays in that project would increase cybersecurity, compliance, financial reporting, and operational risks.

Ms. York explained that consolidation would prejudice the broader 2028 GRC by introducing unnecessary delays and complexity. Incorporating the three applications into the

GRC would require extensive revisions to testimony, workpapers, revenue requirements, rate base, depreciation, tax calculations, and post-test-year ratemaking analyses for both SoCalGas and SDG&E. SoCalGas and SDG&E noted that their last GRC decision was delayed approximately one year – further delays would undermine the Commission's stated objective of minimizing regulatory lag and providing a fair and efficient ratemaking process.

WRITTEN DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:

None

Respectfully submitted,

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