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## **CPUC CONTINUES WORK TO HELP LOWER CUSTOMER BILLS BY REDUCING SEASONAL DIFFERENTIAL FOR SDG&E**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11, 2020 – The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today continued its work to mitigate high customer utility bills by reducing the seasonal differential from San Diego Gas & Electric’s (SDG&E) residential default time-of-use rates in order to help reduce summer bills.

The CPUC previously declined to eliminate the high usage charge for SDG&E’s residential tiered rate customers with very high electricity usage, and instead ordered SDG&E to consider eliminating the seasonal differential in its residential rates, as the record demonstrated that such elimination would more effectively address seasonal bill volatility. Today’s decision approves SDG&E’s proposal to reduce the seasonal differential for SDG&E’s default time-of-use rates, reduces summer rates, and increases winter rates by 4-5 percent. The resulting estimated typical bill impacts, starting July 1, 2020, are:

- Residential Customers: From \$183.43 to \$175.02 per month in summer and from \$137.05 to \$143.17 per month in winter.
- Residential customers on the low income program CARE: From \$84.06 to \$79.88 per month in summer and from \$65.05 to \$67.87 per month in winter.

“This will have the practical effect of reducing summer bills by four to five percent for most SDG&E residential time-of-use customers, starting July 1, and will mitigate bills, as many continue to work from home and practice social distancing,” said Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma.

Today’s decision builds on prior CPUC Decisions in this proceeding to help reduce rates. Last month the CPUC modified the high usage charge so that it became 25 percent of the Tier 2 price per



kilowatt-hour to address increases in residential electricity usage related to the COVID-19 emergency. In April, the CPUC approved SDG&E’s proposal to remove the seasonal differential from residential tiered rates, effective June 1.

“This is the third Decision since April in this proceeding, all geared towards providing customers with bill relief during these turbulent times,” said Commissioner Shiroma. “Our previous two decisions instituted a temporary reduction of the high usage charge for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, SDG&E, and Southern California Edison customers through October 2020, and a separate decision removed the seasonal differential for SDG&E residential customers on tiered rates.”

The proposal voted on is available at

<https://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M339/K542/339542889.PDF>.

Documents related to the proceeding are available at

[https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5\\_PROCEEDING\\_SELECT:A1909014](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1909014).

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