

Decision 26-05-036

May 14, 2026

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) for Approval of its Demand Response Programs, Pilots and Budgets for Program Years 2023-2027.

Application 22-05-002

And Related Matters.

Application 22-05-003

Application 22-05-004

**ORDER MODIFYING DECISION 25-10-004 AND DENYING REHEARING OF THE DECISION, AS MODIFIED**

**I. SUMMARY**

This Order modifies Decision 25-10-004 and denies rehearing of the decision, as modified.

**II. BACKGROUND**

In 2022, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed Application (A.) 22-05-003, its Demand Response (DR) portfolio application for 2023-2027 which, among other requests, asked that the Commission allow SDG&E to discontinue support for certain home area network devices known as ZigBee, as of December 2023. In Decision (D.) 22-12-009 issued December 1, 2022, the Commission addressed 2023 DR Bridge Year funding and granted SDG&E’s request to discontinue ZigBee support, finding that SDG&E’s new smart meter customers will not be utilizing ZigBee Technology (Finding of Fact (FOF) 14) and that for SDG&E customers, there has been a decreasing use of ZigBee technology among new customers for communicating meter data (FOF 15). The Commission concluded it is reasonable to discontinue ZigBee Technology support for SDG&E (Conclusion of Law 23).

On February 19, 2025, Clean Energy Alliance, San Diego Community Power, and Mission:data Coalition, Inc. (collectively, Petitioners) filed a petition for modification (Petition or PFM) of D.22-12-009 after SDG&E's application for Wi-Fi-enabled (2.0) Smart Meters (in its General Rate Case) was denied as incomplete in December 2024 by D.24-12-074. The Petition argued that D.22-12-009's approval for SDG&E to discontinue funding ZigBee technology support was premised on the near-term rollout of new smart meters that would utilize Wi-Fi instead of ZigBee connectivity. (Petition, pp. 7, 28.)

D.25-10-004 (the PFM decision) considered the parties' arguments and denied the Petition, exercising Commission discretion under Rule 16.4(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The PFM decision found that Petitioners failed to justify the filing of the Petition more than one year after the effective date of D.22-12-009 as required by Rule 16.4(d). (D.25-10-004 at 16, FOF 4.) Petitioners then filed an application for rehearing on November 12, 2025, and SDG&E filed its response on December 1, 2025.

### III. DISCUSSION

We have carefully considered all the arguments presented by the application for rehearing and the response and are of the opinion that good cause for rehearing has not been shown. Denial of the Petition under Rule 16.4(d) was a proper exercise of the Commission's discretion. However, some language in D.25-10-004 is unnecessary and will be deleted herein. Further, the request for oral argument is denied. Rehearing of the PFM decision as modified below is denied.

### IV. CONCLUSION

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Section 6 of Decision 25-10-004 titled "Substantive Analysis of the Petition" is deleted.
2. The following language is added to Section 5.4. Conclusion of Decision 25-10-004 after the first sentence:

SDG&E and the Petitioners both note that SDG&E will be filing an application for the smart meter 2.0 program in the near future. Waiting until the next application cycle when a record can be developed and other alternatives can be proposed is the appropriate course of action.

3. In Section 8. Comments on Proposed Decision of Decision 25-10-004, the first three sentences from the second paragraph are deleted.

4. The request for oral argument is denied.

5. As modified above, rehearing of Decision 25-10-004 is denied.

6. These proceedings, Application 22-05-002 et al., are closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated May 14, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN J.D. REYNOLDS

President

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Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew Baker  
recused himself and did not participate  
in the vote of this item.