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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure, **SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (“SDG&E”)** (**U 902 M**) hereby gives notice of the ex parte communication meetings regarding the above captioned proceeding.

DATES AND TIMES OF THE ORAL COMMUNICATION:

Meetings lasted approximately 25-30 minutes.

Thursday, April 28, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. (Simon)
- 4:00 pm. (Tsfai / Choing)

Friday, April 29, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. (Sotero)

LOCATION:

- Webex / Teleconference Dial-in

WHO INITIATED COMMUNICATION:

- SDG&E

NAMES AND TITLES OF NON-CPUC PARTICIPANTS:

From SDG&E —

- Bruce Folkmann, President and CFO
- Valerie Bille, VP Controller & Chief Accounting Officer
- Jamie York, Director of GRC & Revenue Requirements
- Shivani Sidhar, Director of Regulatory Affairs (4/28@4:00 p.m. and 4/29@10:00 a.m. ONLY)
- Kari Kloberdanz-Yu, Manager of Regulatory Relations (4/28@8:30 a.m. ONLY)

NAMES AND TITLES OF CPUC PARTICIPANTS:

- Sean Simon, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Cliff Rechtschaffen (4/28@8:30 a.m.)
- Leuwam Tesfai, Chief of Staff and Legal Advisor to Commissioner Genevieve Shiroma; Kelsey Choing, Energy and Water Advisor to Commissioner G. Shiroma (4/28@4:00 p.m.)
- Maria Sotero, Advisor to Commissioner John Reynolds (4/29@10:00 a.m.)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ORAL COMMUNICATION:

All three discussions were substantially similar in nature and SDG&E walked through the slides included in Attachment A.

SDG&E summarized the original Application request to amortize 50% of the recorded balances in the Wildfire Mitigation Plan Memorandum Accounts (WMPMA) from 2019-2023. SDG&E expressed concern with the direction the ALJ took in the proposed decision (PD) as testimony was not rebutted and the PD did not align with the Commission's past precedent for interim rate relief mechanisms. For example, (1) a similar mechanism for SDG&E's and SoCalGas's Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan (PSEP) was approved, and (2) PG&E was authorized interim recovery of a dollar amount that represented 55% of incremental wildfire-

related regulatory accounts. SDG&E communicated concerns with the incorrect findings the PD makes regarding utility financial health and explained the different factors that impact Moody's credit rating (including the regulatory environment) as well as how accumulation of under collected balances could expose SDG&E to additional financial risk.

SDG&E stressed that having a financially healthy utility is also a benefit to ratepayers. SDG&E further explained the differences between the recovery timeframes as proposed by SDG&E's Application and that described in the PD. SDG&E's interim recovery proposal stretches out recovery in smaller increments and will alleviate rate pressure in the future by putting a portion of wildfire mitigation costs into rates sooner. SDG&E estimates that ratepayers would save approximately \$40 million in interest expense if recovery is delayed consistent with the PD. As an alternative to the PD, SDG&E requested that the Commission consider TURN's alternative proposal as provided in briefs.

WRITTEN DOCUMENTS PROVIDED:

- Yes, filed with this Notice as Attachment A

Dated on the 3rd day of May 2022 at San Francisco, California.

Respectfully submitted,

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