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ADVICE LETTER 2208-E (U902-E)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ERRA TRIGGER/THRESHOLD SELF-CORRECTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH D.07-05-008

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to notify the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) that San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) balance exceeds its 4% trigger but remains under the 5% threshold. However, SDG&E projects the balance will self-correct below the 4% trigger within 120 days, in compliance with Decision 07-05-008.

BACKGROUND

D.02-10-062 established an ERRA trigger mechanism that required SDG&E to file an expedited application for Commission approval to adjust its rates within 60 days from the filing date whenever the ERRA balance reaches 4% of its prior year's recorded generation revenues, excluding revenues collected for the DWR, and is forecasted to exceed 5%. D.07-05-008 authorized SDG&E to notify the Commission by advice letter, rather than application, whenever its ERRA balance exceeded its trigger point of 4% if SDG&E's forecasts show that the ERRA balance would self-correct below the trigger within 120 days of the filing and a rate change would not be necessary. SDG&E is required to provide the necessary documentation supporting its proposal not to change rates.

SDG&E's recorded ERRA balance as of October 31, 2010 is a \$47.8 million overcollection, which is above the 4% trigger amount of \$44.4 million¹. SDG&E currently forecasts that this balance will exceed the 4% trigger until the end of November 2010, but is expected to self correct below the 4% trigger in December 2010. This is due to a forecasted decrease in seasonal revenues during the winter months as well as an increase in expenses resulting from higher gas prices. Because the balance remains under the 5% threshold for October 2010 actual results and the forecasted balance over the next 120 days, a rate change is not necessary. In addition, SDG&E filed Advice Letter (AL) 2201-E² to advise the Commission of its intent to include the forecasted year-end balance (projected to be below the 4% trigger) to be amortized in rates January 1, 2011³.

In compliance with D.07-05-008, SDG&E submits as Attachment A to this filing, documentation supporting SDG&E's monthly ERRA revenue collections and trigger calculations projecting a self-correction within 120 days.

¹ SDG&E's 2010 trigger and threshold amounts of \$44.4 million and \$55.4 million, respectively, were approved in Advice Letter 2147-E, effective February 16, 2010.

² SDG&E filed AL 2201-E on October 29, 2010 and is pending approval.

³ Pursuant to D.09-04-021, SDG&E shall include the ERRA year-end balance, if that balance is below the 5% trigger threshold, in rates on January 1 of each year through the regulatory account update filing.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

SDG&E believes this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition, and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B. SDG&E respectfully requests that this advice letter be approved effective December 22, 2010, thirty days from the date filed.

PROTEST

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be made in writing and must be received by December 13, 2010, 20 days from the date this Advice Letter was filed with the Commission. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

CPUC Energy Division Attention: Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Honesto Gatchalian (<u>ini@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) and Maria Salinas (<u>mas@cpuc.ca.gov</u>) of the Energy Division. A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail <u>and</u> facsimile to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

Attn: Megan Caulson Regulatory Tariff Manager 8330 Century Park Court, Room 32C San Diego, CA 92123-1548 Facsimile No. (858) 654-1788 E-mail: mcaulson@semprautilities.com

NOTICE

A copy of this filing has been served on the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including interested parties to service list A.06-12-009 by either providing them a copy electronically or by mailing them a copy hereof, properly stamped and addressed.

Address changes should be directed to SDG&E Tariffs by facsimile at (858) 654-1788 or by e-mail at SDG&ETariffs@semprautilities.com.

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| Utility type: | Contact Person: <u>Aurora Carrillo</u> | | | | |
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| Does AL replace a withdrawn or reject | cted AL? If so, ide | ntify the prior AL <u>N/A</u> | | | |
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| Resolution Required? Yes No Tier Designation: 1 2 3 | | | | | |
| Requested effective date: <u>12/22/201</u> | 0 | No. of tariff sheets: <u>N/A</u> | | | |
| Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): N/A | | | | | |
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| Tariff schedules affected: <u>N/A</u> | | | | | |
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| Service affected and changes proposed ¹ : <u>N/A</u> | | | | | |
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| Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>N/A</u> | | | | | |
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| Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to: | | | | | |
| CPUC, Energy Division San Diego Gas & Electric | | | | | |
| Attention: Tariff Unit | | Attention: Megan Caulson | | | |
| | | 8330 Century Park Ct, Room 32C | | | |
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 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle 1}$ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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Interested Parties in: A.06-12-009

Attachment A Advice Letter 2208-E San Diego Gas & Electric Company Forecast of ERRA 2010 Account Balances

| | Oct-10 | Nov-10 | Dec-10 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Recorded | Forecasted | Forecasted |
| 1 Revenues | (\$75,400,208) | (\$56 527 002) | (¢ E E E E 2 400) |
| 2 Expenses | (\$75,490,298) \$55,737,746 | (\$56,537,003) \$57,024,036 | (\$55,583,402) \$66,306,378 |
| 3 FERC Refunds and Other ¹ | \$1,063,179 | | \$1,044,337 |
| 4 Current Month Under / (Over) Collection | (\$18,689,373) | \$1,531,371 | \$11,767,313 |
| 5 Interest Rate | 0.24% | 0.23% | 0.23% |
| 6 Interest | (\$7,681) | (\$9,007) | (\$7,734) |
| 7 Current Month Balance with Interest | (\$18,697,054) | \$1,522,364 | \$11,759,579 |
| Transfers from Regulatory Accounts ² | | | \$17,341 |
| 8 Cumulative Balance | (\$47,757,404) | (\$46,235,040) | (\$34,458,119) |
| 9 Calculated Trigger % | -4.31% | -4.17% | -3.11% |

Trigger Notes:

| 1 Prior Year Generation Revenue | \$1, | 108,822,433 |
|---------------------------------|------|-------------|
| 2 Threshold % | | 5.00% |
| 3 Threshold Amount | \$ | 55,441,122 |

Footnotes:

- ¹ Amounts include AG curtailment settlement payments received from Sempra Energy, carrying costs related to hedging and rebalancing costs related to Calpine.
- ² The balance in the Long Term Procurement Plan Technical Assistance Memorandum Account (LTAMA) is transferred on an annual basis to the ERRA in accordance with the LTAMA preliminary statement.