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ADVICE LETTER 2224-E/2007-G

(U 902-M)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: Modification of Rule 7, Rule 11 and the Disconnect Memorandum Account (DMA) Pursuant to Decision (D.) 10-12-051

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) hereby submits for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) revisions to San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) electric and gas tariffs, as shown on the Attachment A and B, respectively.

PURPOSE

This filing seeks approval to modify electric and gas schedules DMA, Rules 7 and 11 as discussed below.

BACKGROUND

On February 4, 2010, the Commission issued Rulemaking (R.) 10-02-005, to establish ways to improve customer notification and education to decrease the number of gas and electric utility service disconnections. The economic crisis currently existing in California and the recent increase in utility service disconnections led the Commission to reexamine utility disconnection rules and practices. Consistent with R.10-02-005, SDG&E established the DMA to record significant costs of compliance in the DMA, including but not limited to, operations and maintenance (O&M) charges related to implementation of new practices and procedures, and any uncollectible expenses in excess of those projected in SDG&E's last general rate case in D.08-07-046.

On July 29, 2010, the Commission issued D.10-07-048 in a continuation of efforts to identify costeffective methods to reduce the number of customer utility service disconnections by adding and expanding on the practices and procedures established in the rulemaking.

On December 16, 2010, the Commission approved a Settlement Agreement in D.10-12-051, which among other things provided: 1) performance-based residential disconnection benchmarks which will allow the Commission, utility, and consumer groups an opportunity to evaluate SDG&E's success in assisting customers to reduce service disconnections; 2) the elimination of the requirement of SDG&E to abide by the measures adopted in D.10-07-048; and 3) limited recovery

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in SDG&E's DMA of residential uncollectible expenses, in excess of residential uncollectible expenses associated with the period August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

On August 30, 2010, SDG&E filed Advice Letter 2194-E/1971-G in compliance with Interim Ordering Paragraphs 2, 3 and 8 of D.10-07-048 revising Rules 6 - Establishment and Re-Establishment of Credit; Rule 7 – Deposits, and Rule 11 – Discontinuance of Service. However, with the recent approval of the settlement agreement in D.10-12-051, D.10-07-048 has been superseded. Therefore, SDG&E proposes revisions to Rule 7 and Rule 11 to delete the changes made pursuant to AL 2194-E/1971-G. The changes to Rule 6 proposed in AL 2194-E/1971-G were already changed in Advice Letter 2221-E /2001-G effective December 27, 2010.

Modification of the DMA

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, SDG&E modifies its DMA to only record residential uncollectible expenses that are in excess of the residential uncollectible expenses, capped at \$300,000, associated with the period August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

Rule 7 Tariff Revision

<u>Amount of Deposit</u> – Sections 1 (residential) and 2 (non-residential) – Revised the following phrase to read as follows: "The amount of deposit required to establish credit for a residential account **or Small Business Customer, as defined in Rule 1, shall not exceed** twice the average monthly bill as determined by the Utility.

Rule 11 Tariff Revision

Non-payment of Bills

3. <u>Reasonable Attempt to Contact Customers</u> – Eliminated the following sentence: "Before residential service may be discontinued for non-payment of bills for customers on medical baseline or life support, the Utility shall make a reasonable attempt to personally contact an adult on the customer's premises prior to termination of service."

EFFECTIVE DATE

SDG&E believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition, and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to G 96-B. This filing is consistent with D.10-12-051 and therefore SDG&E respectively requests that's this filing be approved February 13, 2011, which is thirty (30) calendar days after the date filed.

PROTEST

Anyone may protest this advice letter to the Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impacts, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be made in writing and received within 20 days of the date this advice letter, which is February 3, 2011. 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 R.10-02-005 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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Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed) Company name/CPUC Utility No. SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC (U 902) Contact Person: Aurora Carrillo Utility type: **X**ELC GAS Phone #: (858) 654-1542 \Box PLC HEAT WATER E-mail: acarrillo@semprautilities.com (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC) EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water Advice Letter (AL) #: 2224-E/2007-G Subject of AL:) Modification of Rule 7. Rule 11 and the Disconnect Memorandum Account (DMA) Pursuant to D.10-12-051 Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Disconnect Service; Memorandum Account; Compliance AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.10-12-051 Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: N/<u>A</u> Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: Resolution Required? \Box Yes \boxtimes No Tier Designation: $\Box 1 \boxtimes 2 \Box 3$ Requested effective date: February 13, 2011 No. of tariff sheets: <u>12</u> Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): N<u>/A</u>_____ Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting). Tariff schedules affected: <u>Preliminary Statement: Rules 7, 11 and TOC</u> Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A_____ Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: <u>N/A</u> 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: Megan Caulson **Attention: Tariff Unit** 505 Van Ness Ave., 8330 Century Park Ct. Room 32C San Francisco, CA 94102 San Diego, CA 92123 mas@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov mcaulson@semprautilities.com

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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ATTACHMENT A ADVICE LETTER 2224-E

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		PRELIMI	NARY ST	ATEMENT	Sheet 1	
		III. MEMO	RANDUM	ACCOUNTS		
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	<u>Purpose:</u> The purpose of excess of the residential u July 31, 2010 in complianc are capped at \$300,000.	uncollectible e	xpense as	sociated with the period A	ugust 1, 2009 through	D, N N I N
	<u>Applicability</u> : This accou Commission.	nt shall apply	to all cust	omers except those speci	fically excluded by the	
-	Rates: The DMA does not	have a separ	ate rate co	mponent.		
	<u>Accounting Procedure:</u> T month as follows:	he Utility sha	II maintain	the DMA by making entri	es at the end of each	
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		RULE 7	1	Sheet 1
		DEPOSIT	<u> </u>	

A. <u>Amount of Deposit</u>

- The amount of deposit required to establish credit for a residential account or Small Business Customer, as defined in Rule 1, shall not exceed twice the average monthly bill as determined by the Utility.
- The amount of deposit required to establish credit for a non-residential account that does not otherwise qualify as a Small business Customer, as defined in Rule 1, shall not exceed twice the maximum monthly bill as determined by the Utility.

B. <u>Return of Deposit</u>

- 1. <u>Good Standing, Active Customer</u>. When the customer has received continuous service and has paid electric bills on all of its accounts before becoming past due as set forth in Rule 11, for a period of 12 consecutive months and is an active customer, the Utility will return the deposit with interest as provided under Section C hereof. When eligible, the deposit is to be returned or applied to the customer's billing provided that the customer's credit would, thereafter, be otherwise established under Rule 6.
- 2. <u>Customer-Initiated Termination of Service</u>. When the customer has requested that the service be terminated, the deposit, plus any applicable interest, will be returned. In cases in which there are charges due the Utility for electric service to the customer, the deposit, plus any applicable interest, will be applied to such charges and any remaining amount will be returned to the customer.
- 3. <u>Termination for Non-Payment of Bills.</u> When the service is permanently terminated for non-payment of charges for electric service, the deposit will be applied to such charges and any remaining amount will be returned to the customer. Deposits will not be applied as payment for past due bills to avoid discontinuance of service.

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RULE 11

DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

Α. Non-Payment of Bills

- 1. Past Due Date. Bills for residential electric service are due and payable upon presentation. Such bills are the first notice to the customer that the amount shown is due and payable. Residential bills will become past due if not paid within 19 days of the date mailed; nonresidential bills will become past due if not paid within 15 days from the date mailed. Payment shall be received at the office of the Utility, or by an authorized agent of the Utility.
- 2. Past Due Notice.
 - Residential. The Utility may mail to any residential customer a notice that a bill is a. past due after the expiration of the applicable period specified in paragraph A.1. The notice that a bill is past due shall state that if the customer is unable to pay the bill by the final date (15 calendar days after the date of mailing of said notice), the customer should contact the Utility to discuss payment arrangements to avoid discontinuance of service. If the bill is not paid, or payment arrangements have not been made by the final date, service may be discontinued for non-payment. A customer's deposit to establish credit will not be used as payment to avoid discontinuance of service. A minimum of 34 days shall elapse between the date of billing and the date of discontinuance.
 - b. Non-Residential. A non-residential customer's electric service may be discontinued for non-payment of a past due bill provided that a written notice of discontinuance has been issued and the past due amount has not been paid within seven calendar days of the issuance of the past due notice
- 3. Reasonable Attempt to Contact Customers. For residential service, the Utility shall make a reasonable attempt to contact an adult person residing at the customer's residence either by telephone or by personal contact at least 24 hours prior to termination of service, except that, whenever telephone or personal contact cannot be accomplished, the Utility shall give, either by mail or in person, a notice of termination of service at least 48 hours prior to termination.

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For elderly (age 62 and over) and handicapped* residential customers, the Utility shall provide at least 48 hours notice by telephone or visit; however, if personal contact cannot be made by telephone or visit, notice shall be posted in a conspicuous location at the service address at least 48 hours prior to termination.

4. Third Party Notification. The Utility shall allow elderly (age 62 or older) and handicapped* customers, at their option, to designate a friend, family member, or public or private agency as a third party representative to receive a copy of the notice. The Utility shall establish procedures to ensure that third parties consent to receive such notice, and that a copy of the notice is sent directly to a third party. The Utility shall inform all customers at least once annually of the availability of this service.

^{*} Certification from a licensed physician, public health nurse, or a social worker may be required by the Utility.

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A. <u>Amount of Deposit</u>

- The amount of deposit required to establish credit for a residential account or Small Business Customer, as defined in Rule 1, shall not exceed twice the average monthly bill as determined by the Utility.
- The amount of deposit required to establish credit for a non-residential account that does not otherwise qualify as a Small Business Customer, as defined in Rule 1, shall not exceed twice the maximum monthly bill as determined by the Utility.

B. <u>Return of Deposit</u>

- 1. <u>Good Standing, Active Customer</u>. When the customer has received continuous service and has paid gas bills on all of its accounts before becoming past due as set forth in Rule 11, for a period of 12 consecutive months and is an active customer, the Utility will return the deposit with interest as provided under Section C hereof. When eligible, the deposit is to be returned or applied to the customer's billing provided that the customer's credit would, thereafter, be otherwise established under Rule 6.
- 2. <u>Customer Initiated Termination of Service</u>. When the customer has requested that the service be terminated, the deposit, plus any applicable interest, will be returned. In cases in which there are charges due the Utility for gas service to the customer, the deposit, plus any applicable interest, will be applied to such charges and any remaining amount will be returned to the customer.
- 3. <u>Termination for Non-Payment of Bills</u>. When the service is permanently terminated for non-payment of charges for gas service, the deposit will be applied to such charges and any remaining amount will be returned to the customer. Deposits will not be applied as payment for past due bills to avoid discontinuance of service.

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RULE 11

DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

A. Non-Payment of Bills

- 1. <u>Past Due Date.</u> Bills for gas service are due and payable upon presentation. Such bills are the first notice to the customer that the amount shown is due and payable. Residential bills will become past due if not paid within 19 days of the date mailed; non-residential bills will become past due if not paid within 15 calendar days from the date mailed. Payment shall be received at the office of the Utility, or by an authorized agent of the Utility.
- 2. Past Due Notice
 - a. <u>Residential.</u> The Utility may mail to any residential customer a notice that a bill is past due after the expiration of the applicable period specified in paragraph A.1. The notice that a bill is past due shall state that if the customer is unable to pay the bill by the final date (15 calendar days after the date of mailing of said notice), the customer should contact the Utility to discuss payment arrangements to avoid discontinuance of service. If the bill is not paid, or payment arrangements have not been made by the final date, service may be discontinued for non-payment. A customer's deposit to establish credit will not be used as payment to avoid discontinuance of service. A minimum of 34 days shall elapse between the date of billing and the date of discontinuance.
 - b. <u>Non-Residential.</u> A non-residential customer's gas service may be discontinued for non-payment of a past due bill provided that a written notice of discontinuance has been issued and the past due amount has not been paid within seven calendar days of the issuance of the past due notice.
- 3. <u>Reasonable Attempt to Contact Customers.</u> For residential service, the Utility shall make a reasonable attempt to contact an adult person residing at the customer's residence either by telephone or by personal contact at least 24 hours prior to termination of service, except that, whenever telephone or personal contact cannot be accomplished, the Utility shall give, either by mail or in person, a notice of termination of service at least 48 hours prior to termination.

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For elderly (age 62 and over) and handicapped* residential customers, the Utility shall provide at least 48 hours notice by telephone or visit; however, if personal contact cannot be made by telephone or visit, notice shall be posted in a conspicuous location at the service address at least 48 hours prior to termination.

4. <u>Third Party Notification.</u> The Utility shall allow elderly (age 62 and over) and handicapped* customers, at their option, to designate a friend, family member, or public or private agency as a third party representative to receive a copy of the notice. The Utility shall establish procedures to ensure that third parties consent to receive such notice, and that a copy of the notice is sent directly to a third party. The Utility shall inform all customers at least once annually of the availability of this service.

* Certification from a licensed physician, public health nurse, or a social worker may be required by the Utility.

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