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**ADVICE LETTER 2353-E/2112-G**  
(U902-M)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: DISTRIBUTION PBR SAFETY PERFORMANCE FOR 2011**

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) hereby submits for approval with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 2011 PBR safety performance filing. This filing is made in compliance with Decision No. (D.) 08-07-046, and Preliminary Statement Part IV Electric Distribution & Gas Performance Based Ratemaking (PBR) Mechanism, in SDG&E's General Rate Case (GRC) Application No. (A.) 06-12-009.

**BACKGROUND**

On July 31, 2008, the Commission issued D.08-07-046 adopting, among other things, the Settlement Agreements regarding SDG&E's revenue requirements for its Test Year 2008 GRC and post-test year ratemaking and incentive proposals. The GRC period covers a minimum of four years beginning January 1, 2008.

Pursuant to the adopted 2008 GRC decision (D.08-07-046) and its adopted tariffs<sup>1</sup>, SDG&E is subject to a performance incentive for employee safety<sup>2</sup>.

**DISCUSSION**

The purpose of this filing is to report the reward or penalty for the Employee Safety Performance Indicator adopted in D.08-07-046. The following summarizes the final 2011 year-end Safety Performance results:

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<sup>1</sup> SDG&E Advice Letter 2015-E was approved by letter on October 9, 2008 and made effective January 1, 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the GRC decision, on August 29, 2008 SDG&E sent a letter to the Executive Director of the Commission accepting only the performance incentive for employee safety. SDG&E filed Advice Letter 2022-E to revise its PBR Preliminary Statement accordingly, which was approved on November 3, 2008 and made effective September 8, 2008.

Employee Safety Performance Indicator

Rewards and penalties for employee safety are determined based on the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) frequency standard, measuring the regulated utility's OSHA recordable lost time and non-lost time injuries and illnesses against total utility working hours. For the year ending December 31, 2011, SDG&E experienced 110 lost time and non-lost time incidents. The 110 total OSHA recordable incidents result in a frequency of 2.25.

| <b>Employee Safety</b>                  | <b>2011</b> |
|---|-------------|
| Total OSHA Recordable Cases             | 110         |
| x 100 employees at 2,000 hours / year   | 200,000     |
| = Total OSHA Recordable Hours           | 22,000,000  |
| / Total utility year-to-date work hours | 9,775,710   |
| = Total OSHA Frequency                  | 2.25        |

For 2011, the reward and penalty for the Employee Safety Performance Indicator are based on the following parameters:

| <b>Employee Safety</b>   | <b>2011</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Benchmark                | 4.55        |
| Deadband                 | 3.87 – 5.03 |
| Penalty Liveband         | 5.04 – 7.04 |
| Reward Liveband          | 1.86 – 3.86 |
| Incentive Rate           | 12,500/.01  |
| Maximum Reward / Penalty | \$2,500,000 |

For 2011, SDG&E's performance for its Employee Safety Performance Indicator resulted in a \$2,025,000 reward calculated as follows:

| <b>Employee Safety</b>         | <b>2011</b>        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Benchmark                      | 4.55               |
| Results Achieved               | 2.25               |
| (Less)/Add: Deadband           | (0.68)             |
| Deadband Lower/Upper Boundary  | 3.87               |
| Units below/(Above) Deadband   | 1.62               |
| Conversion Factor              | 0.01               |
| Units of Change for PBR Reward | 162                |
| Incentive per Unit             | 12,500             |
| <b>Reward</b>                  | <b>\$2,025,000</b> |

Upon Commission approval, the rewards or penalties will be recorded to electric and gas Rewards and Penalties Balancing Accounts (RPBA) for amortization in rates.

During 2011, SDG&E provided continued focus in the following areas contributing to its Employee Safety success: (1) the Executive Safety Council provided leadership and critical directional decision-making for strategic safety initiatives and continued with its employee dialogue sessions to gain deeper understanding of front-line safety issues and concerns; (2) statistical tracking of injuries and vehicle incident data to provide insight into preventive solutions; (3) performance of individual job observations to help define and reinforce safe behaviors; (4) employee and management involvement opportunities including safety committees and incident evaluation teams; (5) wellness through health fairs, health screenings, and stretching programs; and (6) safety excellence awards designed to recognize and motivate frontline employees who demonstrate exceptional safety leadership.

Pursuant to the 2008 GRC, SDG&E is required to perform an annual internal audit to ensure the incentive mechanism for employee safety is implemented, operated, and calculated correctly and fairly. The internal audit report will disclose all audit findings and recommend any corrective actions. The employee safety award presented herein has been verified as a result of the audit, the details of which are provided in a separate letter to the Commission in accordance with the reporting requirements adopted in the 2008 GRC and incorporated in SDG&E's Preliminary Statement Part IV PBR<sup>3</sup>. The letter to the Commission will provide details of the internal audit and related findings.

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

### **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 filing become effective on May 31, 2012, 30 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 May 21, 2012 which is 20 days of 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

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<sup>3</sup> Internal audit reports (both SoCalGas and SDG&E) were submitted on April 27, 2012 to the Director of the Energy Division, Director of the Consumer Protection and Safety Division, and the Director of the Division of Ratepayer Advocates. The internal audit reports are held confidential pursuant to the Commission's General Order 66-C and Public Utilities Code Section 583.

Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of the Energy Division at [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov). A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail and 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) 654-1879  
E-mail: [mcaulson@semprautilities.com](mailto: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) 654-1879 or by e-mail at [SDG&ETariffs@semprautilities.com](mailto:SDG&ETariffs@semprautilities.com).

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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)

Utility type:

- ELC, GAS, PLC, HEAT, WATER checkboxes

Contact Person: Aurora Carrillo

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric, GAS = Gas, PLC = Pipeline, HEAT = Heat, WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 2353-E/2112-G

Subject of AL: Distribution PBR Safety Performance for 2011

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): PBR

AL filing type: Monthly, Quarterly, Annual, One-Time, Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D.08-07-046

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 AL: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation:

Resolution Required? Yes, No

Tier Designation: 1, 2, 3

Requested effective date: May 31, 2012

No. of tariff sheets: -N/A

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

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
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, CA 94102
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

San Diego Gas & Electric
Attention: Megan Caulson
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1 Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

General Order No. 96-B  
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