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CPUC ISSUES PROPOSALS IN SDG&E AND SOCALGAS WILDFIRE COSTS CASE

SAN FRANCISCO, October 18, 2012 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has issued for public comment a Proposed Decision by an Administrative Law Judge and an Alternate Proposed Decision by Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon regarding the request of San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) and Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) to recover from ratepayers costs related to wildfires.

The Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision rejects the request of SDG&E and SoCalGas, finding that the companies had not proven that the proposed rates would be just and reasonable.

Commissioner Simon's Alternate Proposed Decision partially approves the request of SDG&E and SoCalGas by limiting the wildfire costs to 90 percent of uninsured payments that are in excess of \$10 million per wildfire. Additionally Commissioner Simon's Alternate Proposed Decision imposes restrictions on the utilities' recovery by requiring findings by either a court of law or the CPUC that the utility was not at fault. The Alternate Proposed Decision also excludes the 2007 wildfire costs from the Wildfire Expense Balancing Account. Said Commissioner Simon, "As assigned Commissioner to this state's fire safety proceedings, I harbor grave concerns

regarding the liability risk surrounding critical energy system infrastructure in this fire prone region of our great state.”

Comments by parties are due by Nov. 5, 2012, and reply comments are due by Nov. 13, 2012. The first opportunity that the Commissioners will have to vote on the Proposed Decision is Nov. 29, 2012.

Members of the public can comment on the Proposed Decision by contacting the CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office at 415-703-2074 or 866-849-8390 (TTY 866-836-7825) or public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103, San Francisco, CA 94102. Please reference proceeding number A.09-08-020.

The Proposed Decision is available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M030/K327/30327875.PDF>.

The Alternate Proposed Decision is available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M030/K329/30329200.PDF>.

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