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## **CPUC REDUCES COST OF CAPITAL FOR STATE'S UTILITIES**

SAN FRANCISCO, December 20, 2012 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today established a reduction in the 2013 return on common equity (ROE) and return on rate base (ROR) for and Southern California Edison (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

The 2013 authorized ROE, ROR, and resulting revenue requirement reduction is as follows:

Utility	Return on Common Equity	Return on	Reduction in
		Rate Base	Revenue Requirement
SCE SDG&E SoCalGas PG&E	10.45% 10.30% 10.10% 10.40%	7.90% 7.79% 8.02% 8.06%	\$217 Million \$34 Million \$22 Million \$237 Million

This reduction in revenue requirement is estimated to reduce the utility's average residential customer's monthly bill as follows:

## **Utility/Service**

## Average Monthly Savings

SCE/Electric	600 kilowatt-hours	\$1.52
SDG&E/Electric	500 kilowatt-hours/noncore	\$.32
SDG&E/Gas	33 therms	\$.16
SoCalGas/Gas	38 therms	\$.22
PG&E/Electric	550 kilowatt-hours	\$.76
PG&E/Gas	37 therms	\$.38

Said Commissioner Mark J. Ferron, "Our utilities need to raise substantial amounts of capital at the same time that there is a huge need for investment in energy infrastructure across the country. Our decision today sets a return on equity that is fair and reasonable, and sends a clear signal to the market to invest in California."

The proposal voted on today is available at http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M039/K603/39603783.PDF.

For more information on the CPUC, please visit <u>www.cpuc.ca.gov</u>.

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