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In accordance with Rule 8.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E") and Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas")(together, "the Joint Utilities") hereby give notice of the following *Ex Parte* communications in the above proceeding.

Billy Blattner, Manager of Regulatory Relations for SDG&E and SoCalGas, met with the following people at the dates and times below:

- Michael Colvin, Advisor to Commissioner Ferron, on Friday, December 7, 2012,
 at 3:30 p.m., in the Commission's offices in San Francisco;
- Damon Franz, Advisor to President Peevey, on Monday, December 10, 2012, at
 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's offices in San Francisco;
- Bishu Chatterjee, Advisor to Commissioner Simon, on Monday, December 10,
 2012, at 2:45 p.m., at 601 Van Ness Ave., Suite A, San Francisco; and
- Colette Kersten, Advisor to Commissioner Sandoval, on Monday, December 10,
 2012, at 3:15 p.m., at 601 Van Ness Ave., Suite A, San Francisco.

The communications were initiated by SoCalGas and SDG&E to discuss the pending 2010-12 energy efficiency incentives proposed decision (PD) and alternate decision (alternate) in

the above proceeding. Communications were oral, substantially similar in each instance, and

lasted approximately 30 minutes.

Mr. Blattner expressed support for the Ferron alternate, but requested changes to the

decision. He stated that the utilities had a reasonable expectation that incentives would be

adopted for the current program cycle. He explained that SDG&E and SoCalGas support

incentives that reward achievement of energy savings goals, but can accept incentives based on a

management fee on a non-precedential basis for the program cycle that ends this month.

Mr. Blattner requested that the alternate be modified to eliminate the arbitrary and

subjective scoring mechanism. He explained that the scoring mechanism, which was first

introduced in a ruling on September 25 of this year, was not supported by any party responding

to the ruling, cannot be objectively measured or recreated, is based on conformance with an

administrative process not adopted until July 2011, punishes dissent and stifles innovation. He

stated that SDG&E and SoCalGas are committed to working with the Energy Division to

improve the ex ante process, but that the scoring mechanism is not the proper basis for awarding

performance incentives.

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Dated this 12th day of December, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

Respectfully submitted,

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