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Rulemaking 12-06-013

Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Ordering Parties to Submit Additional Information for Rate Design Proposals, Confirming Workshop Date, and Setting Forth Format for Comments

This Ruling orders parties to provide additional information in connection with their rate design proposals. The additional information is due Friday June 21, 2013. This Ruling confirms the date of the Workshop to be held June 25, 2013. This Ruling also specifies the format for portions of the comments.

1. Bill Impact Calculators

The Commission received 15 separate rate design proposals from parties in response to the March 19, 2013 ruling requesting rate design proposals. The proposals generally reflected significant creative thought and effort. However, surprisingly few parties made use of bill impact calculators to design and illustrate the bill impacts of their rate design proposals. Only SCE, DRA, TURN, Sierra Club, and SEIA/Vote Solar (5 of 15) used the bill impact calculators to design and illustrate the bill impacts of their respective rate design proposals. Of these, DRA was the only party to provide illustrative rates designs and illustrative bill impacts for both a transitional and end-state rate design. TURN, Sierra Club, and SEIA/Vote Solar provided illustrative rates designs and illustrative bill impacts for an end-state rate design only, while SCE provided it only for a transitional rate design and not for an end-state rate design. We also note that PG&E and SDG&E did not provide illustrative rates or illustrative bill impacts for either transitional or end-state rate designs. This was particularly surprising in light the tremendous time and effort the investor owned utilities (IOUs) invested in the development of the bill impact calculators for this exercise.

We are aware that use of the bill impact calculators was not mandatory, and that this proceeding is a quasi-legislative one that does not set actual rates. That will occur in future general rate proceedings (GRCs), but will be grounded in the policy framework developed in this proceeding. This proceeding will examine proposed rate designs, including their potential impact on customer bills. Because of this, the illustrative results from the bill impact calculators will be helpful in comparing and evaluating the proposals. It would be ideal if all parties use the bill impact calculators to provide illustrative rates designs and illustrative bill impacts for both a transitional and end-state rate design for at least one of the IOUs. We also recognize that use of bill impact calculators as envisioned in this proceeding is a complex and time consuming endeavor that requires special expertise in rate design.

Therefore, at this time, we are requiring each IOU to provide illustrative rates designs and illustrative

bill impacts for both (1) a transitional and (2) an end-state rate design based on the instructions found in Attachment B of the March 19 ruling. These illustrative rate designs and bill impacts should be served and filed with the docket office by June 21, 2013 as a "Response to Administrative Law Judge's Request for Additional Information." For other non-IOU parties that filed rate design proposals on May 29th, we welcome your submittal of illustrative rate designs and bill impacts, but do not require it.

2. Rate Design Summary Forms

Attached are 2 forms for completion.

All 15 parties that submitted rate design proposals on May 29th must complete and return the attached **Proposal Summary Form**. The specifics of each rate design proposal were not always easy to find in each proposal and not always in one place, so we are requesting parties to complete a standardized summary form to facilitate review. When completing the Proposal Summary Form keep answers brief, descriptive and do not provide arguments.

All IOUs and any party that provided illustrative rates must complete the attached **Illustrative Rate Summary Form**. It includes tabs for end-state and transitional TOU rates, end-state and transitional tiered rates, and optional TOU rates.

Each form should be sent to the service list for R.12-06-013. The forms do not need to be filed.

3. Instructions for Comments

When evaluating rate design proposals (either a specific party's proposal or a rate design element such as TOU), use the Principles for Rate Design and Questions for Rate Design Proposal set forth in the Residential Rate Design Proposal Instructions in Attachment A to the March 19, 2013 Ruling Requesting Rate Design Proposals. Parties may use their discretion in the overall format for comments, but in order to efficiently review and compare parties' comments, it is essential that comments follow a common outline when evaluating specific rate design proposals or elements.

4. Courtesy Copy Instructions for all Filed and Served Documents

Parties are again reminded that they must provide hard copies of all documents served or filed to both ALJ McKinney and to Gabe Petlin in Energy Division. The hard copies should be delivered same day or the day after the electronic copies are served.

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5. Workshop scheduled for June 25, 2013.

A Workshop is scheduled for June 25, 2013 from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm in the Commission Auditorium in San Francisco.

6. The deadline for opening comments will not be extended because of the date of the Workshop.

It is so ruled.

Dated June 13, 2013

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