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**ADVICE LETTER 2527-E-A** (U 902-E)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: PARTIAL SUPPLEMENTAL OF ADVICE LETTER 2527-E; REQUEST FOR

EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF RESOURCE ADEQUACY CONTRACT BETWEEN SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC (SDG&E) AND NRG POWER

MARKETING FOR THE ENCINA POWER STATION

# **PURPOSE**

San Diego Gas and Electric Company ("SDG&E") hereby requests that the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "CPUC") approve the *Confirmation for Resource Adequacy Capacity Product for CAISO Resources* with NRG Power Marketing LLC ("NRG") ("Confirmation"). This Confirmation, under which SDG&E will buy and NRG will sell resource adequacy ("RA") product from the Encina Power Station ("Encina").

# **DISCUSSION**

On October 21, 2013, SDG&E submitted a tier 2 Advice Letter ("AL") 2527-E for approval to the Commission with a requested effective date of October 30, 2013 and a shortened protest period. This was in order to meet the Commissions filing date for SDG&E's annual Resource Adequacy plan. Upon feedback received from the Commission, SDG&E is modifying the Advice Letter to withdraw the request for the shortened review period as noted in this partial supplemental filing.

Please find enclosed the original and a copy of pages 6 and 7 whereby there are modifications to sections Sections G and H to read as follows:

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(cc list enclosed)

# 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:	Contact Person: <u>Joff Morales</u>			
⊠ ELC ☐ GAS	Phone #: (858) <u>650-4098</u>			
PLC HEAT WATER	E-mail: jmorales@semprautilities.com			
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	Y TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)			
ELC = Electric $GAS = Gas$ $PLC = Pipeline$ $HEAT = Heat$ $W$	VATER = Water			
Advice Letter (AL) #: 2527-E-A				
Subject of AL: Partial Supplemental of Advice Letter 2527-E; Request for Expedited Approval of Resource				
Adequacy Contract between SDG&E and NRG Power Marketing for the Encina Power Station				
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Resource Adequacy, Procurement				
AL filing type:  Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other				
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:				
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: None				
Summarize differences between the AL	and the prior with	drawn or rejected AL¹: N/A		
Does AL request confidential treatment	? If so, provide exp	lanation:		
Resolution Required?  Yes No	Resolution Required?  Yes No Tier Designation: 1 2 3			
Requested effective date: 11/27/2013 NNo. of tariff sheets: 0				
Estimated system annual revenue effec	et: (%): <u>N/A</u>			
Estimated system average rate effect (%	%): <u>N/A</u>			
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: None				
Service affected and changes proposed1:	: N/A			
Pending advice letters that revise the sa	ame tariff sheets:	None		
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  San Diego Gas & Electric				
Attention: Tariff Unit	A	attention: Megan Caulson		
505 Van Ness Ave.,		3330 Century Park Ct, Room 32C		
n Francisco, CA 94102 San Diego, CA 92123 TariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov mcaulson@semprautilities.com		oan Diego, CA 92123		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

### General Order No. 96-B ADVICE LETTER FILING MAILING LIST

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R.11-10-023

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The unique situation faced by SDG&E in 2014 and 2015 may be eliminated if the CAISOallows the System Protection Scheme to manage certain contingencies. The CAISO has not yet made a determination as to whether this will happen, or if it does, on what timeframe. SDG&E is engaged in ongoing discussions with the CAISO on this matter.

The option for compliance year 2015 allows SDG&E to remove some of the uncertainty that is part of the evolving California RA market. If changes in the RA market for 2015 are more favorable to SDG&E's ratepayers than the existing confirmation, the option allows SDG&E to terminate the RA confirmation for the 2015 compliance year. Yet at the same time the option language in the confirmation provides upside protection to SDG&E's ratepayers for compliance year 2015 as well. This extension option gives SDG&E's ratepayers flexibility and some certainty in an uncertain RA market.

# E. PROCUREMENT REVIEW GROUP (PRG) INVOLVEMENT

When the first draft of the 2014 LCT Study was issued, SDG&E has been discussing with its PRG its concerns regarding the emerging 2014 and 2015 RA complexities and obtaining its feedback. The topic was presented to the PRG at each meeting between April and September 2013, with each month's discussion narrowing in on potential solutions to the challenges associated with 2014 and 2015 resource adequacy in the San Diego Local Capacity Area and the need to contract with the Encina for local RA until the end of 2015.

After discussions with the PRG, there appears to be a general consensus among the PRG members that the transaction proposed herein is in the best interest of SDG&E's ratepayers.

# F. INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR REPORT

SDG&E engaged the services of an Independent Evaluator to (i) review and confirm the implications of the 2014 LCT Study as it relates to resource adequacy in the San Diego market, (ii) monitor the bilateral negotiations, (iii) report on the fairness of the negotiations and the final RA agreement with NRG for Encina's RA capacity during 2014 and 2015, and (iv) render an opinion on the reasonableness of the chosen solution for meeting 2014 and 2015 resource adequacy requirements and make a recommendation regarding moving forward with the Confirmation.

Merrimack Energy Group, Inc., of Charlestown, Massachusetts, was engaged as the Independent Evaluator. Wayne J. Oliver served as the firm's principal for this engagement. Their report, entitled "San Diego Gas & Electric Company Submission of a Bilateral Transaction with NRG Power Marketing LLC for the Encina & Cabrillo II Units," dated October 11, 2013, regarding the above listed topics is attached as Confidential Attachment C to this Advice Letter. Two versions of this report have been prepared: (i) a public version in which certain market sensitive information has been redacted; and (ii) a confidential version in which the full details of the negotiations are provided

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CPUC Energy Division Tariff Files, Room 4004 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, California 94102 Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies of protests also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above. The protest also should be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to SDG&E at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

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