## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION Energy Branch RESOLUTION E-3360 January 7, 1994

## RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION E-3360. SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH ENERGY TECHNOLOGY CENTER MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 902-E/905-G, filed on December 3, 1993

### **SUMMARY**

- 1. In this advice letter, San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) requests authority to establish Energy Technology Center (ETC) Memorandum Accounts to record initial costs related to construction and operation of an energy technology center.
- 2. SDG&E requests changes to the preliminary statements in the tariffs applicable to its Electric and Gas Departments.
- 3. This resolution authorizes SDG&E to establish the requested memorandum accounts to record costs associated with the ETC until such time as the Commission acts upon SDG&E's request in Application (A.) 93-10-010.
- 4. No protests have been received for this Advice Letter.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. In SDG&E's 1993 General Rate Case (GRC) decision (D.) 92-12-019, the Commission granted SDG&E authority to file an advice letter requesting memorandum account treatment for costs associated with development of an energy technology center once the company had firm plans in place associated with center development.
- 2. On October 1, 1993, SDG&E filed A.93-10-010 requesting an exparte decision approving the proposed project plan, expense level, and method of funding for the ETC. That filing includes detailed plans for the center.
- 3. SDG&E requests authority to add descriptions of the ETC Balancing Accounts to its preliminary statement for its Electric and Gas Departments.
- 4. On December 3, 1993, SDG&E filed Advice Letter 902-E/905-G.

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### NOTICE

The original Advice Letter was noticed in accordance with section III of General Order 96-A by publication in the Commission Calendar and distribution to SDG&E's advice filing service list.

### PROTESTS

The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) has not received any protests to this advice letter.

### DISCUSSION

- 1. SDG&E seeks to establish memorandum accounts to record ETC costs as authorized in D.92-12-019. Approval of the funding associated with the ETC is being sought in an application currently before the Commission. Establishment of the memorandum accounts will not affect the Commission's findings regarding the appropriate level of funding associated with the ETC, but will allow SDG&E to move forward with construction of the center while the Commission considers its funding request. CACD recommends that SDG&E be allowed to establish the requested memorandum accounts.
- 2. CACD recommends approval of SDG&E's proposed addition of the ETC Memorandum Accounts, as described in the Advice Letter, to its Preliminary Statement in the tariffs. CACD recommends that the Commission decision in A.93-10-010 address the amounts recorded in these memorandum accounts.

## **FINDINGS**

- 1. SDG&E filed Advice Letter 902-E/905-G on December 3, 1993 to request Commission authorization to establish Energy Technology Center Memorandum Accounts.
- 2. Authority to file an advice letter was granted in Ordering Paragraph 8(a) of D.92-12-019.
- 3. Approval of this request does not affect the Commission's consideration of SDG&E's funding request in A.93-10-010.

# THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. San Diego Gas and Electric Company is authorized to establish Energy Technology Center Memorandum Accounts to record costs associated with development and operation of an energy technology center.
- 2. Advice Letter 902-E/905-G and the accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved by Commission Resolution E-3360.
- 3. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities commission at its regular meeting on January 7, 1994. The following Commissioners approved it:

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