PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY DIVISION

RESOLUTION E-3610 JUNE 24, 1999

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION E-3610. SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT MEASUREMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CADMAC), SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 1999 CALENDAR YEAR.

BY ADVICE LETTER 1150-E/1136-G, FILED FEBRUARY 4, 1999.

SUMMARY

1. On February 4, 1999, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed Advice Letter 1150-E/1136-G on behalf of the California Demand-Side Management Advisory Committee (CADMAC) requesting approval of CADMAC's recommendations for annual supplemental membership for the 1999 calendar year.

2. This Resolution approves the 1999 supplemental membership recommendations of CADMAC for the California Institute for Energy Efficiency and the National Resources Defense Council.

3. There were no protests to Advice Letter 1150-E/1136-G.

BACKGROUND

1. In Decision (D.)93-05-063, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) established the CADMAC to assume measurement and evaluation review functions for Demand-Side Management (DSM) programs. The purposes of the CADMAC are to:

- Provide a forum for presentations, discussions, and review of DSM program measurement studies underway or complete;
- Coordinate the development and implementation of measurement studies common to all or most of the utilities; and

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• Facilitate the development of effective, state-of-the-art protocols for measuring and evaluating the impacts of DSM programs.

2. In D.93-05-063, the Commission directed the utilities to solicit supplemental voting members by issuing a notice to all parties in this proceeding and other appropriate mailing lists. Commission approval of supplemental voting members and annual reaffirmation is accomplished through the advice letter process.

3. D.93-05-063 specified that the Commission would consider supplemental voting membership requests based on the following four criteria: committee balance, lack of conflicts of interest, technical expertise, and demonstrated commitment to the Commission's DSM measurement and evaluation (M&E) proceedings.

4. Commission Resolution E-3346¹ adopted two additional criteria for reaffirmation of members for 1995 and subsequent years: regular attendance and quality of participation of each member. Resolution E-3346 also recommended that the CADMAC articulate its attendance requirements. The following attendance requirements were established at CADMAC's March 20, 1996 meeting:

- a. CADMAC meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month. However, deviations to this schedule may be made for special circumstances, such as the Semi-Annual Forum or the Annual Earnings Assessment Proceeding (AEAP).
- b. Regular committee members are expected to send a representative to every meeting.
- c. Supplemental members are expected to attend or send an alternate to at least two-thirds of the meetings. Continuity of attendance is necessary for each member to be adequately informed to meet their decision-making responsibilities. Attendance credit will not be allowed for review and written comments provided. Failure to meet these attendance requirements could result in supplemental membership not being renewed.
- d. Each Committee member is entitled to one vote, which must be exercised in person at CADMAC meetings.²

¹ Resolution E-3346 was adopted November 2, 1993.

² Supplemental members receive voting rights only on the issue of prospective protocol modifications or retroactive waivers. Independent reviewers do not receive voting rights.

5. Regular CADMAC membership is comprised of the four major investor-owned utilities, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates and the Energy Division (as a non-voting member) of the Commission, and the California Energy Commission. Other parties may be added to the membership list as supplemental members. Individuals from non-member organizations may attend committee meetings or committee-sponsored events, but these parties do not possess voting rights.

6. Membership status of supplemental members is reaffirmed annually by the advice letter process. CADMAC is required to assess the attendance and quality of participation of members seeking affirmation.

7. The Commission will identify supplemental members with a demonstrated need for funding to support their participation. These identified members will receive quarterly reimbursement for all CADMAC meetings attended. Reimbursement costs are split equally by the four utilities.

NOTICE

1. Notice of Advice Letter 1150-E/1136-G was made by publication in the Commission's calendar and by mailing copies of the filing to adjacent utilities and interested parties.

PROTESTS

1. No party filed a protest.

DISCUSSION

1. On February 4, 1999, San Diego Gas & Electric Company filed Advice Letter 1150-E/1136-G on behalf of the four utility members of the CADMAC, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company. The purpose of the filing was to inform the Commission of CADMAC's recommendations for supplemental membership for the 1999 calendar year.

2. Pursuant to M&E Protocols Appendix B, a "Notice of the California DSM Measurement Advisory Committee Regarding Applications for Membership and the Reaffirmation of Supplemental Members" ("Notice") should have been sent to the service lists of Rulemaking (R.)98-07-037 and Application (A.)98-05-001 et al, by

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September 1, 1998, with responses due by September 15, 1998. SDG&E states that due to the expected change in administration of DSM programs in 1998, CADMAC believed that this Notice was no longer required.

3. SDG&E states that current supplemental members were asked to notify CADMAC of their intent to either continue membership in 1998 or withdraw from CADMAC, as well as inform CADMAC of any changes in their status relative to the Commission's criteria for supplemental membership.

4. SDG&E outlines that requests for continuing supplemental membership were received from the California Institute for Energy Efficiency (CIEE) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). One request for withdrawal from supplemental membership was received from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL). SDG&E states that the representative from LBNL withdrew in mid-1998 due to lack of continued U.S. Department of Energy funding.

5. SDG&E relates that during the CADMAC's monthly meeting on October 21, 1998, its members discussed the supplemental membership requests. CADMAC members reviewed the qualifications of each applicant in terms of the above six criteria and concluded that both requests should be approved on the basis that both CIEE and NRDC have continuously met the supplemental membership criteria. SDG&E adds that since the LBNL wished to withdraw due to lack of Department of Energy funding, CADMAC had no objections.

6. In its January 20, 1999 meeting, CADMAC determined that a solicitation for additional supplemental members should be issued as soon as practicable.

7. The Energy Division has reviewed the CADMAC protocols for supplemental membership adopted by the Commission in context with SDG&E's advice letter and advises the Commission that the CADMAC is not fully compliant with Commission directives concerning the annual solicitation of supplemental CADMAC members.

8. To avoid further delays, the Energy Division recommends that the CADMAC issue an early, July 1999 solicitation for membership for the 2000 program year, rather than delay the process until September 1999.

COMMENTS

1. This is an uncontested matter in which the Resolution grants the relief requested.

Accordingly, pursuant to PU Code Section 311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

FINDINGS

1. SDG&E filed AL1150-E/1136-G on February 4, 1999, requesting approval of the CADMAC recommendations for supplemental membership for 1999 of CIEE and NRDC.

2. No party objected to the CADMAC recommendations for supplemental membership for 1999.

3. The Energy Division recommends approval of CIEE and NRDC as supplemental CADMAC members for 1999.

4. All supplemental CADMAC members should abide by the current requirements of attendance and participation.

5. CADMAC has not fully complied with Commission directives concerning the annual solicitation of supplemental CADMAC members.

6. CADMAC should issue an early solicitation for supplemental members in July 1999 for the 2000 program year.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The California Demand-Side Management Measurement Advisory Committee shall grant supplemental membership status for 1999 to the two applicants set forth in the Findings above.

2. All supplemental CADMAC members shall abide by the current requirements of attendance and participation.

3. The CADMAC shall issue an early, July 1999 solicitation for supplemental membership for the 2000 program year.

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4. Advice Letter 1550-E/1136-G filed by San Diego Gas & Electric Company on February 4, 1999 on behalf of CADMAC is approved.

5. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on June 24, 1999. The following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Wesley Franklin

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