

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U-902-E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project.

A.06-08-010  
(Filed August 4, 2006)

A.05-12-014  
(Filed December 14, 2005)

**REPORT BY  
THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE JULY 5, 2006 ACR REGARDING CASE MANAGEMENT AND  
INTERVENOR COMPENSATION**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to the directive set forth in the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling ("ACR") dated July 5, 2006, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates ("DRA") respectfully submits this Report. The ACR directed parties to "meet and confer with other parties that are likely to take a similar position in this case" and to "file a report explaining the planned participation of each as distinguished from that of other parties and how they will coordinate their efforts so as to promote an efficient process." ACR at p. 3. While DRA is the only party to this proceeding that operates under the statutory directives set forth in section 305 of the Public Utilities Code,<sup>1</sup> no parties were exempt from this Ruling. Accordingly, below DRA describes the results of its efforts to comply with this Ruling so as to "promote an efficient use of their resources and those of other parties." ACR at pp. 1-2.

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<sup>1</sup> All section references are to the California Public Utilities Code unless otherwise indicated.

## II. DISCUSSION

- Meet & Confer

DRA organized a conference call on August 31, 2006 to advise any interested parties of DRA's plans to participate in this proceeding. DRA notified all parties on the service list for this proceeding of the conference call and the purpose of the call. A number of parties to the proceeding participated in the call. DRA found the call valuable in terms of advising other parties of the broad role of DRA in certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") transmission proceedings before the Commission. This conference call also provided other parties with the opportunity to learn about the extent, if any, where overlap of interests may exist at this point in the proceeding.

- Distinguish Participation from Others

As the Commission is well-aware, DRA participates in proceedings as the representative of the ratepayers of the State of California pursuant to section 309.5, which states that DRA will "represent and advocate on behalf of the interests of public utility customers and subscribers within the jurisdiction of the commission." Pub. Util. Code § 305.9. No other party to this proceeding represents the same constituency. Furthermore, at this point in the proceeding, DRA's participation will focus on an in-depth analysis of whether the proposed project is needed under section 1001 of the Public Utilities Code. With the exception of the City of San Diego and, perhaps, one other party, no other parties propose conducting an in-depth analysis of section 1001 as it applies to the proposed project. As mentioned above, DRA differs from the City of San Diego as it represents all ratepayers, not only the citizens located within the City of San Diego. DRA does not anticipate that it will significantly participate in that portion of the proceeding regarding the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), including route selection. However, as DRA conducts its analysis and develops a more refined position on the issue of need under section 1001, DRA may decide it must participate in route selection as well.

- Future Plans to Work Cooperatively

For the above reasons, DRA does not view its work as overlapping with others. Accordingly, while DRA will periodically confer with other parties, it does not intend to work together with any other parties in preparing its case in this proceeding.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

DRA appreciates the efforts of the parties to meet and confer on August 31, 2006 and to coordinate their participation. To the extent needed, DRA looks forward to working with parties in the future to ensure this proceeding consists of an efficient process.

Respectfully submitted,

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