# NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Request to Change Electric Rates APPLICATION A.19-09-014

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold Evidentiary Hearings at the time and place below regarding San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) application A.19-09-014.

At the Evidentiary Hearings, SDG&E, consumer advocacy groups, and other parties to this proceeding will testify before a CPUC Administrative Law Judge regarding SDG&E's request to eliminate the High Usage Charge from its residential electric rates. The public can attend and listen to the hearings but are not allowed to testify.

#### Where and when will the Evidentiary Hearings be held?

In compliance with the Governor's directive and CPUC's ongoing efforts to protect customers and community members, the CPUC may determine that there will be no in-person physical location for the evidentiary hearings and may instead hold them through other means such as via internet or via phone participation. Please monitor the CPUC's daily calendar (located at <a href="www.cpuc.ca.gov">www.cpuc.ca.gov</a>) for any changes relating to the evidentiary hearings and the manner in which they will be held.

Date/Time	Remote Details
Monday, October 12 – Tuesday October 13 10:00AM	This information will be made available on the CPUC's website at <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov</a> .

## Why is SDG&E requesting this structural rate change?

On September 23, 2019, SDG&E® filed Application No. A.19-09-014 with the CPUC requesting approval to eliminate seasonal differentials in all of its residential electric rates. At the direction of the Assigned Commissioner's Amended Scoping Memo dated May 14, 2020, SDG&E submitted Phase 2 testimony addressing residential High Usage Charge (HUC) changes.

#### SDG&E is proposing a full elimination of the HUC:

- (1) to improve residential customer's experience, acceptance, and understanding of electric rates;
- (2) to provide increased summertime bill relief for customers who need to use more energy and
- (3) because the HUC provides little to no positive impact on energy conservation.

## How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

SDG&E's application does not increase the revenue that the utility is authorized to collect through its rates. If the CPUC approves SDG&E's proposal to eliminate the HUC, under SDG&E's basic tiered (non-TOU) service, a typical average inland/coastal customer using 400

kWh of energy usage could see an average monthly bill increase by \$4.32 (3.83%) to a total of \$116.95.

# How does the rest of this process work?

This application has been assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SDG&E's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding are currently reviewing SDG&E's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit **PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on SDG&E's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

## Where can I get more information?

Contact SDG&E, c/o: Will Fuller – Regulatory Business Manager

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A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at: <a href="https://www.sdge.com/rates-and-regulations/proceedings/application-for-authority-eliminate-seasonal-diff-residential-rates">https://www.sdge.com/rates-and-regulations/proceedings/application-for-authority-eliminate-seasonal-diff-residential-rates</a>

#### **Contact CPUC**

Please visit **cpuc.ca.gov/A1909014Comments** to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Phone: **1-866-849-8390** (toll-free) or **1-415-703-2074** 

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Please reference **Application No. A.19-09-014** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.