

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS  
REGARDING PROPOSED RATE INCREASES  
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
(APPLICATION NO. 02-12-028)**

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) is currently reviewing SDG&E's costs for providing gas and electric service. SDG&E is requesting an increase to its currently authorized gas and electric rates. To justify its request, SDG&E has presented an estimate of its costs in a formal Commission proceeding, called a "Cost of Service" Application. In this application, various interested parties may participate and present their own testimony and legal arguments addressing SDG&E's cost of service. The Commission will adopt reasonable rates for SDG&E in 2004.

The Commission will hold a series of Public Participation Hearings on SDG&E's application.

Most of SDG&E's costs of providing electric and gas distribution service (but not the cost of purchasing wholesale electricity and natural gas itself) will be considered in this application. This includes an examination of operation and maintenance expenses, depreciation expenses, taxes and return on invested capital.

SDG&E also proposes a formula for adjusting its rates in 2005 through 2008 to reflect the impacts of inflation less improved productivity, and growth in number of customers. The Commission will consider this proposal in a later phase of the application.

**SDG&E'S REQUEST**

SDG&E requests an electric rate increase of approximately \$59 million, or about 2.5%, including the impact of costs associated with SDG&E's ownership share in the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. If the full request were to be approved by the Commission, the increase in an average monthly residential electric bill would be \$2.63. SDG&E also requests a gas rate increase of approximately \$22 million, or 9.1% of rates, excluding the cost of gas itself. The increase in an average monthly residential gas bill would be \$1.95. The Commission may adopt reasonable rates that differ from SDG&E's request.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS**

The Public Participation Hearings are scheduled for the times and places listed below. Consumer Services representatives from SDG&E will be present at each site to assist with individual customer billing and service concerns. These hearings will be facilitated by a Commission Administrative Law Judge, or Commissioner, with oral comments accepted from the public on the record.

The following locations are all wheelchair-accessible. If you need interpreters for language or for the hard of hearing, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at the following numbers at least five working days in advance of the meeting date:

Telephone: (415) 703-2074. Toll-free: 1-866-849-8390.

TTY toll-free: 1-866-836-7825. Regular TTY (415) 703-5282.

**San Diego**  
7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, September 10, 2003  
County Administration Building  
Supervisors Board Chamber, Rm 310  
1600 Pacific Highway  
San Diego, CA 92101

**San Clemente**  
7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, September 11, 2003  
San Clemente City Hall Council  
Chamber  
100 Avenida Presidio  
San Clemente, CA 92672

A member of the Commission's Public Advisor's Office will be at all meetings to assist you. If you would like more advice on how to participate at these public meetings, or if you would like to submit written comments about the Application, please contact:

**Public Advisor**

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Los Angeles, CA 90013

Or via e-mail to [Public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov)

You can obtain more information about this application from SDG&E by writing to Bruce J. Williams, Regulatory Affairs Department, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, 8330 Century Park Court, San Diego, CA 92123-1530.

You may also view a copy of the application on SDG&E's Web site: [www.sdge.com](http://www.sdge.com), or at SDG&E's business offices, or at the office of the California Public Utilities Commission at 1350 Front Street, Room 4006, San Diego, CA 92101.

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