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VIA E-MAIL

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RE: SDG&E's Quarterly Notification Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(e)(7)

Docket #2026-Cs

Dear Director Forest Kaser:

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e)(7) and the April 2025 Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety) Safety Certification Guidelines,¹ San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E or the Company) hereby submits to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) this notification detailing the implementation of (1) SDG&E's approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP), (2) implementation of the recommendations of the Company's most recent safety culture assessment, (3) a statement of the recommendations of the Board of Directors Safety Committee (Safety Committee) meetings that occurred during the quarter, and (4) a summary of the implementation of prior Safety Committee recommendations.

I. BACKGROUND

Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1054 into law on July 12, 2019. AB 1054 contains numerous statutory provisions and amendments designed to enhance the mitigation and prevention of utility-related catastrophic wildfires in California and promote utility financial stability, including the creation of the safety certification process. Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e) established the requirements the electrical corporations to receive an annual safety certification,² which, among other things, include an approved WMP and implementation of the initiatives therein, the establishment of a safety committee of the electrical corporation's board of

¹ Energy Safety's Safety Certification Guidelines provides guidance on the contents, format, and timing of the compliance reporting Energy Safety requires of the electrical corporations.

² Senate Bill 254, signed into law and effective on September 19, 2025, amended the term from "safety certification" to "certificate." SDG&E received its current certificate from Energy Safety via a letter dated March 2, 2026.

directors, board-of-director-level reporting to the Commission on electrical system safety, and the submission of quarterly reports notifying Energy Safety and the Commission regarding WMP implementation and compliance with other AB 1054 requirements.

Specifically, Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e)(7) requires electrical corporations to file a notice of implementation of its approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan with Energy Safety “on a quarterly basis that details the implementation of both its approved wildfire mitigation plan and recommendations of the most recent safety culture assessment, and a statement of recommendations of the board of directors safety committee meetings that occurred during the quarter.” Section 8389(e)(7) also requires that the notification “summarize the implementation of safety committee recommendations from the electrical corporation’s previous notification and submission.” SDG&E’s Quarterly Notification for the second quarter of 2026 is contained herein.

II. DISCUSSION

1) Quarterly Information-Only Submittal to the CPUC

SDG&E is simultaneously submitting this quarterly notification to the California Public Utilities Commission as an information-only submittal via email to Executive Director Leuwam Tesfai at leuwam.tesfai@cpuc.ca.gov, and the CPUC Safety Policy Division at safetypolicycentralfiles@cpuc.ca.gov.³ In addition, pursuant to the guidance received from the Commission’s Safety Policy Division, SDG&E is also simultaneously serving this quarterly notification as an information-only submittal via email to the service lists of Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.) 21-10-001 (Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop Safety Culture Assessments for Electric and Natural Gas Utilities), R.18-10-007 (Order Instituting Rulemaking to Implement Electric Utility Wildfire Mitigation Plans Pursuant to Senate Bill 901), and Application 26-06-015 (SDG&E’s most recent General Rate Case application proceeding).

2) Quarterly Progress Report on WMP Implementation

SDG&E’s WMP contains targeted, quantitative initiatives, designed to mitigate the risk of wildfire due to a fault on the electric system and reduce the impacts of PSPS to customers. These mitigations are categorized across Grid Design, Operations and Maintenance; Vegetation Management and Inspections; and Situational Awareness and Forecasting. SDG&E’s qualitative initiatives are on track as of Q2. The quantitative initiatives established in its 2026-2028 WMP are provided in SDGE_2026_Q2_QN_Attachment A_R0.

SDG&E’s primary system hardening initiatives, namely the installation of covered conductor and strategic underground of electric distribution infrastructure, achieve risk reduction by reducing the likelihood of an ignition. SDG&E utilizes and continues to enhance its risk modeling to inform decision making for mitigation selection and prioritization and during emergency response or PSPS events. SDG&E also employs mitigations intended to reduce the impact of wildfire in the event of an ignition, including high-definition cameras, ground and aerial fire suppression resources, and a fuels management program. SDG&E continues to employ measures to mitigate the customer impacts associated with PSPS events, including the activation

³ Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e)(7).

of community resource centers to support customers during PSPS events, and SDG&E's customer outreach programs to promote both wildfire and PSPS preparedness. Additionally, SDG&E has increased Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) programs, also referred to as secondary assessments, in the 2026-2028 WMP. QA/QC measures are employed to check that WMP work is built in accordance with applicable codes, contracts, standards, and specifications and complete a key milestone within the construction process.

There are currently two programs, Combined Covered Conductor and Distribution Overhead Hardening, that remain at risk for 2026:

1. The Combined Covered Conductor target remains at risk. Two California Endangered Species – the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly and Crotch's Bumble Bee – delayed the initial project release date. The California Fish and Wildlife "Incidental Take Permit" was issued on July 7, 2026, allowing portions of the work to be released for construction. However, remaining work still requires agency permit approvals and/or land rights, which are in process and remain on the project's critical milestone path. Given the additional mileage released to construction, there is now high confidence that at least 27 miles, of the 50-mile target, will be completed this year.
2. The Distribution Overhead Hardening target for 2026 was set at 6.5 miles. As noted in SDG&E's first quarter Quarterly Notification, projects traversing Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed land and non-BLM land, were split to separate the BLM and non-BLM scope into individual projects to potentially minimize schedule risk. Since SDG&E does not have existing easements for assets located on BLM managed land, a SF-299 Right-of-Way application is required, with the approval process historically taking up to one year. The BLM permit applications were submitted in July 2026, and SDG&E is actively coordinating with BLM to minimize impacts and delays. In the second quarter of 2026, a cultural resource was identified that affects non-BLM land for one of the projects. As a result, BLM will decide whether to assert jurisdiction beyond BLM land as part of the permit application process. This could result in project delays outside of SDG&E's control.

SDG&E will provide a further update in the next Quarterly Notification.

3) Quarterly Progress Report on Implementing Safety Culture Assessment Recommendations

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 8389(d)(4), Energy Safety issued its 2022 Safety Culture Assessment Report for SDG&E on May 8, 2023 (2022 SCA Report), its 2023 Safety Culture Assessment Report on March 22, 2024 (2023 SCA Report), and its 2024 Safety Culture Assessment Report on December 19, 2025 (2024 SCA Report). Each report presents the findings and recommendations of the assessment conducted by Energy Safety pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8386.2(b). Assessment inputs include a management self-assessment, supporting documentation, safety culture objectives and lessons learned, workforce survey, interviews and focus groups. In each of the 2022, 2023 and 2024 SCA Reports, the assessment generally concludes that SDG&E has exhibited continued commitment to advancing its safety culture maturity.”⁴

⁴ 2022 SCA Report at p. 3; 2023 SCA Report at p. 3; 2024 SCA Report at p. 3.

SDG&E has agreed to implement all of the findings and recommendations from each of its SCA Reports⁵ and is continually working to sustain, strengthen and mature its safety culture. To highlight its efforts to implement the recommendations of its most recent safety culture assessment, SDG&E continues to perform activities to implement the 2022, 2023 and 2024 SCA Reports through various methods, including but not limited to the following:

- Leadership site visits, ride-alongs and listening sessions.
- Monthly Electric Safety Subcommittee meetings where employees can raise and discuss safety topics that are documented and tracked through resolution.
- Increased assessment, follow-up and communication of employee and contractor submitter near miss reports.
- Enhanced safety recognition programs to promote positive safety engagement across employee and contractor workforce.
- Operational managers and supervisors communicating and educating workers on the safe behaviors associated with mitigating hazards from wildfires and hostile interactions with discontented members of the public.
- Updating SDG&E's safety observation checklists to identify safe and at-risk behaviors associated with mitigating hazards from wildfires.
- Increased focus on Serious Injury and Fatality (SIF) prevention and high-energy hazard awareness.
- Expansion of SDG&E's near miss reporting application to capture wildfire-related risks and risks posed by discontented members of the public.
- Hosting company-wide town hall events and manager training workshops to educate and promote a culture of safety and trust.
- Contractor safety summits and dialogue sessions.
- Leadership (Executives, Directors, Managers, Supervisors) performing on-site safety visits with direct employee engagement; tracking interactions and feedback.
- District leaders holding safety all-hands meetings to clarify and set safety expectations to advance the safety culture.
- Executive Safety Council (ESC) soliciting feedback from front-line employees and supervision on safety culture.

⁵ *Agreement of San Diego Gas & Electric to Implement the Findings of the 2022 Safety Culture Assessment, June 15, 2023* (Energy Safety Docket # 2022-SCAs); *Agreement of San Diego Gas & Electric to Implement the Findings of the 2023 Safety Culture Assessment, April 5, 2024* (Energy Safety Docket # 2023-SCAs); *Agreement of San Diego Gas & Electric to Implement the Findings of the 2024 Safety Culture Assessment, January 9, 2026* (Energy Safety Docket # 2024-SCAs).

Additionally, SDG&E reports the following activities performed during Q2 2026 to implement its most recent Safety Culture Assessment Report recommendations.⁶

Recommendation 1: Better Understand Safety Risks Associated with Performance Pressures and Distractions

To address this recommendation, SDG&E is implementing efforts to solicit feedback from frontline employees and contractors, reinforce stop work authority, and deliver clear, consistent leadership messaging. Actions to address this recommendation are ongoing. Specific actions performed during Q2 2026 include:

- During Q2 2026, SDG&E teams across all organizations and locations hosted safety standdowns or all hands meetings focused on safety to reinforce key safety messaging regarding the essential role our workforce plays in keeping one another and our communities safe.
- On June 24 – 25, 2026, SDG&E participated in the Q2 2026 California Alliance for Safety and Training (CAST) meeting, hosted by Southern California Edison, to collaborate and discuss discussion topics focused on understanding performance pressures – given it is a common recommendation in each of the IOU’s 2024 SCA Reports. A CAST safety culture subcommittee regularly meets to collectively understand and address this issue that is prevalent across our industry.
- During Q2 2026, SDG&E’s Chief Safety Officer and other executives continued issuance of weekly employee-wide communications highlighting weekly safety performance, recognizing instances of stopped work and submissions of near miss reports, lessons learned, key safety reminders, and reinforcing leadership’s commitment to safety.

Recommendation 2: Continue Progress on Addressing Public Interaction Risks

To address this recommendation, SDG&E is implementing efforts to mitigate public interaction risk by enhancing its customer notification processes, strengthening its hazard information systems, providing its workforce with additional tools and resources, and collaborating with PG&E and SCE as it is a common issue across our industry. Actions to address this recommendation are ongoing. Specific actions performed during Q2 2026 include:

- During Q2 2026, SDG&E’s Safety and Customer Success teams partnered to better understand front line employee and contractor perspectives and identify solutions to address the risk of hostile customer interactions. The team conducted broad field engagement (230+ personnel) to solicit first-hand experience spanning employee and contractor work groups. The contractor group included Class 1 contractors and internal employees that support Class 1 contractors. The team facilitated 13 listening sessions which included small-group discussions across all districts and sent 850 survey

⁶ 2024 Safety Culture Assessment for San Diego Gas & Electric Company issued December 19, 2025.

invitations. Findings and proposed solutions based on employee and contractor feedback were presented to SDG&E's Customer Experience Review (CXR) executive team on July 17, 2026.

- During Q2 2026, Sempra corporate security personnel implemented process and technology enhancements to advance a more proactive approach to identifying potential hostile members of the public and provided increase security across SDG&E facilities and meeting locations based on gathered intel and insights.
- In May 2026, SDG&E kicked off its annual Wildfire Safety Fairs - a series events open and free to the public- to share emergency preparedness resources and information. These events offer practical information on steps people can take to prepare for wildfire and other emergencies, including how to build an emergency supply kit, create an emergency plan and help reduce wildfire exposure. These events strengthen community engagement and education to help reduce risk of hostile interactions.

Recommendation 3: Understanding the Safety Culture Perception Gap

To address this recommendation, SDG&E is investigating underlying and contributing factors for its workforce perception survey average response score decline. Actions to address this recommendation are ongoing. Specific actions performed during Q2 2026 include:

- On June 2, 2026, SDG&E hosted a dialogue session with its overhead line contractor representatives to discuss safety best practices, lessons learned, review near miss and safety incidents to promote a shared understanding of safety roles, responsibilities and expectations.
- On June 4, 2026, SDG&E held its Q2 2026 Executive Safety Council dialogue sessions at its Eastern district offices. During these dialogue sessions, front-line employees and supervisors met with SDG&E executive officers to share their safety experiences, concerns and feedback. These engagements allow SDG&E leaders to hear directly from our workforce to gain safety culture insights and opportunities for improvement.
- On April 23, 2026, SDG&E hosted its Q2 Contractor Safety Summit with agenda and discussion topics designed to reinforce SDG&E's safety commitment and expectations across its contracted workforce.

Recommendation 4: Identify Next Steps in Achieving Workforce Engagement in Safety Event Reporting

To address this recommendation, SDG&E is analyzing whether culture perception is leading to decreased reporting, proposing leadership actions to increase event reporting, and continually promoting psychological safety and a speak-up culture by encouraging workers to report safety concerns, near misses, good catches and mistakes. Actions to address this recommendation are ongoing. Specific actions performed during Q2 2026 include:

- During Q2 2026, SDG&E employees submitted 107 near miss reports. Of those, 60% were submitted non-anonymously, demonstrating continued efforts in building trust and psychological safety.
- During Q2 2026, SDG&E contractors submitted 49 near miss and good catch reports. Key safety reminders and lessons learned from key SDG&E near miss reports were also shared during contractor safety meetings to promote shared learning.
- During Q2 2026, SDG&E continued issuance of a Weekly Near Miss Summary Report. This Report is sent to all SDG&E employees via e-mail on a weekly basis and provides high level data analysis to identify trends, including tracking on non-anonymous submittals, highlights follow-up action items, resulting safety improvements, safety reminders, key teachings, and recognizes instances of stopped work to encourage safety event reporting.

Recommendation 5: Improve Contractor Engagement in the Workforce Survey

To address this recommendation, SDG&E is working to identify barriers to contractor engagement in its workforce survey to close the gap between employee and contractor response rates. Actions to address this recommendation are ongoing. Specific actions performed during Q2 2026 include:

- On April 23, 2026, SDG&E held its Q2 Contractor Safety Summit with planned agenda topics designed to reinforce safety culture commitments and expectations of our contracted workforce.
- On June 2, 2026, SDG&E held its Q2 Overhead Line Contractor Safety meeting to discuss and share safety best practices, lessons learned and insights regarding contractor safety culture and safety performance.

4) Board of Directors Safety Committee Meetings and Recommendations

The SDG&E Board Safety Committee⁷ advises and assists the SDG&E Board of Directors in the oversight of safely providing electric and natural gas services to the Company's customers.

On July 23, 2026, the SDG&E Board Safety Committee met and reviewed a range of safety matters relevant to SDG&E's ongoing safety governance, risk oversight, and regulatory reporting obligations. The Committee received an update from the Chief Safety Officer on safety performance, including leading and lagging indicators, year-to-date performance trends, near miss reporting, potential serious injuries and fatalities, and the Company's "Control Time – Gas Shut-in Time Mains" metric. The Committee also reviewed field safety efforts to address hostile customer interactions, including employee and contractor feedback, current practices, identified opportunities for improvement, and planned or in-progress actions.

⁷ SDG&E's Board Safety Committee members include David Barrett, Chair of the Board Safety Committee and Chief Sustainability Officer at Sempra; Glen Donovan, Senior Vice President for Finance at Sempra; and Caroline A. Winn, SDG&E Chief Executive Officer.

In addition, the Committee received a wildfire season update addressing year-to-date fire activity in San Diego, notable fires in SDG&E's service territory, statewide and local fire trends, and the 2026 seasonal outlook, including forecasted heat, humidity, monsoonal activity, lightning potential, and elevated wildfire risk. The Committee also reviewed SDG&E's helicopter firefighting support and contractor oversight and ongoing corrective actions and improvements.

The Committee further received an update on electric contact incidents involving Company electrical facilities, including historical trends and related mitigation activities such as inspection and engineering controls, customer engagement, education, and evaluation of additional opportunities through the Enterprise Risk Register. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 1054, the Committee recommended that, at an upcoming meeting, SDG&E present on its Behavior Based Safety program, the Kearney Voluntary Protection Program, and the Electric Safety Subcommittee and Gas Safety Subcommittee, including discussion with field leads, and review its distribution switching incident review and prevention program.

4.1) Recommendations from the Most Recent Quarter

During the July 23, 2026 Board Safety Committee meeting, David Barrett, Board Safety Committee Chair, recommended that, at an upcoming Safety Committee meeting, SDG&E report on the following:

- At an upcoming meeting, SDG&E present on its Behavior Based Safety program, the Kearney Voluntary Protection Program, and the Electric Safety Subcommittee and Gas Safety Subcommittee, including discussion with field leads;
- SDG&E review and present its distribution switching incident review and prevention program.

4.2) Progress on Previous Recommendations

Pending and recently completed Safety Committee Recommendations are summarized in the following table.

Meeting Date	Recommendation	Status
October 17, 2024	Report on contractor safety performance and contractor safety performance accountability	Completed on October 15, 2025
February 26, 2025	Review SDG&E's late 2024 and January 2025 PSPS events and mutual aid efforts in response to the LA Fires, and report on any lessons learned	Completed on May 22, 2025
February 26, 2025	Provide an update on SDG&E's customer communications and notifications regarding field visits and routine work notifications	Completed on July 31, 2025
May 22, 2025	Provide an update on the upcoming CPUC Safety Culture Assessment Rulemaking and SDG&E's upcoming Safety Culture Assessment	Completed on October 15, 2025
July 31, 2025	Present on prevention of injuries related to falling from heights, and lessons learned from any previous fall-related events	Pending

Meeting Date	Recommendation	Status
July 31, 2025	Present on risks associated with out-of-service transmission lines in the High Fire Threat District (HFTD)	Completed on October 15, 2025
October 15, 2025	Provide an update on efforts to monitor and improve driving safety	Completed on April 20, 2026
October 15, 2025	Provide an update on telematics in company vehicles	Pending
February 25, 2026	SDG&E provide an update on the results of the 2025 Wildfire Safety Culture Assessment and recommendations from the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety.	Completed on April 20, 2026
February 25, 2026	SDG&E provide an update on the upcoming 2026 CPUC Safety Culture Assessment.	Completed on April 20, 2026
April 20, 2026	SDG&E provide an assessment of the shooting incident involving a PG&E contractor and any lessons learned, including applicability to SDG&E.	Completed on July 23, 2026
July 23, 2026	SDG&E present on its Behavior Based Safety program, the Kearney Voluntary Protection Program, and the Electric Safety Subcommittee and Gas Safety Subcommittee, including discussion with field leads	Pending
July 23, 2026	SDG&E review and present its distribution switching incident review and prevention program	Pending

SDG&E expects to fulfill any pending recommendations at an upcoming Board Safety Committee meeting and will provide updates on their completion in future quarterly notifications.

5) Update on SDG&E'S Wildfire Safety Community Advisory Council Meetings

Per the requirement established in D.20-05-051 that SDG&E report on advisory council activities on a quarterly basis, SDG&E's Wildfire Safety Community Advisory Council (WSCAC) last met on February 20, 2026. The WSCAC is comprised of several important stakeholders in the SDG&E community and includes representatives from local and tribal governments, public safety partners, and Access and Functional Needs communities.

At the May 1, 2026 meeting, SDG&E's Chief Operating Officer provided member and company updates. Additional presentations and updates included:

- SDG&E's VP of Wildfire and Climate Science presented on the upcoming fire season and El Nino outlook.
- SDG&E's Director of Wildfire Mitigation and Vegetation Management addressed wildfire mitigation efforts completed to date.
- SDG&E's Director of Emergency Services shared updates to SDG&E's aviation services program.
- SDG&E presented on the California Earthquake Authority's catastrophe resilience report prepared pursuant to Senate Bill 254.

III. NOTICE

This filing will be submitted to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety, the Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission, and posted to SDG&E's website (<https://www.sdge.com/2026-2028-wildfire-mitigation-plan>).

Respectfully submitted,

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