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**ADVICE LETTER 1774-E/1597-G**  
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE BALANCING  
ACCOUNT (CSIBA)**

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) hereby submits for filing the following revisions to its electric and gas tariffs as shown in Attachments A and B, respectively.

**PURPOSE**

This filing establishes the CSIBA to record the solar program costs beginning on January 1, 2007 and the corresponding authorized revenue requirement associated with the California Solar Initiative (CSI) as adopted pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Decision (D.) 06-01-024, dated January 12, 2006

**BACKGROUND**

The Commission recently underscored its commitment to solar resources for assuring the reliability of the state's electric system in Decision (D.) 05-12-044, which increased funding for incentives to solar projects by \$300 million in 2006 for California utilities<sup>1</sup>. D.06-01-024 establishes additional policies and program elements designed to promote solar development and provides authorized funding of \$2.5 billion for solar development over the next 10 years. Of the total \$2.8 billion funding for solar development over the eleven year period, \$2.5 billion is for Commission-managed programs and the remainder is related to programs managed by the California Energy Commission (CEC). SDG&E's allocation of the \$2.5 billion funding is \$325 million over the ten-year period. Of the \$325 million funding, up to 10% (or \$32.5 million) is allocated to administrative costs, which include program evaluation, and marketing and outreach efforts. In addition, a minimum of 10% of program funds will be applied to projects installed by low-income residential customers and affordable housing projects and up to 5% of each year's adopted budget to Research, Development & Demonstration (RD&D) that explores solar technologies and other distributed generation technologies that employ or could employ solar for power generation and storage or to offset natural gas usage, as well as market

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to D.05-12-044, the increased 2006 Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) allocation authorized for solar projects and the corresponding revenue requirements will be tracked in the existing SGIP memorandum accounts established by each utility. SDG&E filed Advice Letter 1761-E/1585-G to incorporate the tracking of 2006 CSI program costs and the corresponding authorized \$39 million CSI Program revenue requirement.

development strategies. D.06-01-024 also provides for funding flexibility between program years in recognition of actual demand for funding.

#### California Solar Initiative Balancing Account

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 2 of D.06-01-024, California utilities are required to implement the program described in the staff report and adopted therein. Additionally, on page 8 of the D.06-01-024, the decision provides the following:

*“Beginning in 2007, CSI revenue requirements should be tracked in a separate account. We authorize the utilities to collect the funds during the relevant program year, for both programs, rather than requiring them to wait until the end of the funding cycle to collect amounts in the relevant accounts. We emphasize that we retain authority to audit or otherwise review spending and accounting for these programs whether or not the funds have been collected in the relevant period.”*

Therefore, consistent with D.06-01-024 SDG&E has established the CSIBA to record solar program expenses and corresponding revenue requirements beginning on January 1, 2007. In addition, consistent with OP 4, SDG&E plans to collect in connection with its annual October regulatory account update filings the annual CSI revenue requirement according to the schedule shown on Table 1 of D.06-01-024 for each of the program years unless modified by a subsequent order. If the difference between program expenditures and the amounts collected in rates is substantial, SDG&E may request adjusting the collection of the revenue requirement. The balance in the CSIBA may be amortized into SDG&E’s electric and gas rates annually.

#### **PROTEST**

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be made in writing and received within 20 days of the date this Advice Letter was filed with the Commission. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

CPUC Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Copies should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of both Jerry Royer (jrr@cpuc.ca.gov) and Honesto Gatchalian (jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) of the Energy Division. It is also requested that a copy of the protest should be sent via electronic mail and facsimile to SDG&E on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission (at the address shown below).

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

SDG&E believes that this filing is subject to Energy Division disposition, and therefore respectfully requests that this advice letter be approved March 18, 2006, thirty days from the date filed.

**NOTICE**

A copy of this filing has been served on the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including interested parties in R.04-03-017, by providing them a copy hereof either electronically or via the U.S. mail, properly stamped and addressed.

Address changes should be directed to Christina Sondrini by facsimile at (858) 654-1788 or by e-mail to [csondrini@semprautilities.com](mailto:csondrini@semprautilities.com).

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# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC**

Utility type:

ELC

GAS

PLC

HEAT

WATER

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### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

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Advice Letter (AL) #: 1774-E/1597-G

Subject of AL: Establishment of the California Solar Initiative Balancing Account (CSIBA)

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Solar, Balancing Account

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D.06-01-024

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL N/A

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>:

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: 3/18/06

No. of tariff sheets: 8

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: Electric and Gas Preliminary Statement & TOC

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

**Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:**

**CPUC, Energy Division**

**Attention: Tariff Unit**

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**San Francisco, CA 94102**

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<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

General Order No. 96-A, Sec. III. G.  
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ATTACHMENT A  
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II. BALANCING ACCOUNTS

Y. CALIFORNIA SOLAR INITIATIVE BALANCING ACCOUNT (CSIBA)

1. Purpose: The purpose of the CSIBA is to record the costs and corresponding Revenue Requirement associated with the California Solar Initiative (CSI) beginning on January 1, 2007, as outlined in Commission Decision (D.) 06-01-024 dated January 12, 2006. The CSI program budget allocation shall be consistent with the Self-generation and Energy Efficiency program allocation between electric and gas customers of 93 percent and 7 percent respectively.
2. Applicability: The CSIBA shall apply to all customer classes, except for any classes that may be specifically excluded by the Commission.
3. Rates: Amounts in the CSIBA will be included in electric distribution rates annually.
4. Accounting Procedure: The Utility shall maintain the CSIBA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:
  - a. A debit entry equal to the CSI program costs including amounts remitted to the San Diego Regional Energy Office (SDREO) associated with this program in conformance with contracts between the Utility and SDREO. Costs may also include marketing, contract administration, regulatory reporting, program evaluation, customers' incentives, research, development and demonstration (RD&D), incremental capital costs and expenses associated with the CSI program.
  - b. A credit entry related to the monthly CSI revenue requirement authorized for recovery in rates.
  - c. An entry equal to the revenues from amortization rates as authorized by the Commission.
  - d. A debit entry equal to the interest on the average of the balance at the beginning of the month and the balance after the entries 4.a. through 4.c. above, at a rate equal to one-twelfth of the interest rate on three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor publication.

A separate accounting of costs and benefits, by customer class, will be accomplished.

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- 6. Disposition: Pursuant to D.06-01-024, SDG&E may recover its share of the amount authorized for the CSI in the utility's Annual Electric Regulatory Account Balance Update filings, beginning with the next rate change following the effective date of D.06-01-024, subject to review of program costs at any time. If the difference between program expenditures and the amounts collected in rates is substantial, SDG&E may request adjusting the collection of the revenue requirement. The balance in the CSIBA may be amortized into SDG&E's electric rates annually.

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