

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Approval of its 2012-2014 California Alternate Rates for Energy and Energy Savings Assistance Programs and Budgets.	Application 11-05-017 (Filed May 16, 2011)
Application of Southern California Gas Company (U904G) for Approval of Low-Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2012-2014.	Application 11-05-018 (Filed May 16, 2011)
Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of the 2012-2014 Energy Savings Assistance and California Alternate Rates for Energy Programs and Budget (U39M).	Application 11-05-019 (Filed May 16, 2011)
Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902M) for Approval of Low-Income Assistance Programs and Budgets for Program Years 2012-2014.	Application 11-05-020 (Filed May 16, 2011)

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

In accordance with Rule 8.4 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) hereby gives notice of the following *Ex Parte* communication in the above proceedings.

On Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 10:00 am in the California Public Utilities Commission auditorium, located at 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, California, Andrew Steinberg, SoCalGas Customer Programs Regulatory Policy and Reporting Manager; and Rebecca Eaton, external consultant to the utilities regarding federal and state low income customer assistance programs, participated in the Low Income Program All Party Meeting, presided over by Commissioner Catherine Sandoval and attended by the Low Income Governing Board members

and other members of the public. Other attendees are listed in the Low Income Oversight Board (LIOB) Sign-In Sheet. See Attachment A. The meeting was initiated by the Commission as part of the regularly scheduled Low-Income Oversight Board meeting. Communication was oral and written. See Attachment B.

Andrew Steinberg provided a brief overview of the utility requirement from D.12-08-044 to annually submit an Advice Letter to update the list of categorical eligibility programs for the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Programs. He also recapitulated events associated with the review and eventual dismissal (without prejudice) of the Advice Letter by the Commission's Energy Division because "it raises significant unforeseen policy issues requiring review in the formal proceeding."¹

Rebecca Eaton gave a presentation describing the evaluation prepared by ICF International for Commissioner Sandoval on behalf of SoCalGas, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE) and Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). The evaluation was initially sent to Commission Sandoval on March 29, 2013² and responsive to a request at an earlier LIOB meeting to provide a quantitative representation of the difference in eligibility guidelines of certain low income programs reviewed in the ICF Study and the CARE and ESA Programs. This ICF Study was previously submitted to the Commission in a joint-utility Advice Letter filing in compliance with Decision (D.) 12-08-044.

¹ Letter from Edward Randolph, Director, Energy Division, CPUC, to Rasha Prince, Director Regulatory Affairs, SoCalGas re: List of Categorical Eligible Programs for Enrollment in California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) Programs, dated April 30, 2013.

² Letter from Gillian Wright, Director – Customer Programs & Assistance, SoCalGas, to California Low Income Oversight Board care of Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval re: Low Income Oversight Board Meeting of February 27, 2013 dated Mach 29, 2013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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