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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SUBJECT: JOINT UTILITIES INFORMATION UPDATE ON THE COLLECTION OF DATA TO BE USED TO STUDY THE IMPACTS OF THE NOTIFICATION-ONLY APPROACH PILOT PURSUANT TO DECISION 21-06-002

PURPOSE

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (“OP”) 4 of Decision (“D.”) 21-06-002 issued on June 4, 2021, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (“SDG&E”), Pacific Gas & Electric Company (“PG&E”) and Southern California Edison Company (“SCE”) (collectively, “the Joint Utilities”) submit this Tier 1 Advice Letter (“AL”) to indicate the data the Joint Utilities will collect to study the impacts of the Notification-Only Approach pilot.

BACKGROUND

On June 4, 2021, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued D.21-06-002 to address the remaining Rulemaking (R.) 17-07-007 Phase 1 issues to streamline the interconnection application process for distributed energy resources. D.21-06-002, among other things, in OP 4 requires the Joint Utilities to host a workshop to solicit recommendations on the data to be collected to measure the impacts from the Notification-Only Approach Pilot and to inform proposals for an interconnection fee for the notification-only approach that is commensurate with the costs to administer the approach. The Joint Utilities hosted the workshop on July 6, 2021.

Moreover, the Joint Utilities, with the input from the Commission’s Energy Division, are required to jointly submit a Tier 1 AL, no later than 90 days from the issuance of D.21-06-002, to indicate to the Commission the data the Joint Utilities have agreed to collect and

the method they propose to study the notification-only approach. The Joint Utilities consulted with Energy Division on August 24, 2021. As discussed below, the Joint Utilities submit this advice letter in compliance with OP 4 of D.21-06-002 to identify the data they will collect to study the impacts of the Notification-Only Approach Pilot.

DISCUSSION

Stakeholder Recommendations

The Joint Utilities hosted a workshop on July 6, 2021, in which they presented their initial proposal regarding the data to be collected to measure the impacts from the notification-only approach. The goal of the workshop was to solicit recommendations from stakeholders. Key takeaways from the workshop included:

- The Joint Utilities identified how data will be collected and discussed how this data is needed to understand whether there are grid impacts.
- Stakeholders voiced concerns around the auditing process and resulting data needs.
- There is a distinction between two types of PTO removal: 1) PTO suspension (for administrative reasons); and 2) PTO revocation (for significant infractions). The Joint Utilities should provide a clear list of examples for the latter.
- Monitoring capabilities are necessary, in addition to data reporting, to determine if systems are exporting.
- The Joint Utilities should compare virtual vs. field inspection costs.

Following the workshop, the Joint Utilities received written feedback from only one stakeholder, Tesla, Inc. Tesla encouraged the Joint Utilities to collect/assess the following information to help the Commission and stakeholders better understand the validity and/or extent of certain concerns that informed the limitations the Commission established as part of this pilot:

- To address the question of whether or not the notification-only process should be expanded to include small, non-exporting storage devices that are being added to an existing NEM system (these are currently not eligible unless the customer gives up NEM and the ability to export from the solar system), Tesla recommended that the Joint Utilities identify during the pilot period how many such systems were deployed in their respective service territories; of those, how many failed any of the review screens; and how many of those then triggered upgrades, along with information regarding which screens were failed and the nature of any required mitigations/upgrades.
- Tesla continues to have concerns about the limit of 10 projects per developer per circuit as further limiting the ability to utilize the notification-only process. As this was adopted in direct response to the utilities' concerns about grid saturation and adverse impacts, Tesla recommended that the Joint Utilities document those

instances where the deployment of a small non-exporting system resulted in aggregate impacts given existing generation on the same circuit such that mitigation was required. As with the first suggestion above, this data should include information related to projects that are not part of the pilot, given the very real possibility that participation in the pilot will be extremely low given the limited scope of eligible projects.

Proposed Data Collection

Attachment A provides a template that the Joint Utilities proposed to utilize for data collection, which incorporates the recommendations from Tesla described above.

- *Intake Process Tracking and Reporting:* The Joint Utilities will assess the application volume and developer engagement. Furthermore, the Joint Utilities will examine application deficiencies, including types of deficiencies (subdivided into safety or efficiency issues) and how long it took for customers to resolve deficiencies. The Joint Utilities will also consider how often deficiencies resulted in Joint Utilities revoking Permission to Operate and the number of pre-approved developers who were removed from the pre-approved developer list.
- *Impact Study Tracking and Reporting:* The Joint Utilities will review engineering issues, such as the number of circuits reaching or exceeding program limits (10 projects per approved developer), and numbers of resulting operational or equipment failures.
- *Impact Study Costs (Average Cost per Application):* The Joint Utilities will assess costs of application processing, engineering review, auditing, and technological upgrades.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The Joint Utilities believes this submission is subject to Energy Division disposition pursuant to GO 96-B and should be classified as Tier 1 (effective pending disposition) pursuant to OP 4. Since this submission is being made in compliance with D.21-06-002, SDG&E therefore respectfully requests that it become effective on September 2, which is the date submitted.

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 must be received no later than September 22, 2021, which is 20 days after the date this Advice Letter was submitted with the Commission. There is no restriction on who may submit a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

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Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
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Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of the Energy Division at EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov. A copy of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

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NOTICE

A copy of this submittal has been served on the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including interested parties in R.17-07-007, by providing them a copy hereof either electronically or via the U.S. mail, properly stamped and addressed. Address changes should be directed by email to SDGETariffs@sdge.com.

_____/s/ Clay Faber
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ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



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

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902-E)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 3843-E et al

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Joint Utilities Information Update on the Collection of Data to be used to Study the Impacts of the Notification-Only Approach Pilot Pursuant to Decision 21-06-002

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing):

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.21-06-002

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: N/A

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 9/2/20

No. of tariff sheets: N/A

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

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

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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

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R.17-07-007

Attachment A Data Collection Template

Intake Process Tracking and Reporting		
Tracking activity	Description	Tracking Attribute
1	Count of total projects	Numeric
2	Count of projects per approved developer	Numeric
3	Count of projects with deficiencies	Numeric
4	Deficiency description (Notes 1 and 2)	Text
5	Day when applicant was notified of deficiency	date
6	Day when applicant responded to the deficiency	date
7	Day when IOU cleared deficiency	date
8	Day when IOU issued a suspension	date
9	Day when suspension was cleared	date
10	Day when suspension changed to revocation	date
11	Count of revocation due to inability to clear deficiencies (Note 2)	Numeric
12	Count of revocation due to safety violations (Note 1)	Numeric
13	Count of developers who were approved for the pilot	Numeric
14	Count of developers who were removed from the pilot	Numeric

Impact Study Tracking and Reporting		
Tracking activity	Description	Tracking Attribute
1	Number of circuits reaching program limits (10 per approved developer)	Numeric
2	Number of circuits exceeding 10 non-program projects (Note 4)	Numeric
3	Verified operational issues caused by (1)+(2) (Note 3)	Text
4	Verified equipment failures caused by (1)+(2)	Text
5	Percentage of (1+2)/(number of customers in the circuit)	Percentage

Attachment A Data Collection Template

Impact Study Costs (Average \$/Application)		
Tracking activity	Description	Tracking Attribute
1	Intake processing costs	\$
2	Engineering review	\$
3	Audit costs (office audits)	\$
4	Audit costs (field audits)	\$
5	Technology costs (costs spread over two years)	\$

Note 1: Safety Evaluations List

Connection within secondary networks
 Connecting on line-side taps
 Not using approved controls systems
 Not using approved inverters
 Project gross nameplate capacity ≥ 30 kVA
 Project paired with other generation (solar)
 Project not connected to 120/240-volt service

Note 2: Notification Deficiency Types

Single-line diagram needs clarification
 Authority having jurisdiction needs clarification
 Excedance of 10 projects per circuit
 General appliction information needs clarification
 Service account (service meter) needs clarification

Note 3: Operational Issues

Unexpected load system load flows caused by (1)+(2)
 Unexpected safety issues caused by (1)+(2)

Note 4: Non-Program Projects

Non-program projects are those project which add storage capacity to exisiting approved NEM projects with a total generating facility nameplate capacity less then 30KVA (existing solar+new storage)

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General Order 96-B, Section IV**

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