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To:

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On behalf of SoCalREN
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Subject: Disposition approving Southern California Regional Energy Network's annual budget advice letter 8-E/8-G and supplemental 8-E-A/8-G-A.

Dear Mr. Le,

Decision (D.) 18-05-041, Ordering Paragraph (OP) 1, approved Southern California Regional Energy Network's (SoCalREN's) business plan to continue to offer ratepayer funded energy efficiency (EE) programs. Pursuant to D.15-10-028, OP 4, EE program administrators (PAs), which includes SoCalREN, must file a Tier 2 advice letter (AL) containing a budget for the next calendar year's EE portfolio by the first business day in September. SoCalREN's annual budget advice letter (ABAL) was timely filed on September 4, 2018 seeking budget approval for program year 2019.

On October 4, 2018, the Public Advocates Office timely protested the ABALs of: Pacific Gas & Electric Company AL 4011-G/5375-E; San Diego Gas & Electric Company AL 3267-E/2700-G; Southern California Edison Company AL 3859-E; Southern California Gas Company AL 5349; and Marin Clean Energy AL 33-E. MCE timely replied to the protest on October 10, 2018, while PG&E, SCE, SDG&E and SoCalGas timely replied to the protest from the Public Advocates Office on October 11, 2018.

SoCalREN was not included in the Public Advocates Office's protest. However, since the Public Advocates Office requested that all PAs file supplementals for their 2019 ABALs based on the then 2019-2020 Draft DEER Resolution E-4952, the Public Advocates Office protest is relevant to all PAs, including SoCalREN.

On October 29, 2018, SoCalREN filed supplemental AL 8-E-A/8-G-A at the request of Energy Division staff. One of the directives from Energy Division was that "PAs must base their 2019 savings forecasts entirely on existing and Commission-approved workpaper values as of 9/4/2018."¹ SoCalREN confirmed that savings forecasts are based from historical participation data that includes custom energy models as well as Commission-approved workpaper values as of 9/4/2018."²

Resolution E-4952 states in Ordering Paragraph (OP) 3 is only applicable to reporting savings claims in 2019 and for portfolio planning in 2020.³ Resolution E-4867 OP 2 is clear that the updated DEER values from August 2017 resolution must be used for 2019 portfolio planning.⁴

Thus, Energy Division rejects the Public Advocates Office protest and will not require the SoCalREN to resubmit their ABALs using the relevant DEER values approved in E-4952. SoCalREN's confirmed in their supplemental AL 9-E-A has

¹ Email from Nils Strindberg to SoCalREN on October 1, 2018.

² SoCalREN AL 8-E-A, "Supplement: Compliance Filing Regarding the Southern California Regional Energy Network 2019 Energy Efficiency Program Portfolio Changes and Funding Request" filed in R.13-11-005, pg 9.

³ E-4952, OP 3 states that "Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Electric Company (SCE), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3CREN), Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC), Lancaster Choice Energy (LCE), and Marin Clean Energy (MCE) must use the updated assumptions, methods and values for 2019 savings claims and 2020 planning, implementation and reporting."

⁴ E-4867, OP 2 states that: "Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Electric Company (SCE), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN), Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3CREN), Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC), and Marin Clean Energy (MCE) must use the updated assumptions, methods and values for 2017, 2018 savings claims and 2019 planning, implementation and reporting."

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appropriately used "Commission approved workpaper values as of September 4, 2019 and thus are in compliance with Resolution E-4867." SoCalREN shall use DEER Resolution E-4952 for reporting savings claims in 2019.

Energy Division has determined to approve SoCalREN's AL 8-E/8-G filed on September 4, 2018, and AL 8-E-A/8-G-A, filed on October 29, 2018. The SoCalREN AL 8-E/8-G and 8-E-A/8-G-A are effective November 28, 2018.

Please contact Nils Strindberg of Energy Division staff at (415) 703-1812 or at ns2@cpuc.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ERANDOLPH", followed by a small mark that looks like "EN".

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division
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