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Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”)’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (“SDG&E”) respectfully submits this Motion for Expedited Protest/Response Period (“Motion”).

I. AN EXPEDITED PROTEST/RESPONSE PERIOD IS NECESSARY TO ALLOW RATEPAYERS TO RECEIVE THEIR ERRA-RELATED BILL CREDIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN TIME TO MITIGATE THE HIGHER SUMMER BILL SEASON

In conjunction with the filing of this Motion, SDG&E has filed an Expedited Trigger Application (“Trigger Application”) addressing the disposition of SDG&E’s current Energy Resource Recovery Account (“ERRA”) balance. As explained in more detail in the Trigger Application, SDG&E’s ERRA balance is currently projected to be approximately \$80 million overcollected at the end of July. Through the Trigger Application, SDG&E is seeking to return this overcollection in the form of a one-time bill credit to the appropriate ratepayers beginning with electric bills issued to customers on or after October 1, 2009 or as soon as the Commission is able to issue its approval. By providing the credit as soon as possible, SDG&E can provide much needed

assistance to customers during both these difficult economic times and annual period of higher summer bills due to increased usage.

So as to facilitate the timing of a final Commission decision before October 1, 2009, SDG&E proposed the following schedule in its Trigger Application.

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Application filed	August 4, 2009
Expedited Protest/Response date	August 19, 2009
SDG&E's Expedited Reply to Protests/Responses	August 24, 2009
Expedited Proposed Decision	September 16, 2009
Commission Approval (following reduced comment period)	September 24, 2009

This schedule includes an expedited Protest/Response period ending on August 19 (15 days from the filing of the Trigger Application) and a SDG&E Reply (if necessary) on August 24 (5 days from the filing of any protest/response). Such a schedule provides over three weeks (23 days from the filing of SDG&E's reply) for the issuance of a Proposed Decision on September 16, with the final decision to be issued on September 24 and in time to begin the bill credit process by October 1.

Pursuant to Rule 2.6, the standard period for protests and responses is 30 days and the period for replies is 10 days. Accordingly, this Motion seeks to shorten these periods by 50%. In light of the benefit to ratepayers of receiving their bill credits as soon as possible during these difficult economic times and the high summer bill season, such a shortening of time to protest/respond to SDG&E's Trigger Application is justified.

II. CONCLUSION

Based on this Motion and the merits of the Trigger Application, SDG&E respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request to expedite the protest/response period as outlined above.

Dated this 4th day of August 2009, in San Diego, California.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I have this day served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **MOTION OF SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (U 902-E) FOR EXPEDITED PROTEST/RESPONSE PERIOD** to each party named in the official service list for R.08-02-007 (2008 LTPP) by electronic mail. Those parties without an email address were served by placing copies in properly addressed and sealed envelopes and depositing such envelopes in the United States Mail with first-class postage prepaid. Hard copies were also sent by overnight mail to Chief ALJ Karen Clopton.

Dated at San Diego, California, this 4th day of August, 2009.

/s/ Lisa Fucci-Ortiz
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