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Rachel Peterson, Executive Director  
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505 Van Ness Avenue  
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**Re: Proclamation of a State of Emergency – 2025 Late December Storms**

Dear Ms. Peterson:

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency dated December 24, 2025 (Proclamation), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) is providing notice that its electric and gas Catastrophic Event Memorandum Accounts (CEMA) have been invoked as a result of a recent catastrophic event declared State of Emergency by government authorities. This letter is being provided in accordance with Section III.A of the Preliminary Statement of SDG&E's electric tariff book and Section V.A of the Preliminary Statement in SDG&E's gas tariff book, which require SDG&E to provide information concerning the impact of the catastrophic event on its facilities and an estimate of costs that have been or will be incurred in response to the catastrophic event.

**Catastrophic Event Declared – 2025 Late December Storms**

Governor Newsom's Proclamation declared that on December 23, 2025, atmospheric rivers began to impact California, including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Shasta Counties.<sup>1</sup> Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency for San Diego County on December 24, 2025. In the Proclamation, Governor Newsom indicated that the storm created a major risk for rockslides, mudslides, landslides, urban flooding, rapid rises in small streams, and significant river flooding, particularly urban roadway flooding and rapid rises in local creeks and rivers across multiple counties.

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<sup>1</sup> Governor Newsom's Proclamation of a State of Emergency available at: [https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/SOE-Late-December-Storms\\_12-24-25\\_FORMATTED.pdf](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/SOE-Late-December-Storms_12-24-25_FORMATTED.pdf)

## **Background**

The CEMA requires that within 30 days of the event, SDG&E provide the Executive Director of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) information concerning the catastrophic event including the impact on its facilities and a preliminary estimate of the costs that have been or will be incurred in response to the catastrophic event. The costs eligible for entry into the CEMA account are those costs associated with 1) restoring utility services to customers, 2) repairing, replacing, or restoring damaged utility facilities, and 3) complying with governmental agency orders in connection with events declared disasters. Costs recorded in the CEMA shall be restricted to those incremental costs incurred by SDG&E in response to the catastrophic event declared a disaster by government authorities. Before recovery in jurisdictional rates of any costs recorded in the CEMA, SDG&E will make a formal increase request and recommendation by application to the CPUC.

None of the costs to be tracked in this memorandum account have been forecasted or will be forecasted and recovered as part of any other SDG&E proceeding, including any past or future General Rate Case (GRC). The costs tracked in the requested memorandum account are entirely separate from and incremental to costs sought for authorization in any SDG&E GRC. The amount to be recorded to the CEMA will not include costs incurred in response to the event related to electric transmission since these operations are subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

## **Impacts on Services and Facilities**

On December 24, 2025, an atmospheric river event resulted in widespread moderate to heavy rainfall with strong winds across San Diego and Orange Counties. Light showers began pre-dawn, followed by southerly winds that increased through the morning. Winds reached peak strength by mid-day with widespread gusts of 35-50 mph across densely populated coastal and valley communities, isolated as high as 58 mph. As winds began to abate, a band of moderate to heavy rainfall passed through the region, resulting in widespread rainfall totals of 0.5-1.0 inch, isolated as high as 2.9 inches, by early evening. Conditions gradually improved through the overnight hours.

The impact of the storm prompted a DOC-E Level 3 Storm Activation, in which Electric Regional Operations and partner teams are activated, including Resource Coordination. DOC-E remained in monitoring mode. SDG&E experienced outages and damage to its electric and gas utility facilities. More specifically, there were a total of 446 secondary orders that required investigation, and 56 primary outages affecting a total of 35,069 sustained customers. Prior to the arrival of the storm, SDG&E staged emergency electric crews, additional troubleshooters, and support crews to adequately handle the anticipated impacts to SDG&E's electric infrastructure.

Preliminary estimates of the incremental costs SDG&E incurred for its activities to restore service and repair equipment are anticipated to be in the range of \$1 - \$3 million. A complete cost estimate, separated by capital and expense items, will be provided as soon as it is reasonably available.

Questions should be directed to SDG&E Tariffs by email to SDGETariffs@sdge.com.

*/s/ Clay Faber*

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