



# SCE/SDG&E 2024 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding: Application (A. 24-12-003)

## Background

Every three years, Southern California Edison (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) file a joint application referred to as the Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding (NDCTP). In NDCTPs, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reviews forecasts by the utilities of their expected decommissioning costs and reviews the reasonableness of any proposed trust fund withdrawals. In December 2024, SCE and SDG&E filed a joint application (A.) 24-12-003, their 2024 NDCTP, to address SCE's and SDG&E's decommissioning costs for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), and SCE's decommissioning costs for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS).

SCE and SDG&E hold joint ownership in SONGS. SONGS had three nuclear units. Unit 1 closed permanently in 1992 and is almost completely decommissioned. Units 2&3 were taken offline in 2012 and permanently shut down in June 2013; decommissioning of Units 2&3 is ongoing.

SCE holds a 15.8% ownership share of PVNGS which is operated by Arizona Public Service. This plant, located outside of Phoenix, AZ, is still operating. The licenses for all three PVNGS units were renewed in 2011 with Unit 1's shutdown date extended to June 1, 2045; Unit 2's extended to April 24, 2046; and Unit 3's extended to November 24, 2047.

The last NDCTP (A.22-02-016) was filed in 2021. The CPUC issued a decision (D.24-08-001) in August 2024 in A.22-02-016, maintaining \$0 in annual ratepayer contributions to the decommissioning trust funds, and approving a settlement which:

- Found reasonable 2018-2020 decommissioning expenses of \$3.1 million for SONGS 1 and \$606.7 million for SONGS Units 2&3;
- Disallowed \$30 million in costs to ratepayers and instead directed utility shareholders to pay those costs into the nuclear decommissioning trusts;
- Found reasonable the Decommissioning Cost Estimates (DCE) of \$225.9 million for SONGS Unit 1, and \$4.712 billion for SONGS Units 2&3.

## Application (A.) 24-12-003

SCE and SDG&E filed [A.24-12-003](#) jointly on December 6, 2024. In the application they request the CPUC:

- Approve as reasonable \$5.07 million and \$518.6 million in decommissioning costs incurred for SONGS 1 and SONGS 2 & 3, respectively, for projects completed from 2021-2023;



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- Approve as reasonable SDG&E's 20% share of these costs, as well as its \$18.6 million in "SDG&E-only" costs for SONGS 1, 2, and 3;
- Find that the proposed DCEs of \$215 million for SONGS 1 and \$4.709 billion for SONGS 2 & 3 are reasonable;
- Find that the proposed DCE for PVNGS of \$632.1 million is reasonable;
- Approve the request to maintain annual contributions of \$0 to the SONGS and PVNGS nuclear decommissioning trust funds.

### Public Participation Hearings

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Two in-person public participation hearings (PPHs) will be held at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on July 17, 2025, to provide opportunities for the public to communicate directly with the CPUC on issues raised in this rulemaking. An additional remote only WebEx PPH will be held at 2 p.m. on July 16, 2025. Members of the public can watch a live video feed of the remote hearing at <https://www.AdminMonitor.com/ca/cpuc> and/or participate by phone (toll free) by dialing 1-800-857-1917 and then entering passcode 6032788#. Further information is available at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pph/>.

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**To view the application and all formal filings** in this proceeding, including proposed decisions when issued, go to [apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2412003](https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/p/A2412003) and select the "Documents" tab at the top of the page.

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