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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
OF
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1989
AT 2:00 P.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 12TH FLOOR

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

To Council Members Wolfsheimer, Roberts, McColl, Pratt, Struiksma, Henderson, McCarty, and Filner, members of the City Council of the City of San Diego, California:

A SPECIAL MEETING of the COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE is hereby called to be held in the Council Chambers, 12th floor City Administration Building, 202 C St., San Diego, California, on Thursday, September 14, 1989, and Thursday, October 12, 1989, at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

Said meetings are for the purpose of conducting hearings to obtain information on the proposed merger between San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E") and Southern California Edison Company ("SCE"). Specifically, the Council, through the Committee of the Whole, wishes to hear from the companies and the public regarding the effect such merger will have upon the City, its citizens, and the utility franchises previously granted by the City to SDG&E. Following the hearings, the Council will consider the record, along with other information obtained as a result of the City's participation in proceedings on the merger before the California Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Thereafter, the Council will vote on the question of whether or not (in the event the proposed merger may ultimately be approved by those agencies and consummated by the companies) to allow the transfer, by SDG&E to SCE, of the electricity, gas and steam franchises granted to SDG&E, and whether or not to allow SCE to assume the rights, privileges and obligations of SDG&E contained in such franchise grants.

The Committee on Rules, Legislation and Intergovernmental Relations has previously determined that the appropriate areas for public discussion include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Record service of SDG&E to the City and the intention and capability of SCE to carry on said service after the proposed merger;

- B. Fairness, reasonableness and level of rates projected to be charged by SCE after the proposed merger;
- C. SCE's intention and capability, after the proposed merger, to preserve, protect and improve the natural environment of the City;
- D. SCE's intention and capability, after the proposed merger, to be a good "corporate citizen" of the City;
- E. SCE's intention and capability, after the proposed merger, to contribute to the City's economic base and its economic development; and
- F. Any other consideration deemed pertinent to the subject matter of the fact finding.

In conjunction with the hearing process, the Mayor has requested the City Attorney to render a legal opinion on the question of whether or not the proposed merger, if consummated, will result in a transfer of the electricity, gas and steam franchises granted to SDG&E. In rendering the opinion, the Mayor has requested the City Attorney to take into consideration the franchise ordinances and the requirements of the City Charter. This opinion, when rendered, will be made available to the public prior to the start of the hearings.

Dated August 30, 1989

MAUREEN O'CONNOR, MAYOR

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor O'Connor at 2:03 p.m. without a quorum present. A quorum was present at 2:08 p.m. with Council Members Roberts, Pratt, and Filner not present. Mayor O'Connor adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

- (M) Mayor O'Connor-present
 - (1) Council Member Wolfsheimer-present
 - (2) Council Member Roberts-present
 - (3) Council Member McColl-present
 - (4) Council Member Pratt-excused by R-274446
(City business in Washington, D. C.)
 - (5) Council Member Struiksmma-present
 - (6) Council Member Henderson-present
 - (7) Council Member McCarty-present
 - (8) Council Member Filner-present
- Clerk-Abdelnour (rb)

FILE LOCATION: MINUTES

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ITEM-1: ROLL CALL

Clerk Abdelnour called the roll:

- (M) Mayor O'Connor-present
- (1) Council Member Wolfsheimer-not present
- (2) Council Member Roberts-not present
- (3) Council Member McColl-not present
- (4) Council Member Pratt-not present
- (5) Council Member Struikma-present
- (6) Council Member Henderson-not present
- (7) Council Member McCarty-not present
- (8) Council Member Filner-not present

ITEM-701: DISCUSSION HELD

In the matter of the proposed merger of San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) with and into Southern California Edison (SCE).

- A. Report from the City Attorney regarding the proceedings to date; his opinion of August 31, 1989 regarding the transfer of franchise issue and a recommendation concerning future hearings of this Committee (See Suggested Format below).
- B. Discussion of procedures to be followed in subsequent proceedings of the Committee of the Whole relating to the merger. The following is the Suggested Format for the scheduled October 12, 1989 Special Committee of the Whole Meeting:
 - 1) One hour for SDG&E presentation;
 - 2) One hour for SCE presentation;
 - 3) Presentations from other organizations (such as APCD, UCAN, TURN, Coalition for Local Control, IBEW Local Unions 465 and 47, Committee for Fair Treatment, Sierra Club and San Diegans For The Merger (not to exceed 15 minutes each); and
 - 4) Public Comment - not to exceed 3 minutes each.

FILE LOCATION: MEET

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: A097-D555.)

MOTION BY McCOLL TO ACCEPT MAYOR O'CONNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO SET SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES: 1) OCTOBER 12, 1989, AT 2:00 P.M., FOR THE PROPONENTS OF THE ISSUE. ONE HOUR EACH FOR SDG&E AND SCE PRESENTATIONS,

AND 15 MINUTES EACH FOR PUBLIC GROUPS; 2) OCTOBER 18, 1989, AT 2:00 P.M., FOR THE OPPONENTS OF THE ISSUE WITH PRESENTATIONS OF 15 MINUTES FOR EACH ORGANIZATION; AND 3) NOVEMBER 2, 1989, AT 6:00 P.M., FOR BOTH PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS OF THE ISSUE, WITH A THREE (3) MINUTE PRESENTATION FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL. Second by Wolfsheimer. Passed by the following vote: Wolfsheimer-yea, Roberts-yea, McColl-yea, Pratt-not present, Struiksmma-yea, Henderson-yea, McCarty-yea, Filner-yea, Mayor O'Connor-yea.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor O'Connor at 4:30 p.m.

FILE LOCATION: MEET

COUNCIL ACTION: (Tape location: D556-557).