

6. Staff submitted Data Requests to the Company for information about the expected extent of customer participation in the program, the cost of the program, and the potential impact of the program on system capacity.

7. Staff and the Company are working together on revisions to the tariff language that was submitted by SMGC to implement the hot-water heater rebate program. Staff expects the process to be completed no later than November 30, and Staff expects to file its recommendation no later than November 30.

8. It is Staff's understanding that SMGC will file an extension of the effective date on the tariff today.

WHEREFORE Staff requests that the Commission permit Staff to delay filing its recommendation in this case to permit the Staff and the Company time to work together on the tariff language.

Respectfully submitted,

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