

SB-884 Program: CPUC Guidelines

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In response to SPD-SDGE-SB884-005, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) replied that “At this time” (November 22, 2024) it had not determined if it would submit an Expedited Undergrounding Plan (EUP) to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS). Provide responses to the items listed below.

1. Is SDG&E intending to submit an EUP to OEIS?
 - a. If so, what is the expected timing for submitting an EUP to the OEIS? What is the expected timing for submitting an EUP cost recovery Application to the Commission?

SDG&E Response:

SDG&E is still in the process of assessing the implications and impacts of its final General Rate Case (GRC) decision, as well as preparing to sponsor its 2026-2028 base Wildfire Mitigation Plan and Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase (RAMP) filing in May 2025. SDG&E remains committed to fostering long-term reductions to wildfire and PSPS risk, and is in the process of developing an Electric Undergrounding Plan proposal (EUP) pursuant to Senate Bill 884, the final guidelines of the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety), and applicable CPUC guidance. SDG&E currently anticipates that if it submits an EUP to Energy Safety, it would likely be in 2025. Per SB 884, assuming Energy Safety’s approval of the EUP within nine months of submission, SDG&E’s Phase 2 application would likely be filed with the CPUC in 2026. In the event SDG&E elects not to submit an EUP, SDG&E anticipates addressing ongoing system hardening proposals through existing processes, including but not limited to the General Rate Case process.