



San Diego Gas & Electric 2022 Change Order Report

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Change Order

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS or Energy Safety) issued the Final Decision approving SDG&E's 2022 WMP Update on July 5, 2022. In its 2022 Change Order Guidelines, Energy Safety requires utilities to submit a change order report if it seeks to change an initiative's risk by an increase or decrease of 25% in specific initiative categories delineated by the guidelines.¹

Energy Safety further stated that at a high level, the objective of the change order process is to ensure the electrical corporation continues to follow the most effective and efficient approach to mitigating its wildfire risk and acknowledged that the approach described in the WMPs could change as electrical corporations gain experience and measure its mitigation measures outcomes.

Pursuant to Energy Safety's direction, SDG&E provides the following updates that meet the change order requirements.

¹ Energy Safety's 2022 Change Order Guidelines for Electrical Corporations, August 2022, at pg. 1.

Generator Grant Program (7.3.3.11.1)

A. Description of the Proposed Change:

1. The title of the initiative for which the proposed change request is being submitted: Generator Grant Program
2. The page number(s) in the 2022 Update where that initiative is described: SDG&E 2022 WMP Update, Page 225
3. Whether the proposed change is a change to an approach, a target, or both: Both

B. The Planned Expenditure for that Initiative According to the 2022 Update:

1. The percent of planned expenditure already spent: 28% (\$2.873M)
2. The planned expenditure for the remainder of the current WMP cycle (prior to the 2023 WMP): \$2.004M (2022 forecast is \$4.9M)
3. If the expenditure amount is being redeployed, the amount being redeployed: N/A

C. Type of Changed Proposed:

SDG&E proposes a decrease in the scale of its Generator Grant Program to reflect the updates to its approach, as further described below. The number of backup battery units to be provided to customers over the three-year period of SDG&E's WMP (2020-2022) is planned to be reduced from 6,730 to approximately 4,400.

D. Description of the expected outcome from the change within the current WMP cycle, including any reduction to (1) Wildfire Risk or (2) PSPS Risk:

The mission of SDG&E's Generator Grant Program (7.3.3.11.1) is to provide a safe and reliable backup battery unit at no cost, which can be used during PSPS events to support our most vulnerable, electricity-dependent customers (i.e., Medical Baseline (MBL), Life Support, and select Access and Functional Needs (AFN)). Since submitting the 2022 WMP Update, SDG&E's program team revisited the delivery model and made several updates.

First, the team refocused the targeted outreach of the program on those vulnerable customers who are impacted the most by PSPS events - those who reside in the HFTD and have experienced at least one PSPS event since 2019. Using this criteria to identify a target customer population, the team estimates delivering approximately 700 units to customers in 2022, instead of the 3,000 originally forecasted.

Second, the team sourced and implemented a next generation backup battery unit that has a longer battery life, faster recharging, and additional safety features. The program conducted significant work to identify products that best serve customer needs and provide an effective strategy to obtain replacement units when needed and appropriate. SDG&E began deliveries of these battery units to customers in early September and plans to continue through the region's peak Santa Ana wind season.

Finally, to complement the generators provided through the Generator Grant Program and accommodate additional customer needs, SDG&E's program team is exploring implementation of a process to temporarily provide generator units in response to customers in need during active PSPS within approximately two to four hours.