

## **UPDATE ON CALIFORNIA CITY-COUNTY STREET LIGHT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITY IN RATE CASES AT CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

During the past year, the California City-County Street Light Association has actively represented cities and counties before the California Public Utilities Commission. CAL-SLA has been confronting all three major electric utilities: Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric. Here is a summary of CAL-SLA's activity and successes.

### **Pacific Gas & Electric**

CAL-SLA has been very active in PG&E's 2007 test year General Rate Case. CAL-SLA submitted expert witness testimony on street light rates and how much of the utility's revenue requirement should be assigned to the street light class. PG&E has proposed a decrease for street lighting and a major overhaul of how the energy rate is designed. CAL-SLA is fighting for a larger decrease and simplification on how street light rates are set. CAL-SLA is working to get a \$6.0 million, or 9%, reduction in street light rates.

In January 2006 street light revenues were reduced by 4.8% due to a settlement approved by the CPUC that CAL-SLA and PG&E negotiated along with rate changes for other customer groups.

### **Southern California Edison**

In August 2006 SCE's street light facilities charges were increased by 3.7% over prior rates as a result of a CPUC decision approving a settlement reached by parties in the general rate case. SCE had initially proposed a 20% increase in street light facilities charges, but CAL-SLA was successful in eventually getting the increase reduced.

### **San Diego Gas & Electric**

In January 2007 San Diego Gas & Electric filed its rate case to design new rates, including street lighting. SDG&E proposes a \$2.3 million, or 13.8%, increase in street light revenues. CAL-SLA has intervened in this rate case and will work to reduce this large revenue increase.

Last year CAL-SLA was successful in reducing street light rates. In January 2006 street light revenues were reduced by 8.6% due to a CPUC decision approving a settlement negotiated by SDG&E and interveners, including CAL-SLA. CAL-SLA had actively participated in this SDG&E rate case by submitting expert witness testimony on street light rate design and negotiating the settlement.