

Interactions with The San Diego Union-Tribune

“San Diego, not SDG&E, must pay to move gas pipelines for Pure Water project, judge rules”

Dec. 1, 2022

Question:

The attached ruling shows the city lost a big case against SDG&E – four years after the former administration insisted taxpayers would not be on the hook for the relocation costs.

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/communities/san-diego/sd-me-sdge-pure-water-power-play-20181225-story.html>

Can you comment on this ruling? More important, can you explain why this case wasn't resolved as part of the franchise agreement? Lastly, can you tell me why CA Elliott did not retain outside counsel in this \$35M to \$100M case when she is spending \$1M-plus on the Hughes litigation that would only recover \$9.4M if successful.

Response:

We disagree with the ruling and intend to discuss it with the City Council and seek direction.
