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INSTRUCTIONS

You are instructed to answer the following Data Requests in the above-captioned proceeding, with written, verified responses per Public Utilities Code §§ 309.5 and 314, and Rules 1.1 and 10.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Restate the text of each request prior to providing the response. For any questions, email the Public Advocates Office (Cal PA) contact(s) above with a copy to the Public Advocates Office attorney.

Each Data Request is continuing in nature. Provide your response as it becomes available, but no later than the due date noted above. If you are unable to provide a response by this date, notify the Public Advocates Office as soon as possible, with a written explanation as to why the response date cannot be met and a best estimate of when the information can be

provided. If you acquire additional information after providing an answer to any request, you must supplement your response following the receipt of such additional information.

Identify the person providing the answer to each data request and his/her contact information. Responses should be provided both in the original electronic format, if available, and in hard copy. (If available in Word format, send the Word document and do not send the information as a PDF file.) All electronic documents submitted in response to this data request should be in readable, downloadable, printable, and searchable formats, unless use of such formats is infeasible. Each page should be numbered. If any of your answers refer to or reflect calculations, provide a copy of the supporting electronic files that were used to derive such calculations, such as Excel-compatible spreadsheets or computer programs, with data and formulas intact and functioning. Documents produced in response to the data requests should be Bates-numbered, and indexed if voluminous. Responses to data requests that refer to or incorporate documents should identify the particular documents referenced by Bates-numbers or Bates-range.

If a request, definition, or an instruction, is unclear, notify the Public Advocates Office as soon as possible. In any event, answer the request to the fullest extent possible, specifying the reason for your inability to answer the remaining portion of the Data Request.

Any objection to a Data Request should clearly indicate to which part or portion of the Data Request the objection is directed. If any document, in whole or in part, covered by this request is withheld for whatever reason, please furnish a list identifying all withheld documents in the following manner: (a) a brief description of the document; (b) the date of the document; (c) the name of each author or preparer; (d) the name of each person who received the document; and (e) the reason for withholding it.

If you are unable to answer a question completely, accurately, and with the specificity requested, notify the Public Advocates Office as soon as possible. In your written response to the question, explain why you are unable to answer in full and describe the limitations of your response.

DEFINITIONS

- A. As used herein, the terms “you,” “your(s),” “Company,” “SCE,” and “SoCalGas” mean Southern California Gas Company and any and all of its respective present and former employees, agents, consultants, attorneys, officials, and any and all other persons acting on its behalf.
- B. The terms “and” and “or” shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively whenever appropriate in order to bring within the scope of these Data Requests any information or documents which might otherwise be considered to be beyond their scope.
- C. Date ranges shall be construed to include the beginning and end dates named. For example, the phrases “from January 1 to January 31,” “January 1-31,” “January 1 to 31,” and “January 1

through January 31” should be understood to include both the 1st of January and the 31st of January. Likewise, phrases such as “since January 1” and “from January 1 to the present” should be understood to include January 1st, and phrases such as “until January 31,” “through January 31,” and “up to January 31” should also be understood to include the 31st.

- D. The singular form of a word shall be interpreted as plural, and the plural form of a word shall be interpreted as singular whenever appropriate in order to bring within the scope of these Data Requests any information or documents which might otherwise be considered to be beyond their scope.
- E. The term “communications” includes all verbal and written communications of every kind, including but not limited to telephone calls, conferences, notes, correspondence, and all memoranda concerning the requested communications. Where communications are not in writing, provide copies of all memoranda and documents made relating to the requested communication and describe in full the substance of the communication to the extent that the substance is not reflected in the memoranda and documents provided.
- F. The term “document” shall include, without limitation, all writings and records of every type in your possession, control, or custody, whether printed or reproduced by any process, including documents sent and received by electronic mail, or written or produced by hand.
- G. “Relate to,” “concern,” and similar terms and phrases shall mean consist of, refer to, reflect, comprise, discuss, underlie, comment upon, form the basis for, analyze, mention, or be connected with, in any way, the subject of these Data Requests.
- H. When requested to “state the basis” for any analysis (including studies and workpapers), proposal, assertion, assumption, description, quantification, or conclusion, please describe every fact, statistic, inference, supposition, estimate, consideration, conclusion, study, and analysis known to you which you believe to support the analysis, proposal, assertion, assumption, description, quantification, or conclusion, or which you contend to be evidence of the truth or accuracy thereof.

DATA REQUEST

1. For each local municipality (103 total) listed on <https://www.socalgas.com/vision/balanced-energy-resolutions>, please identify the total costs to SoCalGas associated with communications between the municipality and SoCalGas’ Regional Public Affairs (RPA) department, since January 1, 2018. This should include, but not be limited to, costs associated with the following types of activities:
 - a. In person meetings (public and private)
 - b. Signed letters from the Company
 - c. Writing or furnishing a draft resolution
 - d. Email communication with city officials

2. In attachment A, please disaggregate the total costs identified in question 1. Include the cost center, IO, and general ledger (G/L) account and designation of whether that account was originally recorded to a ratepayer or shareholder funded account. Costs should be broken down by year, municipality, and into the categories listed below:
 - a. Employee Labor
 - b. Employee Expenses
 - c. Materials Cost
 - d. Other Costs
3. Provide all draft/model balanced energy resolutions documents circulated by SoCalGas/Sempra.
4. For each document identified in question 3, state
 - a. The date(s) the identified document was sent.
 - b. The organization to which the document was sent and, if sent to a public official(s), the name(s) and title(s) of that official.
 - c. The business department from which the document originated.
5. Please refer to the banner ad which reads “Natural Gas is Affordable, Clean and Renewable” previously sent as “Data Request - CalAdvocates-SC-SCG-2019-07 - Attachment A.”
 - a. Please identify each outlet (e.g., magazine, website, newspaper, social media site, or other publication) where SoCalGas (or its agents) has placed this advertisement.
 - b. For each outlet where SoCalGas (or its agents) has placed this advertisement, identify the total costs to SoCalGas.
 - c. Of the costs identified in subpart (b), how much was charged to a ratepayer-funded account?
 - d. Since January 1, 2018, has SoCalGas (or its agents) paid for other advertisements that include the claim that natural gas is “renewable”? If so, for each such advertisement, please respond to subparts (a)-(c) of this question.
 - e. Please identifying the percent of total gas supplies procured by SoCalGas for its core customers that came from renewable sources in:
 - i. 2017
 - ii. 2018
 - iii. 2019 (quarters 1 to 3)
6. Multiple Sempra online news releases sourced from SoCalGas end with a section titled “About SoCalGas” which states that “SoCalGas delivers affordable, reliable, clean and increasingly renewable natural gas service to 21.8 million customers...”¹ Please state the basis for the statement that SoCalGas provides “increasingly renewable natural gas service to 21.8 million customers.”

¹ “SoCalGas Joins LA Family Housing to Make Hundreds of Thanksgiving Dinner Kits for Those in Need” Sempra Energy. <https://www.sempra.com/socalgas-joins-la-family-housing-make-hundreds-thanksgiving-dinner-kits-those-need> (retrieved November 13, 2019).

“SoCalGas Donates \$12,000 to Support California State University-Northridge Veterans and Students with Disabilities” Sempra Energy. <https://www.sempra.com/socalgas-donates-12000-support-california-state-university-northridge-veterans-and-students> (retrieved November 13, 2019).

END OF REQUEST