

Application: A.17-04-XXX

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**PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**  
**NORMA G. JASSO**  
**ON BEHALF OF SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**CHAPTER 9**



**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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4 **I. INTRODUCTION**

5 The purpose of my direct testimony on behalf of San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
6 (“SDG&E”) is to discuss the proposed balancing account related to SDG&E’s Customer  
7 Information System (“CIS”) Replacement Program. SDG&E proposes to record revenue and  
8 costs associated with the CIS Replacement Program in a balancing account until the project is in  
9 service and submitted as part of base margin revenue requirement in a future General Rate Case  
10 (“GRC”).

11 **II. COST RECOVERY**

12 SDG&E requests authority to establish electric and gas balancing accounts to record  
13 revenue and costs associated with the CIS Replacement Program as described in the testimony of  
14 SDG&E Witness Snyder (Chapter 3). SDG&E proposes to recover costs from electric and gas  
15 customers as described in the direct joint testimony of Witnesses Browy and Schmidt-Pines.

16 SDG&E asserts that a two-way interest bearing balancing account<sup>1</sup> mechanism is  
17 reasonable because it allows the utility to compare the authorized revenue for the project to actual  
18 costs, thereby ensuring that ratepayers are charged for only actual costs and refunded any  
19 overcollections. In turn, the utility does not make or lose money due to uncertainties in the scope  
20 of the work.

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<sup>1</sup> In conjunction with the Application, SDG&E has filed a motion to request to establish the Customer Information System Memorandum Account (“CISMA”). Upon approval, SDG&E would begin recording costs in the CISMA and subsequently would transfer the CISMA balance to the balancing account proposed in this instant Application.

1           Since the in-service date for the new CIS is estimated to be after the implementation of  
2 SDG&E's next GRC (Test Year 2019), SDG&E proposes to establish a balancing account to  
3 record the authorized revenue requirement as well as capital-related costs (*i.e.*, depreciation, taxes  
4 and return) and operating and maintenance ("O&M") incremental costs. Details of the revenue  
5 requirement are presented in the direct joint testimony of SDG&E Witnesses Woodruff and  
6 Vanderhye, Jr.

7           This new balancing account would continue recording revenue and costs until the time the  
8 asset is rolled into the base margin revenue requirement in a future GRC (currently projected to  
9 be Test Year 2022). Further, SDG&E proposes to transfer the balance in the CIS balancing  
10 account to the GRC-related gas and electric accounts in that GRC (at this time, estimated to be  
11 Test Year 2022), at which time the CIS balancing account will be eliminated.

12 **III. CONCLUSION**

13           This concludes my direct testimony.  
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1 **IV. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

2 My name is Norma G. Jasso. I am employed by SDG&E, as the Regulatory Accounts  
3 Analysis Manager in the Financial Analysis Department. My business address is 8330 Century  
4 Park Court, San Diego, California 92123. My current responsibilities include managing the  
5 process for the development, implementation, and analysis of regulatory balancing and  
6 memorandum accounts. I assumed my current position in July 2013.

7 I received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Accounting  
8 from the University of San Diego in 1981. I earned a Masters of Business Administration from  
9 the University of Phoenix in 1996. I have been employed with SDG&E and Sempra Energy since  
10 December, 1997. Other positions I have held include Sundry Services Policy and Compliance  
11 Project Manager II, Affiliate Compliance Manager, Senior Business Analyst, and Accounting  
12 Systems Analyst.

13 This material was personally reviewed by me and I believe it to be correct and factual in  
14 nature. Insofar as the material is in the nature of opinion or judgment, it represents my best  
15 judgment.

16 I have previously testified before the California Public Utilities Commission.  
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