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PREPARED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF

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ON BEHALF OF

SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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I. **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to respond to testimony of witness Barbara George on behalf of Women's Energy Matters ("WEM") regarding San Diego Gas & Electric Company's ("SDG&E") testimony concerning San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station ("SONGS") Replacement Power Costs.

II.

RESPONSE TO WEM TESTIMONY

WEM states (at page 2), "The entire cost of the utilities EE portfolios for 2010-12 should be subtracted from any ratepayer recovery for replacement resources, since utilities failed to target any of this existing funding for these programs in a way that would have reduced the need for replacement power for SONGS (according to testimony in hearings in R1203014)." WEM's claim that SDG&E failed to target these programs such that the need for replacement power for SONGS is erroneous. WEM misunderstands the resource planning process which fully takes into account the 2010-2012 EE portfolio program savings and the lifecycle EE savings from previous program cycles to adjust SDG&E's base load forecast, resulting in a load forecast reduction. Therefore the need for replacement power for SONGS is incremental to the reduced base load due to EE.

This concludes my prepared rebuttal testimony.

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III. QUALIFICATIONS

My name is Athena M. Besa. My business address is 8335 Century Park Court, Suite 1200, San Diego, California 92123-1257. I am employed by San Diego Gas & Electric Company as the Customer Programs Policy and Support Manager in the Customer Programs and Assistance Department for SDG&E. In my current position, I am responsible for the measurement of energy efficiency, demand response and customer assistance programs; regulatory reporting requirements, energy efficiency forecasting and the financial management of the department.

I attended the University of the Philippines in Quezon City, Philippines. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Statistics in 1983, and a Master of Science degree in Statistics in 1986. In 1988, I completed coursework at University of California, Davis towards a Doctorate degree in Statistics.

I was hired by SDG&E in 1990 in the Load Research Section of the Marketing Department. Since that time I have held positions of increasing responsibility in the Department. I have been in my present position for over 10 years. I have previously testified before this Commission in several Annual Earnings Assessment Proceedings, the PY2000/2001 Energy Efficiency Program Application Proceeding, the 2012-2014 Demand Response Program Proceeding, and A.11-05-023.

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