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#### SUPPLEMENTAL PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

#### CHARLIE SNYDER AND CHRISTOPHER SWARTZ

#### **CHAPTER 10**

#### I. PURPOSE

This supplemental testimony is offered in support of Application ("A.") 17-04-027 requesting approval of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's ("SDG&E") Customer Information System ("CIS") Replacement Program, and in response to Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Lirag's July 17, 2017 oral ruling at the Prehearing Conference requesting supplemental information regarding past management of the legacy CIS system. This testimony (1) explains in greater detail the customization that SDG&E has made to its legacy CIS and supporting subsystems, (2) discusses the authorized and actual spending of historic capital costs from 2004 thru 2016, and (3) provides additional discussion regarding when SDG&E began its legacy CIS and subsystem replacement evaluation.

#### II. SDG&E'S HISTORIC LEGACY CIS AND SUBSYSTEM COSTS

#### A. Overview (Swartz)

As discussed in the Direct Testimony of Witnesses Snyder and Swartz (Chapter 2), SDG&E's current Customer Services Application portfolio is a grouping of 56 systems that are used to support business functions and technical capabilities for SDG&E's customer services activities. At the core of the current technical architecture is SDG&E's legacy CIS, which was implemented in 1997. The legacy CIS is a mainframe based system for which SDG&E is responsible for maintaining the actual software, which is coded using the Common Business-Oriented Language ("COBOL"). Mainframe systems, such as SDG&E's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prehearing Conference Transcript at p. 32:13-20.

legacy CIS, require Information Technology ("IT") coding for modifications that consist of either adding, changing, or removing actual lines of COBOL code within the software. The adding, changing or removing of COBOL code is termed a "customization," as it reflects an alteration to the code that differs from the original software.

Unlike the newer technology of today, such as the SAP Customer Relationship Billing ("CR&B") proposed as part of this Application, systems such as SDG&E's legacy CIS do not receive product updates from the solution provider that would add features or functionality. There is no periodic update cycle for issuance of newer versions of the original software that can easily be applied to a utility's customized version. Instead, these systems require continual customization to ensure that they continue to meet evolving functional requirements to address policy goals and market expectations.

When SDG&E implemented its legacy CIS in 1997, mainframe technology with COBOL programming was the leading technology available to utilities. The customization offered by these systems allowed utilities the flexibility to keep up with the pace of change in the energy industry at that time. During this time, at least 45 other utilities in North America alone were leveraging mainframe technology and subsequently used customization as the primary way to implement needed changes.<sup>2</sup> In instances where customizing a legacy CIS was not a cost-effective or viable option, utilities such as SDG&E leveraged the use of subsystems to augment the core functionality and meet new requirements.<sup>3</sup>

Due to the increasing rate of change in the energy industry and the resulting complexity of the evolving regulatory and market landscape, the customization required to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Vendor partner Accenture research regarding mainframe based systems and Customer One implementations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See, Direct Testimony of Charlie Snyder and Christopher Swartz (Chapter 2) at 9:13-22.

implement changes and additions to SDG&E's legacy mainframe CIS has grown to a level that is unwieldy, technically challenging, and costly. Most utilities that are still using a legacy CIS, with similar technology, have experienced difficulties and are either already beginning, or will soon begin, to transition from the outdated technology to the newer technology available in the market (SAP and Oracle). The newer technology will significantly reduce the need for customization and ensure the systems are up to date through periodic product updates. As referenced in Attachment C to Witness Snyder's testimony (Chapter 3, Attachment C – "TMG Consulting – A CIS Survey and Industry Perspective," April 29, 2015), more than 73 percent of the utilities surveyed by TMG Consulting have either already replaced their legacy CIS within the past six years (25 percent) or will complete replacement of their legacy CIS within the next four years (48 percent).<sup>4</sup> It is important to note that most of these replacements are utilities transitioning from legacy mainframe based systems like SDG&E's to the newest CIS technology.

#### B. Historical Changes to SDG&E's Legacy CIS and Subsystems (Swartz)

Since 1997, SDG&E has either customized its legacy CIS or utilized subsystems to ensure compliance with Commission directives and to meet other regulatory, customer and business needs. The customization of the legacy CIS and subsystems has often required incremental capital funding to support the necessary IT coding and testing to implement the changes. However, as illustrated in Table CS-S-2 below, significant capital cost increases associated with the CIS customization did not begin occurring until the 2012 timeframe.

The incremental capital funding used for the customization has historically been requested and ultimately authorized as part of SDG&E's General Rate Cases ("GRC"), Cost

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Direct Testimony of Charlie Snyder and Christopher Swartz (Chapter 2) at 3, n. 2.

of Service ("COS"), or separate Application proceedings, such as with Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI")<sup>5</sup> and Dynamic Pricing.<sup>6</sup> This incremental capital funding is the primary source of funding that allows SDG&E to make CIS customizations and is separate from the standard operating and maintenance ("O&M") costs that are also requested and authorized as part of these proceedings.

Table CS-S-1 summarizes SDG&E's historical GRC and COS applications, test years, and authorized dates since 2004.

Table CS-S-1: SDG&E Historical GRC and Cost of Service Since 2004

COS / "GRC" (Test Year)	Application	Authorized Date Range
2004 Cost of Service	A.02-12-028	2004 - 2007
TY 2008 GRC	A.06-12-009	2008 - 2011
TY 2012 GRC	A.10-12-005	2012 - 2015
TY 2016 GRC	A.14-11-003	2016 - 2018

As part of each of these proceedings, the Commission authorized capital funding to implement changes to SDG&E's legacy CIS and subsystems. These changes were necessary to allow SDG&E to comply with Commission directives, to keep up with customer needs, and to continue providing high quality customer service.

Given the criticality of these capital funds, SDG&E continually focused on ensuring that the capital funds authorized as part of the COS and GRCs were spent in a prudent manner. Prior to project implementations, SDG&E continually reviewed and refined cost estimates and proposed technical solutions to ensure that they not only met system

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See, D.07-04-043.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See, D.12-12-004.

requirements at the time, but also accounted for future potential system needs. As described in SDG&E's 2016 GRC, all capital projects go through a rigorous internal capital project approval process before they are funded and moved into development. This stringent process has numerous steps including: (1) IT division capital plan development; (2) concept documents development; (3) project prioritization and approval; (4) business case development; and (5) identification of any cost sharing mechanisms. These steps all serve to refine costs, benefits, and project schedules, and confirm that the proposed technical solution meets the business objectives. In addition, during this process, technical options such as customization and adding incremental subsystems are thoroughly explored, as well as the long-term impacts and risks. Overall, this review process helps to ensure that the technological decisions being made are fully vetted and that future issues and costs are minimized.

For the period spanning the 2004 COS and the 2008, 2012 and 2016 GRCs (2004-2016), SDG&E was authorized \$76M in capital funds to make necessary changes to its CIS and subsystems. Over this same period, SDG&E spent \$103M incorporating these changes, with the primary drivers behind the additional spend occurring in 2012 (\$10M) and 2016 (\$16M).

In 2012, the primary driver that required SDG&E to use incremental capital funds was the much-needed implementation of an enterprise customer contact database and campaign management system, which enabled customer self-service for managing customer communication preferences on-line through SDG&E's MyAccount system.

<sup>7</sup> For a detailed breakdown of the process, see SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 153 at SJM-22:10 thru SJM-24:8 (Amended Revised Direct Testimony of Stephen J. Mikovits).

In 2016, SDG&E implemented an unprecedented number of new rates and changes to existing rate structures, as discussed in detail in Chapter 2.8 These new rates and changes required (and continue to require) heavy customization and have placed significant demands upon SDG&E's legacy CIS. This ultimately resulted in implementation challenges, causing the need for additional resources as well as project implementation delays, all of which led to the need for incremental capital funding for the year beyond the amount authorized.

Table CS-S-2 below, provides a comparison of the capital funds authorized in these proceedings and the corresponding actual capital spend that SDG&E incurred in these years to make the necessary changes to its legacy CIS and subsystems. As technology, regulatory requirements, and customer needs have dramatically changed over this period, to ensure overall comparability, the costs in the table below comprise only those costs associated with the functionality that SDG&E is proposing to replace as part of this Application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See, Direct Testimony of Charlie Snyder and Christopher Swartz (Chapter 2) at 12-17.

#### Table CS-S-2: Comparison of Historical CIS GRC and COS Capital Costs (000s)<sup>9</sup>

		Actual		
Year	Authorized	Spend	Difference	Proceeding <sup>10</sup>
2004	\$1,100	\$3,259	\$2,159	2004 COS
2005 (Base Year) <sup>11</sup>	-	-	-	
2006	\$2,782	\$1,124	(\$1,658)	TY 2008 GRC
2007	\$2,297	\$3,611	\$1,313	TY 2008 GRC
2008	\$5,113	\$2,501	(\$2,613)	TY 2008 GRC
2009 (Base Year) <sup>11</sup>	-	-	-	
2010	\$2,230	\$1,949	(\$281)	TY 2012 GRC
2011	\$8,955	\$7,269	(\$1,686)	TY 2012 GRC
2012	\$4,624	\$15,011	\$10,387	TY 2012 GRC
2013 (Base Year) <sup>11</sup>	-	-	-	
2014	\$15,502	\$19,230	\$3,728	TY 2016 GRC
2015	\$20,422	\$19,976	(\$446)	TY 2016 GRC
2016	\$12,877	\$28,713	\$15,836	TY 2016 GRC
Total	\$75,903	\$102,642	\$26,739	

As referenced in Table CS-S-2 above, SDG&E has spent just under \$103M between

- 2004 and 2016 making changes to its systems, consisting of either customizing its legacy
- 4 CIS or adding new subsystems to ensure overall regulatory compliance as well as to meet

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Costs reflect capital work associated with the changes to/customizations of SDG&E's legacy CIS and associated subsystems. Typically, larger changes/customizations, such as the implementation of Smart Meter (AMI) and Dynamic Pricing, were funded through other regulatory applications outside of the General Rate Cases and are not reflected in the above costs. Authorized dollars are presented in base year dollars as reflected in final CPUC decisions for each GRC and COS. No adjustments have been made for escalation or post-test year factors. In addition, SDG&E imputed the authorized capital expenses as project forecasts that were not disallowed in the final CPUC decisions. SDG&E used professional judgment to identify individual capital projects that most aligned with the legacy CIS and subsystems that SDG&E proposes to replace as part of this Application. Costs associated with system integrations are included where appropriate. The annual numbers have not been adjusted as would normally be done during the GRC process and as shown in GRC workpapers. Sums may not equal due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Includes SDG&E applications A.02-12-028 (2004 COS); A.06-12-009 (TY 2008 GRC); A.10-12-005 (TY 2012 GRC); and A.14-11-003 (TY 2016 GRC).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Authorized dollars are not available for 2005, 2009, and 2013 because those years were the base years for the 2008, 2012, and 2016 GRCs, respectively. The base year (actual recorded data) is the starting point that SDG&E uses to layer on the forecast years to get to the test year revenue requirement. Actual capital spend in 2005, 2009 and 2013 was \$636k, \$1,594k, and \$18,929k, respectively.

customer needs. Some of the more significant functionality and benefits for customers that 2 was provided during this period included: 3 Regulatory Mandates 4 Enhancements to the legacy CIS to support the AMI billing of complex commercial and industrial ("C&I") accounts<sup>12</sup>; 5 Implementation and improvement of legacy CIS business processes for Net 6 Energy Metering 1.0<sup>13</sup>; 7 Expansion of billing and service order functionality to support Direct Access<sup>14</sup> and Community Choice Aggregation ("CCA")<sup>15</sup>; 9 10 Implementation of required changes into the legacy CIS and subsystems 11 needed to comply with the regulatory requirement for customer engagement functionality<sup>16</sup>; 12 13 Implementation of the legacy CIS and subsystems changes in support of the 14 electric rates adopted in D.14-01-002<sup>17</sup>; 15 Implementation and support of the required legacy CIS and subsystem 16 changes for the roll-out and ongoing management of the Critical Peak Pricing 17 ("CPP") rate for mid-sized business<sup>18</sup>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 101 at BMB-134:13-31 (Direct Testimony of Bradley M. Baugh).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> *Id.* at BMB-136: 6-24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Id.* at BMB-132:20 – 133:14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id.* at BMB-133:15 – 134:12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id.* at BMB-129:16 – 130:9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> *Id.* at BMB-130:10-20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> *Id.* at BMB-130:21 – 131:20.

- 1 Implementation of the Peak Time Rebate ("PTR") changes adopted in D.13- $07-003^{19}$ ; 2 Expansion of SDG&E's legacy CIS to (1) enable functionality for 7,000 to 3 8,000 interval data meters to comply with the dynamic pricing tariffs at the 4 5 time, (2) support the growth of Net Energy Metering and (3) provide additional capabilities for the billing of SDG&E's large commercial and 6 industrial customers<sup>20</sup>; 7 8 Billing and Payment 9
  - Continual improvements to SDG&E's customer bill as part of the 2004 GRC
     Customer Bill Redesign<sup>21</sup>, 2008 GRC Bill Redesign<sup>22</sup>, 2012 GRC Bill
     Redesign<sup>23</sup> and 2016 GRC Bill Redesign<sup>24</sup>;
  - Development and continued capability enhancement enabling SDG&E customers to pay their bills through the SDG&E website and many consolidator sites, such as banking websites, as part of the 2004 Electronic Bill Presentation and Payment ("EBPP") initiative<sup>25</sup>;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> *Id.* at BMB-131:21 – 132:5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> SDG&E 2004 COS, A.02-12-068, Exh. 30 at EF-135:17 – 136:9 (Direct Testimony of Ed Fong). <sup>21</sup> *Id.* at EF-134: 2-17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> SDG&E 2008 GRC, A.06-12-009, Exh. 9 at EF-75:18-31 (Direct Testimony of Edward Fong).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> SDG&E 2012 GRC, A.10-12-005, Exh. 14 at JSR-47:2-17 (Revised Direct Testimony of J. Steve Rahon).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 101 at BMB-128:22 – 129:10 (Direct Testimony of Bradley M. Baugh).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> SDG&E 2004 COS, A.02-12-068, Exh. 30 at EF-134:19 – 135:2 (Direct Testimony of Edward Fong).

Replacement of SDG&E's Automated Bill Collection ("ABC") and 1 2 Streetlight Inventory Systems and centralization of the business processes within the legacy CIS<sup>26</sup>; 3 Improvements to SDG&E's test bill process to ensure and test overall bill 4 accuracy<sup>27</sup>; 5 6 Implementation and continual improvement of Branch Offices including 7 automated paystations and software allowing customers more flexible payment options as part of the 2004 COS Paystation/Next Generation Branches initiative<sup>28</sup>, 2008 GRC Pay Station Technology improvements<sup>29</sup> and 9 2016 GRC Branch Office Technical and Security improvements<sup>30</sup>; 10 11 Improvements to the legacy CIS's internal financial and revenue process controls supporting receivables and payments<sup>31</sup>; 12 Improvements to system testing in the legacy CIS to ensure continued overall 13 14 accuracy<sup>32</sup>; Improvements to the legacy CIS rate/billing engine data structure<sup>33</sup>; 15 Expansion of the legacy CIS's revenue reporting functionality<sup>34</sup>;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> *Id.* at EF-136:11-19.

 $<sup>^{27}</sup>$  *Id.* at EF-136:21 – 137:10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> *Id.* at EF-142:3-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> SDG&E 2008 GRC, A.06-12-009, Exh. 9 at EF-76:26 – EF-77:2 (Direct Testimony of Edward Fong).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 101 at BMB-122: 6-24 (Direct Testimony of Bradley M.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> SDG&E 2008 GRC, A.06-12-009, Exh. 9 at EF-77:11-22 (Direct Testimony of Edward Fong).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> *Id.* at EF-77:23-33.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> *Id.* at EF-80:6-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Id.* at EF-80:14-19.

 Improvements to SDG&E's final bill collection and collection agencies' processes<sup>35</sup>;

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- Improvements to customer data centralization and integration across the legacy CIS and subsystems<sup>36</sup>;
- Continual improvements and enhancements to SDG&E's MyAccount on-line self-service system and mobile services ensuring a high-quality customer experience and a high level of overall functionality, as part of 2008 GRC eServices improvements<sup>37</sup>, 2012 GRC MyAccount improvements<sup>38</sup> and 2016 GRC MyAccount improvements<sup>39</sup>;
- Implementation of an enterprise customer contact database and campaign management system that provided customers the ability to receive personalized automated communications through a combination of voice, text and e-mail messages (referenced above on page CS-S-5). This included creating a new Preference Center within SDG&E's My Account that enabled customers to select when and how they received notifications such as bill reminders, outage updates, service confirmations or Demand Response

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> SDG&E 2012 GRC, A.10-12-005, Exh. 14 at JSR-45:19-25 (Revised Direct Testimony of J. Steve Rahon).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> SDG&E 2008 GRC, A.06-12-009, Exh. 9 at EF-78:1-10 (Direct Testimony of Edward Fong).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> *Id.* at EF-78:11 – EF-79:11.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> SDG&E 2012 GRC, A.10-12-005, Exh. 15-R at KHC-87:3 – KHC-89:27 (Revised Direct Testimony of Kathleen Cordova).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 101 at BMB-125:7 – 126:27 (Direct Testimony of Bradley M. Baugh).

1 events, etc., as well as allowing customers the ability to select any disability accommodations provided within those channels<sup>40</sup>; 2 Implementation and enhancement of capabilities related to outbound 3 customer communication, including segmentation and tracking for campaign effectiveness and efficiency<sup>41</sup>; 5 Implementation of an on-line self-service portal for medium and large C&I 6 7 customers supporting energy analysis from a cost and consumption level, 8 event management, rate eligibility and enrollment, bill payment, benchmarking and energy efficiency<sup>42</sup>; 10 Implementation of a unified, process centric user interface for the Customer 11 Contact Center, as part of the Smart Energy Advisor improvements phases I<sup>43</sup> 12 and  $II^{44}$ : 13 Customer Data Analytics 14 Expansion of the customer data warehouse for improved reporting and strategic data analysis<sup>45</sup>; 15 Implementation of an analytics system to store and analyze customer data<sup>46</sup> 16 <sup>40</sup> SDG&E 2012 GRC, A.10-12-005, Exh. 15-R at KHC-89:9-27 (Revised Direct Testimony of

Kathleen Cordova).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> *Id.* at KHC-90:1-18 (Revised Direct Testimony of Kathleen Cordova).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 101 at BMB-127:1-21 (Direct Testimony of Bradley M. Baugh).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 101 at BMB-135:6 – 136:5 (Direct Testimony of Bradley

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> *Id.* at BMB-138:25 – 139:5 (Direct Testimony of Bradley M. Baugh).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> SDG&E 2004 COS, A.02-12-068, Exh. 30 at EF-137:13-23 (Direct Testimony of Ed Fong).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 101 at BMB-139:12 – 141:4 (Direct Testimony of Bradley M. Baugh).

As summarized above, since 2004, SDG&E has made significant changes to its legacy CIS and subsystems to implement new and improved functionality to comply with regulatory demands and to meet customer needs. However, as with all software, there comes a point when it is no longer cost-effective to customize. SDG&E's legacy CIS and subsystems are at this point: it has become a greater financial burden to continually customize them than it is to replace them with the latest technology to meet current and anticipated future needs. As shown in Table CS-S-2, based upon actual spending in just the last few years, SDG&E has seen the capital costs for making routine changes to its systems increase by nearly 400 percent. Although SDG&E cannot predict the number of future changes that will be needed for its CIS and subsystems, given what SDG&E experienced in 2016, it is likely that the current exponential trend for increasing capital spending will continue until SDG&E has replaced its legacy CIS and subsystems with SAP CR&B. While SDG&E prudently spent capital funding on customization of the legacy CIS and subsystems throughout the recent COS and GRCs, the system now needs to be replaced. To do otherwise would be imprudent, as replacement is necessary to implement future regulatory requirements and meet future customer needs in the most cost effective manner.

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### C. SDG&E's Transparency Regarding its Legacy CIS and Subsystems (Snyder)

Throughout the recent COS and GRCs, SDG&E has been transparent regarding the state of its legacy CIS and subsystems. SDG&E closely monitored the costs for its regulatory implementations and increased system complexities as it continued to customize the legacy CIS and integrate with new subsystems. As illustrated in Table CS-S-2 above, significant cost increases associated with CIS customization began occurring in the 2012 timeframe. Accordingly, in testimony prepared in 2014 to support its next GRC (TY 2016),

SDG&E raised the issue of its legacy CIS and pointed out the need to evaluate whether the legacy CIS should be overhauled or replaced.<sup>47</sup> Specifically, Witness Mikovits stated:

Originally implemented in May 1998<sup>48</sup>, CISCO has been constantly enhanced over the past 16 years to meet changing business requirements during that period of time and is approaching a point in time where it will need to be either significantly overhauled or replaced. The initial strategy work that needs to be done in order to make that decision will require a combination of labor and non-labor resources. More specifically, the forecast for this effort is \$2,000k.<sup>49</sup>

The Commission approved SDG&E's request for an incremental \$2 million in O&M funds to perform the initial strategy work to determine the optimal future state of its legacy CIS and subsystems. As discussed in Chapter 3, SDG&E used this funding in 2015 to retain Ernst and Young ("EY") to comprehensively assess SDG&E's legacy CIS and create a future-state roadmap that would serve not only SDG&E's current business and technology needs, but also provide a solid foundation to meet future needs (the "CIS Strategy"). EY undertook a nine-month study with the primary goal of determining whether the legacy CIS and subsystems should be (i) maintained (no change), (ii) significantly enhanced, or (iii) replaced. Based upon this assessment, EY determined, in conjunction with SDG&E, that the best approach was to replace the legacy CIS and identified subsystems.

In May 2016, SDG&E performed a risk assessment on its legacy CIS as a follow up to the EY study, where its CIS represented the 19th highest risk in SDG&E's risk registry.

The 2016 risk assessment is discussed in detail in Chapter 3. In 2016, SDG&E experienced the significant challenges with the legacy CIS and related subsystems described in Chapter 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Filed in November 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Date should reflect May 1997.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> SDG&E 2016 GRC, A.14-11-003, Exh. 153 at SJM-13:1-13 (Amended Revised Direct Testimony of Stephen J. Mikovits).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> See, Direct Testimony of Charlie Snyder (Chapter 3) at 2:1-10.

(*i.e.*, delayed customer bills and delays in implementing mandated rates). These challenges resulted from the implementation of an unprecedented number of billing system changes to comply with regulatory requirements. Table Ch2-2 in Chapter 2 highlights the significant increase in legacy CIS projects that SDG&E implemented in 2015 and 2016. The major deficiencies of the legacy CIS became evident with the default of small and medium businesses to new rates in 2016. However, it was not implementation of any one system change that led to the challenges with SDG&E's legacy CIS; rather, it was the cumulative effect of implementing multiple, complex system changes simultaneously.

Given the challenges experienced in 2016 (which continue today), the timetable for replacement of the legacy CIS and subsystems evolved from in-the-near-term to as-soon-aspossible.

Leveraging the information from the 2015 EY assessment and the results of the 2016 Risk Assessment, SDG&E moved forward as expeditiously as possible with development of its proposal for replacement of its legacy CIS. Replacement of the CIS is a complex proposition that must be undertaken with a commitment not just to optimizing functionality, but also to ensuring cost-effectiveness. While SDG&E proceeded with a sense of urgency, it was committed to thoughtfully developing its proposal for CIS replacement—this was not a task it took lightly. SDG&E filed its CIS Replacement Program Application in April 2017.

SDG&E has been and will continue to be prudent in its management of, and transparent in describing the state of, the legacy CIS and subsystems.

This concludes our joint supplemental direct testimony.

#### III. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

#### WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHARLIE SNYDER

My name is Charles (Charlie) Snyder. I am employed by San Diego Gas & Electric Company. My business address is 8330 Century Park Court, San Diego, California 92123.

I am currently a member of the Customer Information System replacement team. I began work at SDG&E in January 1996 as a member of the SORT system implementation team. I have held positions of increasing responsibility in the Customer Services organization, including managing the Smart Meter Program where my primary responsibilities included overall program management, customer communications, vendor management, deployment, regulatory affairs, and financial management. Most recently, I was the manager for the Customer Services Program Management Office responsible for implementing key Customer Services system improvements and the introduction of new solutions. I have a Bachelors of Business Administration from National University in San Diego, CA.

I have previously submitted testimony and testified before the California Public Utilities Commission.

#### WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHRISTOPHER SWARTZ

My name is Christopher Swartz and my business address is 8330 Century Park

Court, San Diego, California 92123. I am a currently a member of the Customer

Information System replacement team at San Diego Gas and Electric. I began work at

SDG&E in September 2001 as a Billing Analyst and have held positions of increasing

responsibility in the Customer Service Operations and Information division including the

manager of SDG&E's Billing Operations as well as the manager of SDG&E's Customer

Operations Support department. Prior to my current position, I managed the Electric Rates

team in the Customer Pricing Department for SDG&E where my primary responsibilities

included the determination of electric rate design methods, and preparation of various

regulatory filings.

In 1999, I graduated from the University of California at San Diego with a Bachelor of Science in Management Science. I also attended San Diego State University where I completed all coursework required for a Master's in Business Administration.

I have previously submitted testimony and testified before the California Public Utilities Commission in other regulatory proceedings.