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1 **PREPARED SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY OF**
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3 **I. OVERVIEW AND PURPOSE**

4 The purpose of this testimony is to describe SDG&E’s proposed Measurement and
5 Evaluation (M&E) activities for San Diego Gas & Electric Company’s (SDG&E) export
6 compensation pilot rate (Export Compensation Pilot) and Real Time Pricing Pilot (RTP Pilot)
7 (collectively, Dynamic Pricing Pilots). SDG&E is submitting this prepared supplemental direct
8 testimony to address revisions to SDG&E’s consolidated Time Pricing Pilot Application and the
9 consolidated Commercial Electric Vehicle Dynamic Rate Application (A.21-12-006 et al.),
10 including the July 12, 2022 recommendations by Energy Division (“ED Staff
11 Recommendations”). Because the revisions are extensive and include both adding new
12 testimony and removing previously served testimony, SDG&E is withdrawing previously served
13 testimony and will rely solely on this prepared supplemental direct testimony as its direct
14 testimony in this proceeding.

15 Decision (D.)21-07-010 (GRC Phase 2 Decision) directs SDG&E to evaluate its RTP
16 Pilot in two stages.¹ SDG&E originally planned to offer its RTP rate to commercial and
17 industrial customers in the first stage and then include residential customers in the second stage.
18 However, after further consideration as discussed in Chapter 1, Jeff Deturi’s testimony, SDG&E
19 will now offer both the RTP Pilots to all customer classes except street lighting. By including
20 most customer classes in the first stage of RTP SDG&E expects that more customers will be able
21 to participate, and that the resulting evaluation will be more robust than originally planned.

¹ D.21-07-010 at 57, Section 5.5 (“The application should include a detailed evaluation plan for Stage 1, and a proposed evaluation plan for Stage 2.”)

1 SDG&E’s Export Compensation Pilot is planned to also have two stages like the RTP
2 Pilot, where the first stage will be open to customers on SDG&E relatively new EV-HP rate.
3 SDG&E’s EV-HP rate became available to commercial customers with a separately metered
4 service that supports the charging of electric vehicles. Additionally, customers on the EV-HP
5 rate have monthly demands greater than 20 kW. The second stage of the Export Compensation
6 Pilot will utilize information gained from the first stage and is expected to be made available to a
7 broader group of customers.

8 SDG&E is proposing to conduct the Export Compensation Pilot Stage 1 at the same time
9 as the RTP Pilot Stage 1, but will develop separate M&E plans for the two pilots. It is anticipated
10 that the Dynamic Pricing Pilots will be able to leverage certain evaluation activities and gain
11 efficiencies like reducing survey costs, since the two pilots timelines will be similar over the
12 same 2-year period.

13 SDG&E will use surveys to gain insights into participants’ understanding of the Dynamic
14 Pricing Pilots and ease of ability for shifting or reducing loads. In addition to participant surveys,
15 eligible non-participants will also be surveyed. This will help SDG&E gain an understanding
16 about why potential participants who qualify for the RTP Pilot chose not to participate. The
17 feedback may help SDG&E in designing future similar rates.

18 Process surveys are also being proposed to be conducted during Stage 1 of the Dynamic
19 Pricing Pilots. Process surveys typically help identify areas for improving on how the Dynamic
20 Pricing Pilots are implemented. SDG&E RTP staff as well as customers that were marketed to
21 and those that opted into the rate are surveyed on their experience of going onto the rate. In some
22 cases, if certain technologies are involved, the survey can include how difficult or easy it was to
23 utilize or implement the technology. It is anticipated that feedback from Stage 1 of the Dynamic

1 Pricing Pilots will help make the customer experience better and will ultimately be used to
2 inform Stage 2 of the pilots.

3 Additionally, SDG&E is recommending to conduct post-event surveys relatively soon
4 after CPP events. Post-event surveys can help SDG&E understand how well its website conveys
5 critical peak pricing events. Post-event surveys can also determine if the Dynamic Pricing Pilot
6 participants were engaged and aware of those higher cost CPP hours and whether they were able
7 to take action to shift or reduce load or export energy during the critical peak event.

8 SDG&E is also suggesting end of pilot surveys to be conducted after customers have
9 participated for two years. These surveys can provide information on how the customer feels
10 about the pilot experience, if customers felt successful, and had a good understanding of how the
11 dynamic component of the pilot worked. It is anticipated that the first 1,000 residential customers
12 in Stage 1 RTP Pilot will be offered a \$300 total incentive to participate in the pilot. The
13 incentive will be provided in phases. Some of the incentive money will be provided when the
14 customer signs up for the RTP Pilot, and then incentives for completing surveys during the pilot.
15 This testimony will also contain proposed budget estimates for these surveys as well as bill
16 impacts and load impacts, including labor support needed to conduct the overall evaluation.

17 **II. MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION OBJECTIVES**

18 The primary evaluation objectives of the M&E for Stage 1 of the Export Compensation
19 Pilot rate and both stages of the RTP Pilot rate are to assess customer price responsiveness by
20 calculating load impacts, bill savings, and utility cost savings. Participant interval data will be
21 collected on a pre-pilot basis as well as post-pilot. As previously discussed, SDG&E proposes to
22 administer surveys that will provide insights into customer experience, understanding, and
23 general satisfaction with the Dynamic Pricing Pilots. Demographic and customer characteristics
24 will be collected from pilot participants and non-participants to assess what type of customers are

1 willing and able to use a day ahead hourly rate option. Information collected on participant
 2 acceptance, and perception about their ability to save money or earn credits from Stage 1, will
 3 help inform the second stages and support the final design and implementation for both Dynamic
 4 Pricing Pilots.

5 As laid out in the GRC Phase 2 Decision in Section 5.6 and ED Staff Recommendations,
 6 the proposed evaluation structure for the RTP Pilot will strive to address the following topics
 7 identified in Table LW-1.

8 **Table LW-1**

9 **Recommendations of Measurement and Evaluation Objectives**

| Proposed Measurement and Evaluation Objectives | D21-07-010 Section 5.6 | ED Staff Recommendations |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Solicit M&E Evaluation Plan Feedback via Workshop | X | X |
| Create Working Group, define M&E criteria prior to pilots | | X |
| Load Impacts and bill savings | X | X |
| <i>Utility cost savings and cost shift</i> | X | X |
| <i>Alignment with 9 goals in the Commissions Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan</i> | X | |
| Assess customer understanding and satisfaction at a reasonable cost | X | |
| Customer Participation and Challenges | | X |
| Participant use of technology and the impact of technology on load shift | X | X |
| How to assess whether low and medium income customers are participating in the pilot and same rate as higher income customers | X | |

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| Design and evaluation criteria should include the anticipated benefits of a dynamic rate: reduced grid costs GHG levels increased use of renewable energy, and improvements to grid reliability, reduce likelihood of rolling blackouts ² | X | |
| Timeline for the evaluation plan, publishing results and discussing results in WG | | X |
| Framework on how findings from the M&E should be implemented back to the rate. | | X |

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To the extent feasible, SDG&E will work to incorporate the elements and metrics identified in section 5.6 of the GRC Phase 2 Decision into its evaluation plan. SDG&E notes that ED’s recommended measurement and evaluation objectives are similar to those established in D.21-07-010.³

SDG&E plans to present a comprehensive M&E plan at a CPUC workshop that will solicit feedback from interested parties. If there is sufficient interest and support, SDG&E is open to a working group process that can provide presentations on milestones, results from surveys, load impacts, load shifting, and other analysis. The 9 ESJ goals that the CPUC identified as a primary objective can be discussed at the workshop, and SDG&E will solicit feedback on how to measure (or whether we can measure) or assess if the 9 goals of the ESJ Action Plan are being met.

² D.21-07-010 at 58-59; *see also* CPUC, Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan (ESJ Action Plan) (February 21, 2019), available at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/news-and-outreach/documents/news-office/key-issues/esj/environmental-and-social-justice.pdf>.

³ ED Staff Recommendations at 6-7.

1 SDG&E expects to develop and submit a request for proposal (RFP) in Q3 of 2023 for
2 the full measurement and evaluation of its Dynamic Pricing Pilots. SDG&E will hire an M&E
3 consultant several months prior to the beginning of the Dynamic Pricing Pilots so that work can
4 begin on developing an evaluation plan. The consultant will be instrumental in presenting the
5 evaluation plan to workshop participants and incorporating parties' feedback as feasible.

6 The ED Staff Recommendations state that "Pilot sizes should be large enough to provide
7 sufficient evaluation data and statistically significant findings for the parties and the Commission
8 to review and incorporate into tariff offerings."⁴ It should be noted that customers participating in
9 the Dynamic Pricing Pilots may not be reflective of SDG&E's general population, rate group, or
10 eligibility pool.⁵ However, the lack of external validity does not mean that the results won't be
11 significant or important learnings. SDG&E believes that the results can be applied to similar
12 customers as those that participated.

13 Further, the target population after eligibility criteria is applied for Stage 1 of the
14 Dynamic Pricing Pilots is not representative of the total population. The target minimums and
15 maximums based on the eligible population shown in Attachment B of Ray Utama's Testimony
16 are less than 1% of SDG&E's eligible customers. Additionally, SDG&E's service territory
17 expects an additional 300,000 bundled customers to migrate to CCAs in 2023. Therefore,
18 SDG&E's predicted enrollment is below the ED Staff Recommendations target enrollments.⁶
19 Because of this fact, the eligible population for Dynamic Pricing Pilots is greatly reduced,

⁴ ED Staff Recommendations at 4.

⁵ SDG&E's Stage 1 Export Compensation Pilot rate will be available to customers on the EV-HP rate. In this case, the findings should be representative of all customers on the rate apart from self-selection bias.

⁶ SDG&E does not know if CCAs will be participating in either of the Dynamic Pricing Pilots.

1 making comparisons of pilot participants to the general rate class inappropriate (with the
2 exception of the Stage 1 Export Compensation Pilot).

3 Moreover, customers that opt into the Dynamic Pricing Pilots introduce bias. There can
4 be differences in the type of customer who may possess a certain type of technology, be tech
5 savvy, or use energy in a way that enables or promotes their participation. It may be that a subset
6 of customers can be successful on these Dynamic Pricing Pilots and by conducting a pre-analysis
7 of customers use of energy and load shapes, SDG&E may be able to identify those potential
8 customers that can benefit from these dynamic rates. There can be a statistically significant load
9 impact or shift, but to whom the shift applies will likely be a subgroup of the population and
10 therefore in those cases the impacts should not be directly compared to population or even all
11 eligible customers that did not participate. In the event that the Dynamic Pricing Pilot caps are
12 reached, applying conclusions from the pilot participants regarding resulting load impacts, bill
13 savings, utility costs, and cost shifts to the entire customer class is inappropriate as the pilot
14 customers that opted into Dynamic Pricing Pilots will be different than the general population.

15 The proposed evaluation objectives for the Stage 1 Dynamic Pricing Pilots are organized
16 as follows: The primary objectives are identified and the accompanying metric and analysis
17 questions along with the approach that will be used to answer those questions. The overall
18 description of how the objective will be met is described in the paragraphs after the last metric /
19 analysis in the objective is described.

20 SDG&E intends to issue RFPs for the load impact evaluation work, including
21 administering and evaluating the surveys and any focus groups.⁷ The evaluation plans outlined

⁷ Focus groups can be insightful when trying to launch new products and services. Focus groups are not currently in the budget plan.

1 below are intended to provide high-level descriptions of the goals and objectives of the Dynamic
2 Pricing Pilots. A detailed evaluation plan once the consultant has been selected will be presented
3 in a workshop as ED recommended.⁸

4 **A. EXPORT COMPENSATION PILOT – Stage 1 Evaluation**

5 SDG&E proposes to address the following objectives for its Export Compensation Pilot

6 Stage 1:

- 7 • **Objective 1:** Verify that load is successfully exported during SDG&E critical
8 peak times, and charging occurs during SDG&E’s off-peak and super off-peak
9 periods. Do customers change how they normally discharge in response to export
10 adders?
 - 11 ○ Approach: Using smart meter data, compare pre and post loads, during
12 SDG&E CPP periods, by analyzing imported and exported energy leading
13 up to and during CPP events.
- 14 • **Objective 2:** Measure and quantify the amount of exported load for the pilot
15 participants.
 - 16 ○ Approach: Utilize smart meter export and import data during CPP events
17 and non-CPP events. Customers participating will have exported load on a
18 separate channel of their smart meter.
- 19 • **Objective 3:** Are customers aware of CPP periods, and customer experience?
 - 20 ○ Approach: Using surveys assess if customers can react to day-ahead
21 export adders. Document customer experiences with respect to having the
22 technologies to enable exporting loads. Survey participants about ease of
23 notifications, ability to change schedules to meet export goals, and ease of
24 participation.

25 SDG&E plans to utilize the Export Compensation Pilot Stage 1 results to inform the
26 Export Compensation Pilot Stage 2. SDG&E expects to solicit feedback for the Stage 2
27 evaluation plan prior to enrollment for Stage 2. Therefore, the evaluation plans for Stage 2 will

⁸ ED Staff Recommendations at 4.

1 be developed after Stage 1 is complete. Additionally, SDG&E will seek feedback for both stages
2 in the Working Group.

3 **B. RTP PILOT - Stage 1 evaluation plan**

4 SDG&E proposes to address the following objectives in Stage 1 of the RTP Pilot:

- 5 • **Objective 1:** Calculate load impacts, load shifts, and bill impacts savings or cost
6 increases.

7 *Recommended Metrics and Analyses for Objective 1*

- 8 a. What is the load response (reduction, shift or increase) to the RTP
9 rate?
 - 10 i. Approach: Regression based analysis. SDG&E plans to
11 estimate load impacts using a difference in differences
12 approach where the load impacts are calculated using the
13 customer's pre-treatment data (usage prior to going onto
14 RTP) and post-treatment data (usage after going onto
15 RTP).⁹ The previous discussion regarding the results being
16 representative of the total population apply here.
- 17 b. Does the customer currently respond to TOU? Are there
18 incremental load drops moving to RTP? Is there an incremental
19 load drop when the Commodity Critical Peak Pricing (C-CPP)
20 event is called?
 - 21 i. Approach: Regression based analysis.
- 22 c. What are the bill impacts for all eligible participants?
 - 23 i. Approach: Calculate the customer's bill on the otherwise
24 applicable tariff (OAT) during the same timeframe the
25 customer is on the RTP rate and calculate the difference.
26 The bill impact plan is to perform an OAT and RTP billing
27 impact analysis on pre-treatment data for all eligible
28 customers that have at least 6 months of interval data.
29 Ideally, this will provide a list of potential customers that
30 could save by switching to the RTP Pilot rate.
- 31 d. Are there technology-based reductions? Identify relative
32 frequency of participant battery settings pre-intervention (e.g.,

⁹ Because the number of participants for each customer class are unknown, the exact methodology for calculating load impacts may change.

- 1 operation mode, amount of energy reserved for backup by battery
2 provider), presence of EV, climate zone, average peak demand by
3 premise.
- 4 i. Approach: Utilize SDG&E's customer characteristics
5 information to establish what climate zone the customer
6 resides and whether storage is present.
- 7 e. Does the customer have technology load profiles?
- 8 i. Approach: Utilize customer interval data to develop
9 technology profiles to the extent possible.
- 10 f. How often does the RTP participant change its energy source or
11 usage based on RTP rates or following a C-CPP event? (A C-CPP
12 event is when SDG&E calls a CPP Event during high-cost pricing
13 periods, as stated in the prepared supplemental direct testimony of
14 SDG&E witness William G. Saxe).
- 15 i. Approach: Identify all C-CPP event notifications for each
16 customer and evaluate load data prior to and after each
17 event.
- 18 g. What is the load impact by event type, event duration, month,
19 weather conditions, and weekday and weekend events?
- 20 i. Approach: Using regression output, provide an excel table
21 that can show each event day along with a reference load
22 shape, including hourly weather conditions.
- 23 h. What is the average observed load profile for RTP participants
24 including RA window, by month, weekday and weekend and
25 technology if possible?
- 26 i. Approach: Identify resource adequacy assessment hours in
27 excel table and show average reduction over those hours.
- 28 i. Do customers that show benefits from the bill impacts enroll in
29 RTP?
- 30 i. Approach: Provide statistics on how many customers are
31 structural beneficiaries versus how many customers enroll
32 onto RTP.
- 33 j. Do eligible customers that have projected bill savings sign up for
34 RTP?

- 1 i. Approach: Report on how many customers are projected to
2 save money on the RTP Pilot and how many of those
3 customers actually saved.

4 *Evaluation Methodology for Objective 1*

5 In order to evaluate the RTP Pilot in terms of Objective #1, SDG&E will conduct a load
6 impact evaluation to estimate load impacts and load shifts due to the RTP Pilot rate. If customers
7 have storage technology available, analysis will include the customer's ability to reduce loads
8 based on different factors, such as CAISO's day-ahead hourly pricing, and for C-CPP events.
9 SDG&E will utilize hourly interval data, weather data, customer characteristics and other survey
10 information that may aid in this evaluation.

11 Typically, demand response load impact studies are performed in accordance with the
12 load impact protocols.¹⁰ However, pilots are not required to have the rigor of load impact
13 protocols applied to their load impact evaluations.¹¹ Here, despite the fact that it is not a
14 requirement, if enough customers participate in SDG&E's Stage 1 RTP Pilot, the evaluation may
15 be able to assign the participants to randomized treatment and control groups (A/B groups)
16 which would qualify for being compliant with the load impact protocols. If participation is less
17 than the maximum target of 3,340 an alternating treatment design could be implemented, where
18 all participants are dispatched according to a schedule of control days and event days.

19 As part of the Stage 1 RTP Pilot, SDG&E will explicitly analyze load impacts under
20 different weather conditions, and timing of advance notice. SDG&E plans to use statistical
21 methods such as regression analysis or regression-based difference-in-differences methods to
22 calculate load impacts and load shifts in response to the day-ahead hourly pricing. In addition to

¹⁰ See D.08-04-050, Decision Adopting Protocols for Estimating Demand Response Load Impacts at Attachment A.

¹¹ See *id.*, Attachment A at 93.

1 weather data and customer interval data, the load impact analysis will likely include additional
2 variables such as time of day, day of the week, month or season, as appropriate.

3 SDG&E plans to submit a request for proposal (RFP) for the load impact evaluation
4 study. Once the RTP Pilot has begun, and there are participants on the RTP Pilot rate, SDG&E
5 will provide its formal evaluation plan which will include the appropriate load impact
6 methodology. If it is not cost prohibitive, SDG&E will utilize the load impact protocols for its
7 load impact reductions and shifts.

8 SDG&E proposes to use preliminary bill impacts to model the short-term and long-term
9 effects of the RTP Pilot rate on customer bills based on rate with and without consumption
10 changes in order to capture the full effect of energy savings between the customer's otherwise
11 applicable tariff and the RTP Pilot rate. SDG&E proposes to conduct bill impact analyses on all
12 eligible customers and to track the differences going forward.

- 13 • **Objective 2:** Analyze participant enrollment process and characteristics. This will
14 include types of businesses and hours of operation and how they relate to RTP.
15 This will ensure that RTP Stage 2 design and implementation benefits from Stage
16 1 participant research regarding, for instance, ease of signing up for the rate,
17 readily available access to day-ahead pricing data, how well participants
18 understand the RTP Pilot rate and whether they are able to take action when
19 prices are high.

20 *Recommended Metrics for Objective 2*

- 21 a. How many participants enrolled by year and month and
22 classification of business type, such as North American Industrial
23 Code (NAICs)?
 - 24 i. Approach: Utilize customer characteristic data to and
25 report out on participants.
- 26 b. What types of customers enrolled in the RTP Pilot from a qualitative
27 perspective? Is there something unique about their load shape that
28 incentivizes them to participate on the RTP Pilot rate.
 - 29 i. Approach: Ask questions via participant and non-
30 participant surveys, and/or utilize focus group information.

- 1 c. How easily can participants react to hourly day ahead pricing?
2 How does it differ when the event component is included?
- 3 i. Approach: Questions via participant post event surveys
4 following event days.
- 5 d. What is customer awareness of the event component of the RTP
6 Pilot rate?
- 7 i. Approach: Responses from participant surveys and
8 possibly post event surveys.
- 9 e. How easily can participants react to hourly day ahead pricing?
10 Does it make a difference whether there contains the event
11 component?
- 12 i. Approach: Questions via post event survey accompanied
13 with statistics extracted from customer specific energy
14 reductions during events.
- 15 f. Does customer uptake of energy efficiency (storage, electric
16 vehicles, or energy management systems (EMS)) technology effect
17 whether they utilize the RTP Pilot rate?
- 18 i. Approach: Compare known customer characteristics
19 alongside the utilization of the RTP rate to view increases
20 from technology.

21 *Evaluation Methodology for Objective 2*

22 To evaluate customer characteristics, SDG&E will gather relevant information from its
23 customer information systems. Additional information may be obtained from customer account
24 executives that can also provide insights into customer preferences and operating behaviors.
25 Additional information regarding preferences, attitudes, understanding of the rate, ability to
26 reduce loads and notification lead times related to event adders will be collected through surveys.
27 SDG&E plans to survey both participants and non-participants. If focus groups are to be
28 conducted the evaluation team will work with SDG&E's Customer Research group to ensure
29 best practices. It is expected that the results of these surveys will provide qualitative information
30 that can help shape future RTP designs. SDG&E will compare differences and similarities so that

1 it can determine and characterize what types of customers may be able to participate in the
2 future. If there are barriers to entry those should be identified through survey data. Post event
3 surveys may be administered to participants within a few days of a system event adder to assess
4 awareness and customer engagement in load reduction efforts.

- 5 • **Objective 3:** What is the optimal hourly structure and price? Are there utility
6 cost savings, and/or cost shifts?

7 *Recommended Metrics for Objective 3*

- 8 a. What are the bill impacts for all eligible participants?¹²
 - 9 i. Approach: Calculate the customer's bill on the otherwise
10 applicable tariff (OAT) during the same timeframe the
11 customer is on the RTP rate and calculate the difference.
- 12 b. Is there cost shifting potential between customer classes?
 - 13 i. Approach: Track cost differences from the bill impacts to
14 be assessed later in the pilot. Track magnitude and
15 direction of cost shifts.
- 16 c. What are the Marginal benefits and costs of each customer that
17 enrolled in RTP program?
 - 18 i. Approach: Calculating marginal benefits and costs analysis
19 may be premature in Stage 1, SDG&E plans to track
20 participant costs.

21 *Evaluation Methodology for Objective 3*

22 The marginal benefit design for this study will be done by comparing billing data with a
23 control group (or by comparing the participants previous billing data). Cost shifting within the
24 study will be focused on comparing billing data for customers that elected to join the RTP Pilot
25 and those that did not join the RTP Pilot but were marketed to join RTP. Any differences in

¹² SDG&E's proposal is to determine bill impacts for all eligible customers, but only to the extent possible. For instance, it may not be possible for new customers as they will not have a full year of interval data available.

1 commodity revenues collected under RTP will be evaluated in the RTP Pilot to see if RTP rate
2 design changes are necessary.

- 3 • **Objective 4:** Can SDG&E use battery storage to respond to RTP Day-Ahead
4 market prices? Once NEM is able to participate will there overlap between solar
5 customers?

6 *Recommended Metrics for Objective 4*

- 7 a. Do customers with storage ability receive and adjust consumption
8 in response to price signals?
 - 9 i. Approach: If possible, meter battery storage to identify if
10 changes in load correspond with the charging and
11 discharging of the battery.
- 12 b. What load increases and load reductions can be achieved per kW
13 of installed capacity?
 - 14 i. Approach: Based on data from metric “a” SDG&E can
15 model estimate what the ideal battery size may be for the
16 customer.
- 17 c. Is storage capability alone enough to respond to price signals that
18 enable bill savings?
 - 19 i. Approach: Using the data from the above metrics, analyze
20 the customer’s total load with optimizing battery discharge
21 and charging behavior. Calculate savings attributed to
22 battery.
- 23 d. Would the addition of NEM benefits contribute to better
24 performance on the RTP Pilot?
 - 25 i. Approach: Using customer load data simulate what NEM
26 size would be optimal for the customer, Calculate
27 additional cost savings due to NEM addition.

28 *Evaluation Methodology of Objective 4*

29 The ability of batteries to dynamically respond to pricing signals can provide substantial
30 benefits in the form of reliability. The evaluation of this objective will rely on a qualitative
31 summary of the technological hurdles required to dispatch batteries in this fashion. Load impact
32 estimates of the price response may also be calculated in the same fashion as the load impacts

1 from Objective 1. SDG&E will attempt to simulate the effects of adding storage or NEM to
2 customer loads in Stage 1 to determine if those technologies will benefit the customer.

- 3 • **Objective 5:** What are greenhouse gas (GHG) savings as a result of
4 implementing RTP?

5 *Recommended Metrics for Objective 5*

- 6 a. What are estimated GHG savings over the pilot period?
 - 7 i. Approach: Develop 8760 hourly impacts for Stage 1 RTP
8 Pilot participants from Objective 1, and apply those to
9 GHG emissions data to derive savings and compared to the
10 OAT TOU rate that the customer was on before.
- 11 b. Are there any conclusions that can be drawn regarding potential for
12 RTP savings from Stage 2 participation?
 - 13 i. Approach: Using the information gathered in metric “a”
14 extrapolate to expected participation in Stage 2.

15 *Evaluation Methodology for Objective 5*

16 The GHG benefits can be estimated by applying the hourly load impact estimates from
17 the 1st and 2nd year of the RTP Pilot to the GHG emission data to derive GHG savings. The
18 GHG can be calculated multiplying the activity data by the emission factor (GHG emissions =
19 Activity Data x Emission Factor). In this case the activity data is the load impact or reduction in
20 load attributed to the RTP Pilot rate. By applying the hourly load impact estimates from the 1st
21 and 2nd year of the RTP Pilot to the GHG emission data GHG savings estimates can be derived.
22 The results will need to be qualified as to whether it is appropriate to extend the savings to the
23 entire customer class. It may be that most customers in the class are unable to participate on
24 SDG&E’s RTP Pilot rate.

25 **C. RTP PILOT - Stage 2 Evaluation Plan**

26 Stage 2 evaluation plans are expected to be similar to that of Stage 1. There could be
27 significant differences in the types of customers that can participate that may warrant making

1 changes to the Stage 2 evaluation plan. SDG&E believes that early Stage 1 analysis will help
2 shape what will be needed to study in Stage 2. However, SDG&E anticipates using similar
3 methodologies for the load impact studies to measure the load reductions and/or shifts. SDG&E
4 plans to meet with stakeholders and determine what the study scope should include and if there
5 are other areas that should be studied. SDG&E recommends conducting focus groups, participant
6 and non-participant surveys, as well as post-event surveys after hourly event adders occur, and
7 an end of Stage 2 RTP Pilot surveys. It is not assumed that another process survey needs to be
8 conducted assuming that SDG&E is able to address the results from the Stage 1 RTP Pilot's
9 process evaluation.

10 **III. BUDGET**

11 This section explains the proposed budget for evaluation of the Dynamic Pricing Pilots
12 detailed by year and as a total over the life span of the Dynamic Pricing Pilots. Below in Table
13 LW-2 the budget estimates should not be considered final as costs will depend on participation
14 (to be determined later) and Dynamic Pricing Pilots workshop scope.

| Table LW-2 SDG&E Dynamic Pricing Pilots Measurement and Evaluation Budget | | | | | |
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| | Q4 2024-Q1 2027 * | Q4 2024-Q1- 2027 * | Q4 2026-Q1 2029 * | Q4 2026-Q1 2029 * | |
| SDG&E M&E Activities | Export Compensation Stage 1 | RTP Stage 1 | Export Compensation Stage 2 | RTP Stage 2 | Total Dynamic Pricing Pilots |
| Two years of Load Impact Evaluation (includes load and bill impacts, bill savings, and utility savings) | \$100,000 | \$300,000 | Evaluation Plans and Budget development will be based on the results of Export Compensation Pilot Stage 1 | \$300,000 | \$700,000 |
| Customer Research (includes surveys on customer acceptance, customer understanding of the RTP, barriers to entry, difficulties in implementation, etc. | \$150,000 | \$300,000 | | \$300,000 | \$750,000 |
| Miscellaneous research, analytical support, and Labor support | \$261,259 | \$447,898 | | \$482,832 | \$1,191,989 |
| Incentives for first 1,000 residential | | \$300,000** | | \$0 | \$300,000 |
| Total M&E related costs | \$511,259 | \$1,347,898 | | \$1,082,832 | \$2,941,989 |

2 * The Dynamic Pricing Pilots end approximately 6 months prior to the end of the final
3 evaluations

4 ** If there are incentive funds not spent on RTP Stage 1, funds may be used for RTP Stage 2

1 **IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

2 SDG&E’s evaluation of the Dynamic Pricing Pilots will utilize SDG&E’s Advanced
3 Metering Infrastructure/Smart Meter data, hourly interval, consumption, and customer
4 characteristic data from enrolled customers to conduct the load impact evaluation. SDG&E plans
5 to conduct surveys from participants and non-participants to assess understanding of the hourly
6 rate, ease of participation, barriers to participating, and ease of access to pricing data. Process
7 evaluations and post event surveys are also planned as well as an end of pilot surveys. SDG&E
8 believes the information obtained in Stage 1 of the Dynamic Pricing Pilots will help identify
9 areas that can be improved for the implementation of Stage 2 of the Pilots. SDG&E plans to
10 conduct workshops prior to the final development of the Dynamic Pricing Pilots Stage 1 and
11 Stage 2 evaluation plans so feedback can be incorporated into the evaluation, if feasible.

12 The load impact studies in conjunction with the post event and end of pilot surveys
13 information will help facilitate SDG&E’s understanding of the drivers for participation and non-
14 participation on Dynamic Pricing Pilot rates. Knowing whether customers are aware and can
15 react to the event components in the Dynamic Pricing Pilots will provide insights into load
16 export/reduction potential when rolling out to a larger population. Responses to questions
17 regarding how easily participants can export or reduce, or shift loads in response to hourly day
18 ahead market prices with event adders or whether only certain customer types be able to
19 participate on SDG&E’s Export Compensation Pilot rate or RTP Pilot rate. Answers to these
20 types of questions will help SDG&E to develop rate strategies that will lead to a more reliable
21 grid. These are just some of the objectives / questions that SDG&E will strive to answer during
22 its evaluation of the Dynamic Pricing Pilots.

1 **V. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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8 University where I graduated with an MA in Economics in 1989. In 1990, I was employed by
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12 I have previously testified before the Commission.

13 This concludes my prepared supplemental direct testimony.

ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Measurement and Evaluation Timelines

Proposed Dynamic Pricing Pilots Timeline for Measurement and Evaluation Activities

| Quarters | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 | Q1 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2024 | Q4 2024 | Q1 2025 | Q2 2025 | Q3 2025 | Q4 2025 | |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Export Rate Stage 1 | Develop RFP | Select Winning Bidder | | Enrollment starts | Work shop | Finalize Eval plans | Enrollment continues | Export Sage 1 pilot starts | Participant /Non Participant surveys | Post Event Surveys | Begin M&E Studies |
| | | | | | | | Process Evaluations begin | | | | |
| RTP Stage 1 | Develop RFP | Select Winning Bidder | Bill Impacts | Enrollment starts | Work shop | Finalize Eval plans | Enrollment continues | RTP Stage 1 begins | | Post Event Surveys | Begin M&E Studies |
| | | | | | | | Process Evaluations begin | Participant /Non Participant surveys | | | |
| Quarters | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 | Q1 2024 | Q2 2024 | Q3 2024 | Q4 2024 | Q1 2025 | Q2 2025 | Q3 2025 | Q4 2025 | |
| Export Rate Stage 2 | | | | | | | | | Place holder for Export Rate Stage 2 M&E | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RTP Stage 2 | | | | | | | | | Develop RFP | Select Winning Bidder | |
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Proposed Dynamic Pricing Pilots Timeline for Measurement and Evaluation Activities - Continued

| Quarters | Q1 2026 | | | Q2 2026 | | | Q3 2026 | | | Q4 2026 | | | Q1 2027 | | |
|---------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|--|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Export Rate Stage 1 | M&E Studies | | | Interim LI Report / Workshop | | | Post Event Surveys / End of pilot surveys | | | Begin M&E Studies yr 2 | | | Final Export Compensation Report Stage 1 | | |
| RTP Stage 1 | M&E Studies | | | Interim LI Report / Workshop | | | Post Event Surveys / End of pilot surveys | | | Begin M&E Studies yr 2 | | | Final Report RTP Stage 1 | | |
| | Q1 2026 | | | Q2 2026 | | | Q3 2026 | | | Q4 2026 | | | Q1 2027 | | |
| Export Rate Stage 2 | | | | | Potential enrollment | | Enrollment Continues | | | Stage 2 Export Compensation | | | Process/part/non part surveys | | |
| RTP Stage 2 | | | Bill Impacts RTP Stage 2 | | Enrollment starts | | Enrollment Continues | | | Stage 2 RTP begins | | | Process/part/non part surveys | | |

