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1 **III. SDG&E EMPLOYS A COMPREHENSIVE AND EFFECTIVE INTERNAL**
2 **CONTROL AND REVIEW PROCESS FOR ITS ERRA FORECAST FILING**

3 This year, the combined 2024 ERRA forecast and sales forecast application relies on six
4 different substantive witness areas in order to present the necessary revenue requirement
5 forecasts, electric sales forecast, illustrative rate impacts, rate components, GHG compliance
6 instruments, balancing account activity, and Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (“PCIA”)
7 forecasted costs, among other requirements. The following table briefly identifies each ERRA
8 forecast witness and the subject matter of their testimony.

9 **Table DS-1**
10 **ERRA Forecast Witness Summary**

Witness	Subject Matter
Kenneth E. Schiermeyer	Presents SDG&E’s 2024 Electric Sales Forecast.
Jimmy Elias	Describes the resources that SDG&E expects to use in 2024 to meet its forecasted bundled customer load as well as a forecast of the procurement costs that SDG&E expects to record.
Brenda Hua	Presents SDG&E’s 2024 forecast of: the ERRA revenue requirement (which includes GHG costs); the Competition Transaction Charge; the Local Generation revenue requirement; the Local Generation Balancing Account activity; and the PABA revenue requirement. Ms. Ghianni also compares the 2022 year-end recorded balances with the 2022 year-end actual balances in the GHG balancing accounts used for GHG expenses.
Sheri Miller	Describes the process of forecasting SDG&E’s PCIA costs in the 2024 ERRA forecast Application. Ms. Miller also presents the projected PABA year-end balance.
Stephen M. Elliott	Presents SDG&E’s 2022 costs for GHG compliance instruments used to satisfy obligations under CARB’s cap-and-trade program.

Rachelle R. Baez

Presents the illustrative rate and bill impacts associated with the cost recovery of SDG&E's 2024 forecast application.

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2 Although testimony and workpapers are often prepared by teams of subject matter
3 experts and support staff working under the direction and supervision of each witness, each
4 witness remains responsible for and ultimately adopts the final drafts of their subject matter
5 testimony and workpapers.³ First drafts of testimony are initially reviewed by legal and
6 regulatory teams to ensure they comply with all applicable statutes and CPUC decisions. Drafts
7 are also peer-reviewed by other witnesses and staff to ensure accuracy and consistency. After
8 the necessary resource planning and forecasting models have been completed, balancing account
9 figures updated, and illustrative rates developed, the draft testimony is again presented to legal
10 and regulatory teams for a second review and to begin the preparation of the application portion
11 of the filing.

12 Once the application has been drafted, the entire ERRA forecast team conducts a “page-
13 turn” of the application to ensure that all data contained therein is accurate and consistent.
14 Testimonies are also reviewed to ensure figures are accurate across multiple witnesses and
15 calculations are in compliance with the most recent Commission decisions. Each witness also
16 submits their respective testimonies to their supervisor (either a director or manager) for review.

17 The ERRA team also presents its forecast filing to certain members of SDG&E's
18 executive board, including myself. This briefing enables management to ask questions and
19 provide additional feedback on the information presented in the ERRA forecast application and

³ Many of the activities that are performed by witnesses and staff are done at the direction of legal counsel and with legal counsel's guidance. While my testimony attempts to provide an overview of SDG&E's internal review and control process, nothing in my testimony should be construed as a waiver of the attorney-client privilege or attorney work product doctrine.

1 address any changes that may need to be made prior to filing. In addition, management is
2 provided with copies of both the draft application and draft witness testimonies. Any suggested
3 edits or changes to the application or testimony by management are then communicated to the
4 witnesses, legal and regulatory teams to be considered for incorporation into the final drafts.
5 Lastly, the final application is reviewed, verified, and executed by SDG&E's Vice President of
6 Energy Procurement and Sustainability (currently, Estela de Llanos) prior to its submission.

7 **IV. CONCLUSION**

8 SDG&E takes its obligation to provide complete and accurate data in all of its rate
9 applications very seriously. As the Commission is no doubt aware, the ERRR forecast
10 application has grown increasingly complex over the years with additional compliance
11 directives. However, I am confident, based on information and belief following reasonable
12 inquiry, that the internal control and review process that SDG&E has developed will help ensure
13 the accuracy of the ERRR forecast-related information that is presented to the Commission,
14 staff, and stakeholders. SDG&E will continue to strive to identify and incorporate other
15 reasonable improvements to this process as may be necessary.

16 This concludes my direct testimony.

1 **V. QUALIFICATIONS**

2 My name is Daniel F. Skopec. My business address is 8330 Century Park Court, San
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4 Chief Regulatory Officer for San Diego Gas & Electric Company (“SDG&E”) and Southern
5 California Gas Company (“SoCalGas”). I joined SDG&E and SoCalGas in 2008, and since that
6 time, I have held various positions including Vice President, Regulatory Affairs.

7 I received a master’s degree in international economics from The George Washington
8 University and a bachelor’s degree in political science and European history from the University
9 of California, San Diego.

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