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1 **II. SDG&E’S COMPLIANCE SHOWING**

2 SDG&E testimony and attachments will demonstrate compliance with LCD based on  
3 applicable regulatory requirements, notably D.15-05-005 (the “Decision”) and D.18-10-006  
4 (“Decision Approving Settlement Between San Diego Gas & Electric Company and the Office  
5 of Ratepayer Advocates”).<sup>3</sup>

6 **A. SDG&E Showing is in Accordance with D.15-05-005**

7 Based on the Decision, SDG&E’s testimony will include the following:

- 8 • Overview/narrative of LCD in the California Independent System  
9 Operator (“CAISO”) markets.
- 10 • Description of SDG&E’s bidding and scheduling processes.
- 11 • Summary of reports/tables documenting aggregated annual exceptions for:
  - 12 ○ Incremental cost bid calculations
  - 13 ○ Self-commitment decisions
  - 14 ○ Master File data changes
- 15 • Narratives reviewing significant strategy changes, internal software and/or  
16 process changes and CAISO market design changes during the record  
17 period.
- 18 • A background summary table outlining baseline annual data, including:
  - 19 ○ Total capacity of the dispatchable (bid in) portfolio
  - 20 ○ Total dispatchable capacity lost due to planned or forced outages
  - 21 ○ Total capacity of non-dispatchable (exclusively self-scheduled)  
22 portfolio
  - 23 ○ Total non-dispatchable capacity lost due to planned or forced  
24 outages
  - 25 ○ Total Energy awards (dispatchable and non-dispatchable by  
26 resource type and broken down by self-scheduled versus market  
27 awards)

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<sup>3</sup> The Office of Ratepayer Advocates has been renamed as the California Public Advocates Office (hereinafter referred to as “Cal PA”).

- 1 • Demand Response (“DR”) metrics will be provided for dispatchable DR
- 2 programs with economic triggers including the following:
- 3 ○ Capacity Bidding
- 4 ○ AC Saver
- 5 • Annual Summary of results reporting requirement related to dispatch of
- 6 DR resources including when all programs were dispatched and an
- 7 explanation of when DR resources could have been dispatched but were
- 8 not.
- 9 • Calculation of the number of hours when the utility forecasts that trigger
- 10 criteria will be reached, as a percentage of hours in which the trigger
- 11 conditions were reached in the same period.
- 12 • Total energy actually dispatched as a proportion of maximum available
- 13 energy for each DR program broken down monthly and annually.
- 14 • Explanation as to why a DR resource was not dispatched despite its
- 15 maximum availability.
- 16 • Cost impact on overall resource dispatch of not calling DR programs up to
- 17 their maximum available amounts when program was forecasted to be
- 18 triggered.
- 19 • Consideration of whether the selection of the DR events called minimized
- 20 overall portfolio cost of dispatching supply resources.
- 21 • Explanation of SDG&E’s opportunity cost methodology and
- 22 demonstration of its application during the Record Year.

23 **B. SDG&E’s LCD Showing is in Accordance With the SDG&E/Cal PA**  
24 **Settlement<sup>4</sup>**

25 As in last year’s testimony and in accordance with the Settlement mentioned above, this  
26 testimony will include the following:

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<sup>4</sup> See D.18-10-006.

- 1 • Settlement Provision 1.2: Reasons in Attachment F- Master File Change  
2 exceptions for selecting proxy or registered costs. See Section VI. of  
3 testimony, below, and Attachment F.
- 4 • Settlement Provision 1.3: Calculations for determining whether a  
5 discretionary self-schedule has a cost impact. See Section VI. below and  
6 Attachments D and E.
- 7 • Settlement Provision 1.4: Detailed explanation of the unique operating  
8 characteristics and parameters related to SDG&E’s hydro resource  
9 scheduling. See Section IV. below and Attachment L.
- 10 • Settlement Provision 1.5: Report instances in which the locational  
11 marginal price (“LMP”) is greater than the bid price, but no dispatch was  
12 awarded. See Section VI. below and Attachment C.
- 13 • Settlement Provision 1.6: Identify in testimony, on a month-to-month  
14 basis, which dates the Demand Response Programs were unavailable, and  
15 therefore not dispatched, due to a lack of nominations from the  
16 aggregators. See Section X. below and Attachment H-K.

### 17 **III. SDG&E PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW**

18 For the record period, most of SDG&E’s energy requirements were met with SDG&E  
19 PPAs and UOGs. SDG&E’s PPAs included qualifying facility (“QF”) contracts and contracts  
20 for renewable energy, dispatchable generation and out-of-state resources, all of which are  
21 described in the Direct Testimony of SDG&E witness Michelle Menvielle. SDG&E’s UOG  
22 assessment included combined-cycle (“CC”) plants, combustion turbines (“CT”) generators, and  
23 non-generating resources (“NGRs”) such as energy storage batteries.

24 The tables below provide summary data for resources in SDG&E’s portfolio as of  
25 January 1, 2022. The must-take resources in Table 1a are non-dispatchable; SDG&E has an  
26 obligation to accept the generation that is produced from these resources without regard to  
27 variable cost and therefore are exempt from SDG&E’s LCD process described in this testimony.  
28 The total of their generation in part determines SDG&E’s net long or short position, which did  
29 factor into LCD. The resources in Table 1b are dispatchable and were therefore the focus of  
30 SDG&E’s least-cost process during the record period. The “Capacity” column in Tables 1a and  
31 1b below are derived from CAISO Master File Resource Data Template (“RDT”) maximum

1 capacities for resources where SDG&E is the scheduling coordinator (“SC”) and contract  
 2 capacities for resources where SDG&E is not the SC.

3 **Table 1a: Must-Take, Wind, Solar Resources**

<b>Resource</b>	<b>Contract MW</b>	<b>Dispatch Profile</b>	<b>Ancillary Service Capability</b>
QF contracts (Natural Gas)	31.6	Baseload As-Available	None
QF Renewable	2	Intermittent As-Available	None
Renewable non-intermittent resources	39.85	Baseload (as available)	None
Renewable Intermittent Resources	2183.7 (maximum)	Intermittent	None

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**Table 1b: Dispatchable Resources**

<b>Resource*</b>	<b>Capacity MW</b>	<b>Dispatch Profile</b>	<b>Ancillary Service Capability</b>
Palomar CCGT Natural Gas SP15	588.21	Load Following	Spinning Reserve Regulation
Cuyamaca CT Natural Gas SP15	45.42	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve
Miramar 1 CT Natural Gas SP15	48	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve
Miramar 2 CT Natural Gas SP15	47.9	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve
YCA CT Natural Gas NGila	55	Peaker	None
Orange Grove CT Natural Gas SP15	96	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve



<b>Resource*</b>	<b>Capacity MW</b>	<b>Dispatch Profile</b>	<b>Ancillary Service Capability</b>
El Cajon Energy Center CT Natural Gas SP15	48.1	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve
Escondido Energy Center CT (Wellhead) Natural Gas SP15	48.71	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve
Desert Star CCGT Natural Gas SP15	494.58	Load Following	Spinning Reserve
Goal Line CT Natural Gas SP15	49.9	Peaker	None
Lake Hodges Unit 1 Hydro SP15	20	Pumped Storage	None
Lake Hodges Unit 2 Hydro SP15	20	Pumped Storage	None
Eastern Battery NGR SP15	7.5	Battery – Energy Storage	Spinning Reserve Regulation
Escondido Battery 1 NGR SP15	10	Battery – Energy Storage	Spinning Reserve Regulation
Escondido Battery 2 NGR SP15	10	Battery – Energy Storage	Spinning Reserve Regulation
Escondido Battery 3 NGR SP15	10	Battery – Energy Storage	Spinning Reserve Regulation
Pio Pico 1 Natural Gas SP15	111.3	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve
Pio Pico 2 Natural Gas SP15	112.7	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve

<b>Resource*</b>	<b>Capacity MW</b>	<b>Dispatch Profile</b>	<b>Ancillary Service Capability</b>
Pio Pico 3 Natural Gas SP15	112	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve
Carlsbad 2 Natural Gas SP15	105.5	Peaker	Non-Spinning Reserve
Carlsbad MSG Natural Gas SP15	422	MSG/Peaker	Spinning Reserve Regulation
Miguel Battery NGR SP15	2	Battery – Energy Storage	Spinning Reserve Regulation
Top Gun Battery NGR SP15	30	Battery-Energy Storage	None
Valley Center Battery NGR SP15	54	Battery-Energy Storage	None
Kearny North <sup>5</sup> Battery NGR SP15	10	Battery-Energy Storage	Regulation
Kearny South <sup>6</sup> Battery NGR SP15	10	Battery-Energy Storage	Regulation
Santa Ana Battery <sup>7</sup> NGR SP15	20	Battery-Energy Storage	Spinning Reserve Regulation

\*CCGT= Combined Cycle Gas Turbine; CT= Combustion

#### IV. OVERVIEW OF LEAST-COST DISPATCH IN CAISO MARKETS

On April 1, 2009, following Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) approval of its market redesign application, the CAISO implemented the Market Redesign Technology

<sup>5</sup> Commercial Operations as of 03/10/2022.

<sup>6</sup> Commercial Operations as of 03/10/2022.

<sup>7</sup> Commercial Operations as of 06/25/2022.

1 Upgrade (“MRTU”) now simply referred to as the “Market”, which introduced fundamental  
2 changes in the way resources are committed and dispatched. The most significant of these  
3 changes was the implementation of a centralized energy market which requires load-serving  
4 entities (“LSEs”) to procure energy and ancillary services (“A/S”), and generators to sell energy  
5 and A/S, through the CAISO markets based on self-schedules and economic bids.

6 The CAISO established a centralized spot market that enables all resources, through  
7 standardized bidding and scheduling rules, to be competitively dispatched based on costs to serve  
8 total system load, subject to operational and transmission constraints. These resources are not  
9 matched up to any LSE’s load; LSEs now meet their needs by self-scheduling or bidding for  
10 energy in the CAISO market. However, LSEs may rely on bilaterally procured resources to  
11 hedge the day-to-day cost of buying energy and A/S from the CAISO markets, to the extent these  
12 contracted resources pass on the revenues for energy and A/S awards received from those same  
13 CAISO markets back to the LSE.

14 SDG&E periodically revises and improves its LCD processes to meet tariff rules and  
15 operating requirements while maintaining compliance with SOC 4, particularly with regard to  
16 self-schedules, convergence bids and economic bids for its dispatchable resources. These self-  
17 schedules and bids for dispatchable units must accurately reflect variable costs to enable the  
18 CAISO market to produce energy and A/S awards for SDG&E’s resources that are consistent  
19 with LCD. SDG&E utilizes a cross-validation procedure for bids to ensure the accuracy of its  
20 resource bids with respect to cost and the accuracy of its self-schedules in the CAISO market.

21 The CAISO market solves for the least-cost unit commitment and dispatch solution  
22 incorporating self-schedules and economic bids from generators and load which takes into  
23 account resource operational characteristics and constraints, resource and transmission outages,  
24 impact of convergence bids, inter-temporal constraints and the effect of adjacent balancing  
25 authorities impacted by the CAISO system. It is important to note that CAISO is solving for the  
26 lowest system cost over a 24-hour time horizon, not the highest revenue for a resource; therefore,  
27 looking at a resource’s awards in isolation may not yield expected results on an hourly basis. If a  
28 resource is awarded in a manner below their costs for a given 24-hour period, the resource may  
29 qualify for bid cost recovery (“BCR”). The nodal (“Pnode”) market prices explicitly account for  
30 the economic effects of re-dispatching resources to relieve congestion constraints.

1 The CAISO optimizes the dispatch of the several hundred generators across its system to  
2 find the overall lowest-cost mix of resources to meet CAISO system load requirements  
3 (including those of SDG&E). The CAISO market also co-optimizes the allocation of  
4 dispatchable capacity between generation and A/S capacity, based on prices submitted for each  
5 of these services in the resource bids.<sup>8</sup> The resulting allocation of awards between generation  
6 and A/S across the system therefore reflects the economic tradeoff between capacity used for  
7 generation and what is reserved for A/S.

8 The CAISO employs an iterative mixed-integer programming methodology to account  
9 for the numerous constraints cited above. A technical bulletin published by the CAISO describes  
10 in greater detail its LCD optimization processes with respect to the IFM (“Integrated Forward  
11 Market”). Specifically, Section 2.3 states:

12 The SCUC [Security Constrained Unit Commitment] engine determines optimally  
13 the commitment status and the Schedules of Generating Units as well as  
14 Participating Loads and Resource-Specific System Resources.

15 ***The objective is to minimize the Start-Up and Minimum Load costs and bid in***  
16 ***Energy costs and Ancillary Services, subject to network as well as resource***  
17 ***related constraints over the entire Time Horizon***, e.g., the Trading Day in the  
18 IFM. The time interval of the optimization is one hour in the DAM and 5 or 15  
19 minutes in the RTM depending on the application.

20 In IFM the overall production (or Bid) cost is determined by the total of the Start-  
21 Up and Minimum Load Cost of CAISO-committed Generating Units, the Energy  
22 Bids of all scheduled Generating Units, and the Ancillary Service Bids of  
23 resources selected to provide Ancillary Services. ***This objective leads to a least-***  
24 ***cost multi-product co-optimization methodology that maximizes economic***  
25 ***efficiency, relieves network Congestion and considers physical constraints.*** The  
26 economic efficiency of the market operation can be achieved through a least cost  
27 resource commitment and scheduling with co-optimization of Energy and  
28 Ancillary Services.<sup>9</sup>

29 A feature of the CAISO market is the ability for market participants to submit  
30 self-schedules rather than economic (or price) bids for load and generation. A self-schedule is a

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<sup>8</sup> For example, if a generator’s energy bid price is \$10/MWh in-the-money relative to the clearing price, then the IFM may award the generator an A/S award only if the A/S clearing price exceeds \$10 or the generator’s bid, whichever is greater.

<sup>9</sup> California ISO, Technical Bulletin 2009-06-05: Market Optimization Details (November 19, 2009) at 2-8 – 2-9 (emphasis added), available at <http://www.caiso.com/Documents/TechnicalBulletin-MarketOptimizationDetails.pdf>.

1 price-taker bid that is awarded, regardless of the Pnode clearing price (even if negative), subject  
2 to operational constraints. SDG&E submits a self-schedule for its forecasted load in the Day  
3 Ahead Market (“DAM”). SDG&E also submits self-schedules for its (non-intermittent  
4 resources) must-take resources in the DAM.<sup>10</sup> This approach is needed because SDG&E has an  
5 obligation to receive energy from these resources, regardless of the market price, and self-  
6 scheduling in the DAM ensures that revenues paid to these resources effectively offset costs  
7 charged to SDG&E load.

8 Generally, self-schedules do not support the least-cost objective if a resource is capable  
9 of responding to price signals. As described earlier, self-schedules are price-taker bids which  
10 may provide no assurance that market revenues will pay for fuel and other operating costs, and  
11 thereby may expose SDG&E ratepayers to unnecessary risk of losses. Furthermore, self-  
12 schedules could affect the CAISO’s ability to optimally procure energy and A/S which are  
13 necessary for grid reliability. Operational constraints will at times make self-scheduling  
14 preferable to cost based bids.

15 Consequently, SDG&E primarily submits cost-based price bids for its dispatchable  
16 generation rather than self-schedules. Under CAISO market rules, cost-based bids provide  
17 SDG&E ratepayers a means to recover variable costs associated with start-up, minimum load,  
18 and dispatch from the market. Moreover, price bids enable the CAISO to perform its co-  
19 optimization between energy and A/S awards.

20 Finally, with respect to LCD, price bids allow for CAISO market results to meet the  
21 least-cost dispatch solution across the entire system, including SDG&E’s service territory,  
22 because the CAISO selects the mix of resources with the lowest total variable cost (as  
23 represented by their price bids) to meet load requirements. To the extent SDG&E submits cost-  
24 based price bids reflecting variable costs per D.02-09-053, and most accurately represents  
25 operational parameters and constraints to the CAISO, the results produced by the CAISO  
26 markets for SDG&E’s supply portfolio are consistent with the Commission’s LCD requirements.

## 27 **V. LEAST-COST DISPATCH SCHEDULING AND BIDDING PROCESS**

28 SDG&E’s LCD process is managed by SDG&E’s Energy Supply and Dispatch Group  
29 (“ES&D”). Key personnel involved in daily LCD activity in the 2022 record period included

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<sup>10</sup> For brevity, this prepared direct testimony does not distinguish between SDG&E or the resource owner performing the Scheduling Coordinator functions for SDG&E’s resources.

1 fuel traders and schedulers, power traders, day-ahead (pre)schedulers and real-time transaction  
2 schedulers and analysts. The LCD process consisted of numerous functions, which are described  
3 in this section.

#### 4 **A. Pre-Day-Ahead Planning**

5 During the record period, LCD forecasts for a particular delivery date began with a  
6 weekly production cost model that optimized resources to serve SDG&E's load requirement for  
7 the following 12-day period. The model software ("GenTrader")<sup>11</sup> was set up with numerous  
8 parameters, including load forecast, plant operating data, resource availabilities/outages,  
9 forecasted Locational Marginal Pricing ("LMP") prices for all relevant pricing points and  
10 dispatch constraints which allowed the model to perform complex analysis to produce a  
11 preliminary forecast of generation dispatch and market transactions that minimized total cost to  
12 serve the forecasted load requirement. The GenTrader model produced expected utilization of  
13 resources for the planning horizon, including dispatch levels, fuel requirements and market  
14 transactions. A detailed description of the inputs to GenTrader which SDG&E used for  
15 determining an LCD forecast is as follows:

- 16 1. Load forecasts: SDG&E produced load forecasts using a load forecasting model  
17 developed by Pattern Recognition Technologies, Inc. ("PRT"). The PRT model  
18 utilizes multiple AI technologies such as artificial neural networks, fuzzy logic,  
19 genetic algorithms, and evolutionary computing,<sup>12</sup> and special proprietary  
20 algorithms analyzed relationships between historical system load and weather  
21 data to develop the load forecast for SDG&E's system. SDG&E's load forecast  
22 for bundled customers was determined by adjusting SDG&E's system load for  
23 transmission losses, accounting for rooftop solar production which fluctuates and

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<sup>11</sup> SDG&E uses GenTrader, a production cost and optimization software application produced by Power Costs Inc. ("PCI"). GenTrader employs an optimization algorithm to calculate the optimal, constraints-bound mix of market transactions and generation from SDG&E's resource portfolio over the study period. SDG&E acquired GenTrader as part of a PCI product suite in preparation for the new Market. PCI introduced GenTrader in 1999 and continues to implement modeling and technology enhancements that SDG&E receives under its license agreement. GenTrader is used by other clients across the country in nodal and traditional markets to optimize generation portfolios. Additional product description is available at PCI, Speeding Decisions, Optimization & Analytics, *available at* <http://www.powercosts.com/solutions/optimization-analytics/>.

<sup>12</sup> As defined by Drilling Info, Future Technology Today, Ensemble of Adaptive Intelligent System Models, *available at* <http://www.prtforecast.com/technology/>.

1 were calculated as a percentage estimate of the forecasted system load based on  
2 historical data, less the load forecast for Direct Access customers and Community  
3 Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers. Direct Access and CCA load forecasts  
4 were provided by SDG&E's Electric Load Analysis group based on the historic  
5 load for current Direct Access and CCA accounts in the SDG&E billing system.  
6 These load forecasts were produced weekly as inputs to the GenTrader 12-day  
7 LCD forecast.

- 8 2. Master File Updates and Operating constraints: The GenTrader model also  
9 required a variety of cost inputs for each dispatchable resource to properly  
10 determine its dispatch cost. The Master Files included a subset of data accessible  
11 by the resource's scheduling coordinator which is referred to as the Resource Data  
12 Template ("RDT"). SDG&E periodically submitted master file changes via an  
13 RDT update process that was validated by CAISO. Such data included but was  
14 not limited to heat rates, ramp rates and variable operation and maintenance costs  
15 ("VOM"), minimum and maximum operating points, fuel delivery charges and  
16 start-up and minimum load costs. In addition, numerous operating  
17 constraints/parameters, included in the RDT, were also fed into the model  
18 including start-up time, minimum shutdown and run times, multi-stage generation  
19 ("MSG") transitions and ramp rates. The GenTrader model optimized the  
20 dispatch of each resource given its generation cost and operating constraints.
- 21 3. Forecast of resource availability: A significant portion of SDG&E's resource  
22 portfolio was comprised of must-take resources (QF and renewable energy), as  
23 listed in Section II. SDG&E received weekly, and in some cases daily, forecasts  
24 of hourly deliveries from the resource operator. In addition, SDG&E generated  
25 availability forecasts for some smaller contracts based on historical performance.  
26 If the unit availabilities varied from the full operating capability or were on  
27 outage, they were communicated to the CAISO via the Outage Management  
28 System application ("OMS").
- 29 4. Market prices: The GenTrader LCD forecast model required a forecast of fuel  
30 prices for each of the dispatchable resources in SDG&E's portfolio, and a forecast  
31 of hourly power prices for various market delivery points where SDG&E

1 generation units were located. Fuel prices were based on forward natural gas  
2 price curves at SoCal Border and Kern Delivered (derived from the New York  
3 Mercantile Exchange (“NYMEX”), Intercontinental Exchange (“ICE”) and broker  
4 quotes) and tariff or contract gas transportation costs. Power prices were based on  
5 forward power price curves for block power (derived from ICE and broker  
6 quotes) and shaped for each hour using price weighting factors derived from  
7 historical prices and load profiles.

- 8 5. Miscellaneous: Use-limited resources including the Lake Hodges pumped-  
9 storage project, NGR resources and demand response products were not modeled  
10 by GenTrader due to unique operating constraints and were therefore optimized  
11 separately on a day-ahead/weekly basis based on market conditions, LMP price  
12 forecasts and operating parameters.

13 GenTrader was then used to calculate the hourly dispatch level of dispatchable resource  
14 over the modeled period that was economic, or “in-the-money,” relative to forecasted LMP  
15 prices. This determination considered up-front commitment costs (start-up and minimum load  
16 costs), incremental dispatch costs which varied by output level, and various operational  
17 constraints mostly consistent with resource data template (“RDT”) data used by the CAISO in its  
18 market processes. For must-take resources, generation was assumed to equal their forecasted  
19 availabilities. If the sum of must-take and in-the-money dispatchable generation was less than  
20 that hour’s load requirement, the short position, or Residual Net Short (“RNS”), was considered  
21 to be met with market purchases. If the sum of must-take and in-the-money generation was  
22 greater than that hour’s load requirement, the long position was considered to be surplus  
23 generation available for economic market sales.

#### 24 **B. Day-Ahead Planning**

25 On a day-ahead basis by approximately 6:00 a.m., preschedulers updated the PCI  
26 software with updated values, specifically the load forecast, forecasted market prices and  
27 resource availabilities. Other resource operational data such as heat rates are relatively static  
28 between the 12-day plan and day-ahead plan and were not typically updated. Key distinctions  
29 between the 12-day and day-ahead model parameters were as follows:

- 30 1. Load forecast: SDG&E used updated temperature and humidity forecasts from  
31 SDG&E’s weather forecasting service to re-run its PRT load forecasting model.



1 In addition, pre-schedulers applied manual adjustments to the PRT result when  
2 warranted to offset known limitations to the model. For example, because PRT  
3 forecasts were based on historical data, PRT made adjustments to reflect sudden  
4 changes to the weather forecast such as the onset of a heat wave. The  
5 prescheduler also benchmarked the PRT forecast to that published by the CAISO  
6 for SDG&E's service area (when available) to identify and resolve significant  
7 deviations.

8 2. Resource availabilities: SDG&E received updated and more accurate availability  
9 information for its resources on a day-ahead basis. These updates captured  
10 information that may not have been included in the 12-day model, such as  
11 ambient derates, forced derates, unit testing and outages. These updates were also  
12 submitted to the CAISO via OMS as required.

13 3. Market prices: Spot natural gas and power trade actively in the day-ahead market.  
14 SDG&E used two different price forecasts as inputs into optimization models.  
15 One price forecast is developed internally, early before and during Day-Ahead  
16 ("DA") trading, and the second was provided by an external entity after most of  
17 the DA trading subsided. For the first price forecast, SDG&E used an internal  
18 forecasting tool using Microsoft Excel to forecast load and resource prices for the  
19 DA Market. This DA price forecast was generated by applying historical price  
20 spreads and hourly shapes to the SP15 prices traded in the DA market to create a  
21 24-hour price forecast. The second forecast was normally received after 8:00AM  
22 which is normally after most of the DA trading volume is completed. Because of  
23 the receipt time, SDG&E's internally developed price forecast is used for early  
24 morning optimization runs, to provide an initial forecast CAISO generation  
25 awards. In 2018, SDG&E began receiving nodal DA LMP price forecasts from  
26 an outside entity called Genscape, Inc. Genscape, Inc. is an independent, energy  
27 industry provider of "market intelligence" which includes nodal DA LMP  
28 forecasts and possible transmission congestion risks associated with SDG&E's  
29 generation portfolio of resources. Genscape produces price forecasts daily.  
30 Weekend and holiday forecasts are provided the last day before that weekend or  
31 holiday period. SDG&E has provided a record of price forecast accuracy with

1 respect to forecasted LMP (SP15 Trading Hub and SDG&E's DLAP) for 2022  
2 and a comparison of forecast accuracy from the previous year in Attachment A -  
3 *2022 Summary Load Data and LMP price forecasts.xls*).<sup>13</sup> Both editions of  
4 forecasted LMPs are entered into PCI to reflect updated market conditions to run  
5 the optimization model.

6 After updating the GenTrader model with these inputs, SDG&E then re-optimized the  
7 mix of market transactions and resource dispatches. As with the 12-day plan, GenTrader  
8 produced a plan for unit commitments, dispatch levels and economic purchases and sales. These  
9 results helped inform gas and power trading requirements and analyze the potential for self-  
10 scheduling of dispatchable resources.

### 11 **C. Day-Ahead Trading and Scheduling**

12 The CAISO runs the DAM to economically clear load and resources that were scheduled  
13 or bid in. The DAM required SDG&E to submit separate schedules and bids for each resource  
14 and load. Results of the DAM became financially binding at the market clearing price for each  
15 resource and load that was awarded, and the sum of SDG&E's awarded resources did not  
16 necessarily balance with SDG&E's load award. The process to self-schedule and bid in  
17 SDG&E's load and resources is discussed below.

- 18 • Load: During the record period, SDG&E began bidding a small portion of  
19 its bundled load forecast. SDG&E still sought to self-schedule the  
20 majority of the day-ahead bundled load forecast. Self-scheduling ensured  
21 that SDG&E would purchase its forecasted load requirement in the DAM  
22 rather than rolling the requirement into the real-time market which  
23 produces more volatile prices. The DAM was preferred for two other  
24 reasons. The first reason was that SDG&E was required to self-schedule  
25 or bid in its (non-use limited) resources into the DAM under Resource  
26 Adequacy must-offer rules in the CAISO Tariff. Therefore, while  
27 balanced schedules were not mandated, the DAM did provide a means for  
28 supply revenues to effectively offset the load costs provided that SDG&E

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<sup>13</sup> SDG&E has provided the best data available at the time of submittal on June 1, 2023. SDG&E will provide an updated Attachment A if there are any changes after the original submittal.

1 self-scheduled its load in the DAM. The second reason was that the depth  
2 of the day-ahead bilateral market allowed SDG&E to hedge its self-  
3 scheduled load exposed to the CAISO DAM clearing price via market  
4 transactions.

5 The portion of forecasted load in which SDG&E elected to bid into the  
6 market rather than self-schedule was bid at prices based on the Real Time  
7 pricing forecasts provided by Genscape. Attachment A - *2022 Summary*  
8 *Load Data and LMP Price Forecasts.xlsx* contains detailed summary load  
9 data and results.

- 10 • Non-intermittent must-take resources: SDG&E continued to self-schedule  
11 available must-take generation on a day-ahead basis to offset DAM load  
12 awards. For resources that were scheduled by sellers and not SDG&E,  
13 sellers continued to self-schedule their available generation into the DAM.  
14 Credit for the DA revenues was transferred back to SDG&E either via an  
15 Inter-SC Trade (“IST”) for the self-scheduled quantity or settled after the  
16 fact by the settlements group.
- 17 • Generation convergence bids: One of SDG&E’s intermittent resources  
18 that is a Variable Energy Resource (“VER”) was scheduled in the hour-  
19 ahead scheduling process as required by the CAISO. SDG&E utilized  
20 convergence bids to effectively shift the CAISO’s payment for this VER  
21 resource from the real-time market to the DAM, thereby providing a better  
22 offset to load charges which, as discussed above, settle against DAM  
23 prices. The Commission authorized Convergence Bidding in D.10-12-  
24 034.<sup>14</sup> The daily process consists of three main steps: (1) retrieval of the  
25 day-ahead VER forecast for the relevant resource; (2) creation of  
26 convergence bid quantities considering (a) the percentage of the day-ahead  
27 VER MW volume forecast to be shifted into the DAM, (b) convergence  
28 bid quantity limitations imposed by the CAISO and (c) reduction of  
29 quantities in hours that have expected forecasted negative returns and/or

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<sup>14</sup> D.10-12-034 allows the IOUs to recover the costs associated with Convergence Bidding in ERRRA.

1 historically produced negative returns on the convergence bids SDG&E  
2 would have submitted; and (3) pricing of convergence bids such that the  
3 virtual supply was not sold at unreasonably low price levels. SDG&E's  
4 Convergence Bidding activity for the Record Year was reported and was  
5 already approved for the first two quarters of 2022 ( third quarter is  
6 pending approval and fourth quarter is being audited) in the Quarterly  
7 Compliance Reports ("QCRs") that SDG&E submits to the Procurement  
8 Review Group as required by D.10-12-034.<sup>15</sup> The remaining VER  
9 resources in the portfolio utilized energy bids to also attempt to shift the  
10 CAISO's payment for VER resources from the real-time market to the  
11 DAM.

- 12 • Dispatchable resources: SDG&E's objective, with respect to self-  
13 schedules and price bids for dispatchable resources, was to maintain  
14 adherence to LCD principles. This objective was primarily met by  
15 bidding generation into the DAM at cost-based prices consistent with the  
16 LCD modeling.
- 17 • Generator price bids: Energy bids consist of three basic components -  
18 startup cost, minimum load cost and incremental energy bids. Startup and  
19 minimum load costs, which can be declared as registered or proxy, were  
20 used in the CAISO DAM. In addition, bidding rules required that  
21 incremental energy bids be monotonically increasing over the range of  
22 output. Other components of the price bid that pertained to A/S-certified  
23 units are bids for Regulation, Spinning Reserve and Non-Spinning  
24 Reserve. As discussed in Section V below, the DAM algorithm co-  
25 optimized dispatchable capacity between generation and A/S awards; and  
26 the generator was paid an amount greater than or equal to its opportunity  
27 cost of forgoing a profitable day-ahead energy sale. However, co-

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<sup>15</sup> SDG&E includes a summary of its Convergence Bidding activities in this testimony as it is seeking to recover the costs associated therewith pursuant to D.10-12-034. However, SDG&E is not seeking a compliance review of its specific Convergence Bidding activities as those have already been approved in the QCRs.

1 optimization did not consider lost energy sales in the real-time market.  
2 Therefore, SDG&E incorporated an estimate of expected real-time energy  
3 market net revenues that the A/S capacity could otherwise derive from that  
4 market.

- 5 • Lake Hodges Pumped-Storage Unit: As noted in the LCD modeling  
6 discussion, SDG&E performed a separate optimization analysis of Lake  
7 Hodges due to its unique operational characteristics. For example, its cost  
8 was based on the cost of power required to pump water into the upper  
9 reservoir such that the generator could generate power at a later time.  
10 Secondly, it was only economic to operate the plant (from an LCD  
11 perspective) when the cost of pumping water into the upper reservoir was  
12 recovered by revenues from using that water for generation. Given that  
13 these unique features presented significant modeling challenges that only  
14 applied to 40 MW of generation capacity, SDG&E chose to develop an in-  
15 house spreadsheet tool to determine the optimized dispatch of this  
16 resource rather than devoting resources to upgrade its GenTrader  
17 application. The spreadsheet tool produced a daily bid or self-schedule for  
18 the unit for both pump and generation through the following steps: (1)  
19 retrieval of an hourly power price forecast over the current week  
20 (Monday-Sunday) through Sunday night; (2) determination of  
21 economically rational pump and generation hours based on the power  
22 price forecast, pump efficiency parameters, variable O&M costs and load  
23 uplift charges; and (3) modification of the hours from step 2 based on  
24 operational constraints such as water usage restrictions. Trading or  
25 scheduling personnel manually reviewed the results, modified as needed to  
26 ensure all other operational constraints were respected, and uploaded the  
27 final pump and generation self-schedules or bids into SDG&E's  
28 scheduling application for submittal into the CAISO market.  
29 SDG&E has provided Attachment B, entitled "2022 Hydro and Pump Storage,"  
30 which includes summary reporting on bidding and dispatch of dispatchable hydro  
31 and pumped storage resources. Also, as a guide to the unique constraints and

1 bidding considerations for Lake Hodges<sup>16</sup>, SDG&E is providing a presentation for  
2 reference (*see* Attachment L).

- 3 • Battery Storage: Similar to Lake Hodges, SDG&E performed a separate  
4 optimization analysis of Battery Storage due to its unique operational  
5 characteristics and opportunity costs associated with potential Ancillary  
6 Service revenues and real-time prices. For example, its cost was based on  
7 the cost of power required to charge the battery such that the battery can  
8 generate power at a later time. Secondly, it was only economic to operate  
9 the battery (from an LCD perspective) when the cost of charging the  
10 battery was recovered by revenues from discharging the battery. Battery  
11 storage is a technology with unique features which presented significant  
12 modeling challenges that only applied to 133.5 MW of generation  
13 capacity. SDG&E has developed a process to submit bids to optimize the  
14 dispatch of this resource. The factors considered in determining bids for  
15 battery Storage resources are: (1) Forecasted and historical DA, RT and  
16 A/S prices (2) charge efficiency parameters, (3) variable O&M costs and  
17 (3) State of Charge, charge/discharge capacity, and cycling limitations.  
18 Trading and scheduling personnel reviewed the bids, to ensure all other  
19 operational constraints were respected, and processed the final bids for  
20 charge and discharge bids in SDG&E's scheduling application for  
21 submittal into the CAISO market.
- 22 • Power Trades: During the 2022 record period, SDG&E primarily traded  
23 day-ahead financial power to hedge the risk of unknown DAM clearing  
24 prices, and their effect on the magnitude of market awards on SDG&E's  
25 resources. Financial power was traded in lieu of physical power due to  
26 greater market liquidity but provided the same hedge. Like physical  
27 power purchases, SDG&E purchased financial power to lock in energy  
28 prices below its marginal generation cost or sold financial power to lock in  
29 sales of surplus generation above variable cost. The volume of energy

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<sup>16</sup> Lake Hodges unavailable as of May 19, 2022 due to dam repairs.

1 purchased or sold was informed by the results of the GenTrader LCD  
2 model and a position analysis spreadsheet developed in-house; both tools  
3 calculated SDG&E's hourly short or long position based on similar inputs  
4 and provided a more robust result of hedging needs than a single model.  
5 SDG&E traded these products on the ICE or through voice brokers to  
6 ensure competitive prices and submitted these trades for Commission  
7 review in its QCR.

#### 8 **D. Hour-Ahead Scheduling and Real-Time Dispatch**

9 The CAISO operated the Real-Time Market ("RTM") that performed several important  
10 functions related to LCD while matching generation and demand to maintain the frequency of  
11 the grid. Like the DAM, the RTM established financially binding awards for awarded hour-  
12 ahead self-schedules and bids, but only at intertie scheduling points. In addition, the RTM  
13 enabled SDG&E to submit updated self-schedules and cost-based bids for its dispatchable  
14 resources, so the CAISO could issue incremental or decremental dispatches in the real-time  
15 market based on this updated data. SDG&E also self-scheduled its VER resources in RTM as  
16 required under VER rules. Of note, the CAISO did not allow load self-schedules and bids to be  
17 updated in RTM; any differences between actual load and the load quantity cleared in the DAM  
18 were automatically settled at the real-time market price.

19 The CAISO issued incremental and decremental awards an hour before delivery for  
20 intertie bids and in real-time (5 to 15 minutes ahead) for online or fast-start internal generation  
21 through its Automated Dispatch System ("ADS"). Decremental energy awards essentially  
22 caused resources to buy back the day-ahead award if the RTM or real-time price fell below the  
23 bid price submitted in RTM; incremental awards caused resources to sell additional energy or  
24 A/S relative to the day-ahead award. SDG&E's resources responded directly to these ADS  
25 instructions. If a resource experienced an unplanned outage or other change in operational  
26 capability, these updates were submitted to the CAISO via OMS as required to notify the CAISO  
27 of the status and preclude infeasible real-time dispatch instructions.

28 Because real-time prices are historically more volatile than, and can deviate significantly  
29 from, the day-ahead price, the impact of the real-time market on SDG&E's LCD results varied  
30 day-to-day. This impact could be particularly negative if real-time market prices spiked when

1 SDG&E's portfolio was significantly short. The short position could arise for several reasons,  
2 including:

- 3 • SDG&E generally self-scheduled 100% of its forecasted load in the DAM;  
4 if actual load exceeded the forecast, the result was a short real-time  
5 position;
- 6 • Resources (must-take and dispatchable) that were awarded in the DAM  
7 carried a delivery obligation in the real-time market for the awarded  
8 quantity; thus, an outage or curtailment to any of these resources that  
9 prevented it from meeting its day-ahead obligation resulted in a short real-  
10 time position;
- 11 • Awarded convergence bids in the DAM triggered a buyback in the real-  
12 time market; if this buyback was not fully covered by physical generation,  
13 the convergence bid resulted in a short real-time position; and
- 14 • If real-time prices were lower than day-ahead, the CAISO could dispatch  
15 resources below their day-ahead award, as described earlier in this section;  
16 these decremental dispatches would result in a short real-time position  
17 (albeit a desirable one should real-time prices continue to remain low).

18 If real-time prices spiked under any one or more of these scenarios, SDG&E's  
19 dispatchable resources may not have been able to ramp quickly enough to fully eliminate the  
20 short position. The combination of real-time price spikes and short portfolio position was and  
21 continues to be a constant risk to ratepayers, depending on the severity of each.

#### 22 **E. Award Retrieval and Validation**

23 SDG&E retrieved CAISO day-ahead awards and communicated them to its resources.  
24 While dispatchable generators in fact respond to CAISO ADS or regulation dispatch in real-time,  
25 they required timely notice of day-ahead awards in order to adequately prepare to meet startup,  
26 shutdown and MSG transition requirements. Furthermore, advance notification of regulation  
27 awards ensured that generators would be prepared to operate in Automated Generation Control  
28 ("AGC") in order to follow regulation dispatch. Lastly, the day-ahead notification allowed  
29 enough time to address any inconsistencies between a generator's day-ahead award and its stated  
30 operational constraints previously communicated to the CAISO through OMS.



1           SDG&E performed a post-market assessment to review market results and validate that  
2 the CAISO process resulted in LCD of SDG&E’s portfolio. The assessment is referred to as the  
3 Bid Evaluator report, provided through the PCI software package. Bid Evaluator compared  
4 SDG&E’s expected day-ahead awards for its dispatchable generation based on published market  
5 prices with actual DAM results. Generally, the market results aligned closely with Bid Evaluator  
6 results (subject to operational constraints), confirming that LCD of SDG&E’s portfolio was  
7 achieved.

8           Although SDG&E investigated substantive deviations between CAISO market solutions  
9 and Bid Evaluator optimization, any deviations did not necessarily indicate an incorrect dispatch  
10 or need for further action. Upon citing a deviation, SDG&E could modify inputs or bidding  
11 strategy, initiate a change proposal to PCI for development, or notify CAISO of deviations to  
12 determine the cause which may be recognized as a market flaw through Customer Inquiry  
13 Dispute and Information (“CIDI”) tickets.

#### 14 **VI. CONSTRAINTS TO LEAST-COST DISPATCH**

15           As stated in the discussion of LCD principles, SDG&E performed its LCD activities  
16 within limits established by numerous types of constraints that range from operational,  
17 regulatory and contractual to risk mitigation and market conditions. An after-the-fact review of a  
18 particular day’s dispatch may show a deviation from LCD because of the effects of such  
19 constraints.

20           Some constraints were operating limits inherent to the resources in the portfolio. For  
21 example, generators cannot continually cycle back and forth between online and offline because  
22 of minimum run time and shutdown time of each combustion turbine. Therefore, the lowest cost  
23 unit may not have been dispatched if adequate time for startup was not available. Some other  
24 common examples of LCD constraints include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 25           •       Exceptional Dispatch (“ED”) is a form of dispatch the CAISO relies on to  
26                   meet reliability requirements that cannot be resolved through market  
27                   processes. The CAISO orders EDs to address local generation  
28                   requirements, system capacity needs, transmission outages, software  
29                   limitations and other operational issues. Because EDs are reliability-  
30                   driven, they are outside the scope of LCD and likely to be uneconomic

1 relative to market prices or other resources. All CAISO resources are  
2 obligated to comply with these dispatches.

- 3 • Residual Unit Commitment (“RUC”) is a market award for capacity,  
4 which the CAISO issues to ensure that sufficient capacity is committed to  
5 meet system load. Although RUC resulted from the market process, it is  
6 required to manage grid reliability and is outside the scope of LCD.  
7 SDG&E resources were obligated to be available to provide the RUC  
8 capacity if awarded, which required that they could be committed  
9 uneconomically relative to other resources.
- 10 • Unit testing and maintenance, such as Relative Accuracy Test Audit  
11 (“RATA”) tests and heat treats, require generators to run at pre-defined  
12 load points to achieve an objective. During these periods, generation is  
13 considered must-take and cannot be dispatched according to LCD  
14 economics.
- 15 • Constrained pipeline operations may impact LCD. A generator may be  
16 constrained in its ability to provide real-time dispatch because of limited  
17 gas balancing rights on a pipeline. Another example of pipeline  
18 constraints was Operational Flow Orders (“OFOs”) declared by Southern  
19 California Gas Company (“SoCalGas”). Under a high-inventory OFO, if a  
20 resource failed to consume 90% of the scheduled natural gas quantity, the  
21 pipeline assessed penalties. Therefore, resources were constrained from  
22 following real-time LCD economics to decrease generation.
- 23 • Use-limited resources are resources that are only available for a limited  
24 number of hours or starts per period. For example, annual environmental  
25 restrictions limit the number of startups on certain combustion turbines.  
26 Other resources that were use-limited include Demand Response programs  
27 that can be triggered for limited hours each month.
- 28 • CAISO market solutions look at 24-hour time horizons and to come up  
29 with the most economic “system” solution, individual resources may need  
30 to be awarded uneconomically or may not be awarded even though a  
31 specific resource may appear to be economical with respect to its clearing

1 prices to satisfy specific reliability requirements. Therefore, LCD is  
2 achieved on a system basis while satisfying unique transmission and  
3 reliability constraints as opposed to evaluating an individual unit on an  
4 hour by hour basis.

## 5 **VII. SUMMARY REPORTS AND TABLES**

6 In this Section, SDG&E provides additional detailed information that support SDG&E's  
7 execution of the LCD process during 2022, as described in Section IV. The following provides a  
8 description of information provided as well as tables which summarize annual exceptions for  
9 incremental cost bid calculations, self-commitment decisions and Master File data changes:

- 10 1. Incremental Cost Bid - Incremental bids submitted to the CAISO are calculated  
11 using the heat rate, fuel costs, fuel transportation fees, GHG costs, and variable  
12 operations and maintenance costs and any other costs used in the calculation. For  
13 the record period, the annual and monthly tables below provide a listing of all  
14 variances between calculated and submitted bids that are greater than \$0.10 and  
15 the related cost impacts. In addition, the table provides any occurrences where  
16 dispatchable resources were not bid into the CAISO markets when available.  
17 *Attachment C – 2022 Incremental Bid Cost Calculations.xlsx* provides details of  
18 incremental bids submitted to the CAISO and any potential exceptions. Potential  
19 reasons for LMP clearing higher than incremental bid costs include but are not  
20 limited to the consideration of start-up and minimum load costs, MIP (“Mixed  
21 Integer Processing”) gap, inter-temporal constraints, transmission constraints,  
22 conditions used as initial conditions for next day and the effect of adjacent  
23 balancing authorities’ areas.

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**Table 2 below summarizes the potential impact of the bid exceptions.**

Table 2			
Summary of 2022 Incremental Bid Cost Exceptions			
Month	No. of Variances (2B)	% of Bids Submitted	Cost Impact \$ (2C)
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February*			
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<b>Total/Avg.</b>			
*Variances were due to GHG adder being included in bids- NO Cost Impact			

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SDG&E had one bid exception incident in 2022 involving Escondido Energy Center (“EEC”) and Orange Grove Energy Center (“OGEC”) incremental energy bids. The incident occurred over a holiday weekend from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>. The incident involving both resources was the result of a fuel input cost SDG&E refers to as the “Greenhouse Gas Adder” inadvertently included in the bid price calculation. Details regarding the incident are set forth below.

The GHG component of the bid price for these two resources was removed from the bid calculation as of May 1, 2022, because the resources were dropped from the GHG program by emitting less than 25,000 metric tons of GHG per year for the entire previous GHG compliance period. However, from May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>, the energy bids included the Greenhouse Gas adder resulting in higher priced incremental energy bids submitted the CAISO due to an error in the Power Cost Inc. (“PCI”) software automated process to calculate the bids. SDG&E worked with

1 PCI to remove the GHG component from the bid calculation and the issue was resolved as of  
 2 June 2, 2022.

3 SDG&E and PCI have not been able to recreate the issue or find a root cause as to why  
 4 the GHG component was included in bid calculations for May 28, 2022, through June 01, 2022.  
 5 However, SDG&E’s analysis determined that the resource still would not have been economic to  
 6 run over the time period in which the bids were inadvertently increased. As a result, there was  
 7 no cost impact for either resource associated with this incident.

8 Self-Commitment – The summary tables 3-a and 3-b below contain the costs of self-  
 9 schedule decisions for dispatchable thermal resources during the record period. Also contained  
 10 are details including total energy self-scheduled and supporting data of daily forecasts of  
 11 schedules if bid or self-scheduled, forecast revenues and bid costs if bid or self-scheduled, and  
 12 decisions to self-schedule or bid. Attachment D - *2022 Self Schedules Supporting Data 1.xlsx*  
 13 and Attachment E - *2022 Self Schedules Supporting Data 2.xlsx* contain the details of self-  
 14 commitment costs and the reasons to self-schedule. Table 3-a and 3-b below summarize cost  
 15 impacts of self-scheduling.

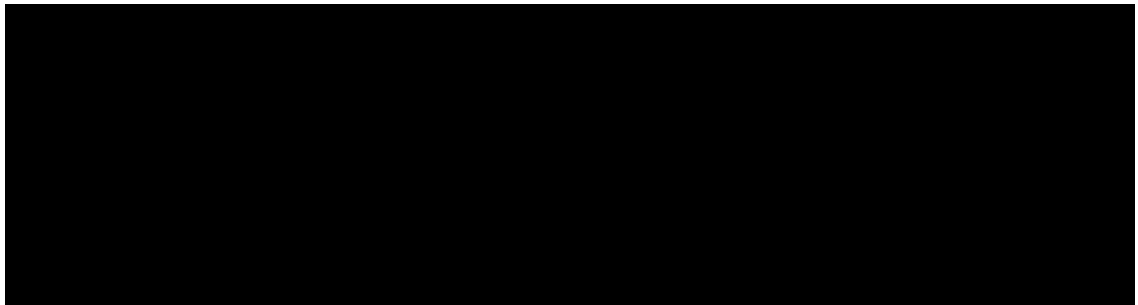
Table 3-a Summary of 2022 Self Schedules								
Month	1) Self	2) Market Awards	3) Self Schedule	4) Self Schedule	5) Revenue - Costs for	6) Bid Cost	7) Revenues	8) Revenue - Costs
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<b>2020 Total</b>								

Note: Assumes \$0 costs for potential hot start.

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Table 3-b Summary of 2022 Hypothetical Non-Self Schedules			
Month	1) Estimated	2) Estimated	3) Estimated
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November			
December			
<b>2020 Total</b>			
Note: Assumes \$0 costs for potential hot start.			

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- 2       2.     Master File Data Changes – SDG&E can change Master File submissions to
- 3             reflect Proxy or Registered Start-Up or Minimum Load costs for its dispatchable
- 4             resources depending on market conditions. In 2022, SDG&E solely submitted
- 5             Proxy costs for its dispatchable resources. Table 4, the annual table below,
- 6             summarizes the number of times and the reasons for selecting proxy or registered
- 7             costs. In addition, the tables provide the frequency of calculations that differed
- 8             from values submitted to the CAISO, and the cost impacts, by month.
- 9             Attachment F – 2022 *Master File (RDT) Change Exceptions.xlsx* provides the
- 10            details of changes made during the record period. Table 4 below summarizes
- 11            proxy and registered cost change exceptions.



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13     **VIII. MARKET DESIGN AND PROCESS CHANGES**

14            The following is a summary of certain CAISO market design changes that may have

15     affected SDG&E’s business processes during 2022:

- 1           1.       Transmission Service and Market Scheduling Priorities Phase 1: This initiative  
2                    was focused on developing a long-term, durable solution related to wheeling  
3                    through scheduling priorities, which is related to the enhancements made as part  
4                    of the Summer 2021 Readiness initiative. In order for wheeling schedules to  
5                    secure a high priority, they must demonstrate that the power is coming from a  
6                    non-RA resource and self-schedule the resource into the day-ahead market. This  
7                    interim policy was originally set to expire in 2022, but in Phase 1 CAISO  
8                    extended the sunset date through May 31, 2024, while it works out a more durable  
9                    solution.
- 10           2.       Western Energy Imbalance Market (“WEIM”) Resource Sufficiency Evaluation  
11                    (“RSE”) Enhancements Phase 1: As a result of the potential changes reviewed as  
12                    part of the Summer 2021 Readiness initiative, this initiative focused on  
13                    implementing enhancements to the WEIM RSE. The goal was to implement  
14                    changes to ensure the RSE is administered accurately and applied  
15                    equitably. While a majority of the changes from this initiative were targeted to  
16                    WEIM entities, some of the changes impacting the CAISO balancing authority  
17                    area (“BAA”) are some data transparency and system improvements, and the  
18                    exclusion of the CAISO BAA from the allocation of funds resulting from failures  
19                    of balancing tests since it is not subject to the test that funds these revenues.
- 20           3.       Updates to CAISO Alerts, Warnings and Emergency (“AWE”) Tool: The CAISO  
21                    provided updates to the AWE tool to align with North American Electric  
22                    Reliability Corporation’s (“NERC”) Energy Emergency Alert (“EEA”)  
23                    designations. These changes were made for consistency with the NERC’s EEA  
24                    standards and as part of the summer readiness enhancements to improve  
25                    efficiency. Five new AWE templates were added, and six templates were  
26                    removed prior to summer 2022. A summary of the changes is as follows:
  - 27                    •       An AWE “Alert” will now be considered an “EEA Watch.” At this level  
28                            the Day Ahead forecast indicates one or more energy deficient hours.  
29                            Additional bids and incremental dispatch are needed by the 1500 hour in  
30                            the Day Ahead.

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- An AWE “Warning” is now an “EEA1” in which the CAISO is expecting an energy deficiency for a given amount of time. Market participants are encouraged to add supplemental energy and ancillary services.
  - AWE “Warnings-triggering DR programs” and “Stage 1” were changed to “EEA2”. At this stage traditional resources are deficient and contingency reserves are still whole. Demand Response (DR) is triggered for load management. In addition to triggering DR, reducing incremental exports, additional bids, incremental dispatch, emergency assistance, and evaluating transmission capacities are also utilized.
  - AWE “Stage 2” and “Stage 3” are now “EEA 3/EEA3- Firm Load Interruption”. At this stage, Contingency Reserves (“CR”) are unable to be maintained and load shedding is beginning to occur.
4. Short-Long Start Definitions: The purpose of this initiative was to align market applications and business processes with revised tariff definitions related to startup classifications for Short and Long Start resources. These changes were made to further align with FERC standards and clarify operational and settlement communication, and outcomes for EIM and ISO market participants. Some of the key changes include the following:
- Short Start unit time, and Day-Ahead (“DA”) binding commitment cycle was reduced from 270 minutes to 255 minutes. This change will also update the DA binding commitment cycle in the Integrated Forward Market (“IFM”) and Real-Time Market (“RTM”) systems.
  - Settlement systems were updated to include the new start criteria when applying the DA/RT Bid Cost Recovery, Ancillary Services Spin/Non-Spin No Pay and RAAIM Pre-Calc calculations.
  - A resource will be eligible for Real Time Commitment in the Auxiliary Processes if the startup time and minimum up time combined is 255 minutes or less.



**IX. ANNUAL TABLE**

The following table summarizes, by resource type, the total capacity bid or self-scheduled into the market as well as capacity lost due to planned or forced outages. The table also includes total energy awards for each resource broken down by self-schedules versus market awards. Attachment G - 2022 Annual Summary.xlsx provides the details of dispatchable and non-dispatchable resources. Table 5 is an annual summary of dispatchable and non-dispatchable resources including capacity available and unavailable, self-schedules and DAM awards.

Table 5 Background Summary- 2022 Annual Summary						
Dispatchable	Resource Type	Capacity (PMAx in MWh)	Unavailable Capacity	DA SS Awards (MWh)	Award due to Market	Total Awards
Non-Dispatchable	Resource Type	Capacity (PMAx in MWh)	Unavailable Capacity	DA SS Awards (MWh)	Award due to Market	Total Awards
<b>Total</b>		39,312,015	5,672,057	379,041	7,961,889	8,340,930

**X. FUEL PROCUREMENT**

During the record period, SDG&E supplied fuel for gas-fired, dispatchable resources in the portfolio. SDG&E performed as the pipeline-registered Fuel Manager and Fuel Supplier for most of its dispatchable resources. These included SDG&E-owned or -contracted resources (Miramar, Cuyamaca, Palomar, Desert Star, Orange Grove, Carlsbad, Pio Pico, Escondido Energy Center, El Cajon Energy Center and Goal Line). The fuel costs for these SDG&E resources are charged to SDG&E’s Energy Resource Recovery Account (“ERRA”) balancing account with the exception of Goal Line which is charged to SDG&E’s Transition Cost Balancing Account (“TCBA”). The fuel costs for Pio Pico Energy Center, Carlsbad Energy Center, and Escondido Energy Center are charged to the Local Generating Balancing Account (“LGBA”).

As discussed in the Commission-approved BPP, SDG&E’s procurement process is to secure approximately 90% of forecasted fuel volumes required to serve SDG&E’s load forecast (but not economic sales) as firm monthly baseload supply. The advantages of baseload supply are that: (1) it shields ratepayers from potentially volatile day-ahead natural gas prices; (2) it is

1 scheduled by market participants as a higher priority delivery than day-ahead supply; and (3) it  
2 reduces the day-to-day trading and scheduling requirements, thereby reducing overall operational  
3 requirements. While the cost of baseload supply may be lower or higher than the spot price on  
4 any given day, over time, these price differentials average toward zero, leaving SDG&E with the  
5 benefits cited above.

6 While most fuel supply was procured as firm monthly baseload, during the Record Year,  
7 SDG&E used prevailing day-ahead or intra-day market prices to price out day-ahead or intra-day  
8 generation costs, which is consistent with LCD. For example, if the portfolio was short fuel,  
9 relative to day-ahead requirements, fuels traders purchased incremental supply at the DAM price.  
10 Or, if the portfolio was long on fuel relative to real-time requirements, fuels traders sold the  
11 surplus baseload supply at the same-day market price. This coordination between fuel and  
12 power trading enabled SDG&E to accurately price variable generation costs so that the benefits  
13 of market transactions could be properly evaluated. Both baseload and daily natural gas trades  
14 for the record period were executed at competitive prevailing market prices and in compliance  
15 with the BPP. All SDG&E natural gas transactions for 2022 were reported and are reviewed by  
16 the Commission in SDG&E's QCR under the advice letters cited in Section I, above.

17 During the record period, SDG&E held Backbone Transportation Service ("BTS") to  
18 transport natural gas from the various SoCal Border trading points to the SoCal Citygate.  
19 SDG&E purchased the BTS capacity from SoCalGas pipeline to increase the priority of fuel  
20 delivery to its dispatchable resources. The decision to purchase BTS is determined by several  
21 factors including: the price spread between the SoCal Border point and the SoCal Citygate, the  
22 quantity of BTS offered by SoCal Gas, and if SDG&E has purchased Firm Interstate capacity  
23 that can feed into specific SoCal BTS points. Firm Interstate capacity represent fixed costs and  
24 therefore are not considered in the LCD process.

25 The CAISO's DAM process creates uncertainty of gas quantities to be traded in the  
26 DAM. Day-ahead generation awards are not known until approximately 1:00 p.m., well after  
27 next-day natural gas finished trading. Because of the time lag, fuels traders need to rely on  
28 generation award forecasts and judgment to establish their next-day fuel position. When actual  
29 results deviated from forecasted fuel quantities, fuels traders primarily relied on gas balancing  
30 services offered on SoCalGas' system and, the Kern and Southwest Gas pipelines. SDG&E also  
31 traded and/or scheduled gas supplies in later pipeline scheduling cycles to avoid potential

1 imbalance penalties. Activity in these later scheduling cycles was avoided to the extent lower  
2 availability of competitive bids and offers caused incremental transactions to cost more to  
3 SDG&E.

#### 4 **XI. DEMAND RESPONSE**

5 SDG&E has developed and offered a variety of Demand Response (“DR”) programs to  
6 its customers since 2001. The scope of these programs has changed as the concept of DR has  
7 evolved and has become an integral part of resource planning and energy management. DR  
8 programs have design objectives (reliability, economic, emergency, etc.) as well as specific  
9 tariffs or guidelines which describe set trigger conditions such as heat rate, system load,  
10 temperature forecast and/or emergency conditions. When triggers are met, SDG&E has  
11 discretion to dispatch a program, which allows SDG&E to assure event hours are available for  
12 times of greater need and optimize the value of the programs.

13 During the record period, SDG&E utilized its DR programs primarily to reduce  
14 electricity consumption during peak demand or to respond to system reliability needs. SDG&E’s  
15 portfolio consists of programs that have economic triggers as well as programs with all non-  
16 economic triggers. Pursuant to D.15-05-005, as discussed above,<sup>17</sup> SDG&E’s Capacity Bidding  
17 Program (“CBP”) and AC Saver Program<sup>18</sup> demand response programs, are subject to the LCD  
18 standard as they have economic triggers and have been bid into the CAISO market during 2022.  
19 SDG&E has a Reliability Demand Response Resource (“RDRR”) that is also bid into the  
20 CAISO. The Base Interruptible Program (“BIP”) will be dispatched by the CAISO only if there  
21 is a stage one emergency and prices are at least \$950 Per MWh. BIP was triggered by SDG&E  
22 on June 17, 2022 after CAISO issued a warning due to system conditions. In the remainder of  
23 this section, SDG&E provides information pertaining to both the CBP and AC Saver programs in  
24 SDG&E’s DR portfolio and explains how the programs were utilized in 2022.

##### 25 **A. Capacity Bidding Program**

26 Capacity Bidding Program (“CBP”) is an optional Demand Response program available  
27 to all commercial and industrial customers in the SDG&E’s territory. CBP is operational from  
28 May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Program operation hours are Monday through Friday,

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<sup>17</sup> See pp. AS-2 – AS-3 above.

<sup>18</sup> D.16.-06-029 in conjunction with AL 3050-E-A and AL 3050-E-B approved on July 21, 2017 and effective January 1, 2017.

1 excluding holidays, from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. or from 1 P.M. to 9 P.M. Participants receive a  
2 monthly capacity payment in exchange for reducing their load when requested by the utility.  
3 Participating customers who are also receiving bundled services from SDG&E receive an  
4 additional energy payment during CBP events.

5 CBP participating customers can choose to participate in one of two CBP products: (1)  
6 CBP Day-Ahead, and (2) CBP Day-Of. The distinction between the product types is the pre-  
7 event notification timing. Under the Day-Ahead Product, customers are notified by no later than  
8 5 P.M. the day prior to the actual event. The Day-Of Product, provides event notification forty  
9 minutes prior to the start of the event. SDG&E continues to bid all products in the day-ahead  
10 CAISO market because the CAISO has limitations on dispatching in real time.

11 CBP is capped at 24 events per product and six times per month in May through October.  
12 The following is a list of CBP programs and triggers:

- 13 • The Day-Ahead prescribed product trigger is a price of \$90 for the 11am-  
14 7pm product and \$90 for the 1pm-9am prescribed product.<sup>19</sup>
- 15 • There are three Day-Ahead price triggers for Elect options:  
16 Elect option 1 = \$200 1-9pm Day-Ahead  
17 Elect option 2 = \$400 1-9pm Day-Ahead  
18 Elect option 3 = \$600 1-9pm Day-Ahead
- 19 • The Day-Of product trigger is a price of \$115 for the 11am-7pm product  
20 and \$125 for the 1pm-9am product.<sup>20</sup>
- 21 • There are three Day-Of price triggers for Elect options:  
22 Elect option 1 = \$200 1-9pm Day-Of  
23 Elect option 2 = \$400 1-9pm Day-Of  
24 Elect option 3 = \$600 1-9pm Day-Of
- 25 • SDG&E may call an event if SDG&E system conditions warrant; or
- 26 • At the request of CAISO (though still SDG&E's discretion to deploy).

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<sup>19</sup> The Day-Ahead prescribed product with a trigger of \$90 was not bid into the market as customers chose the Day-Ahead Elect option in 2022.

<sup>20</sup> The Day-Of prescribed product with a trigger of \$115 and \$125 were not bid into the market as customers chose the Day-Of Elect option in 2022.

1 Although the CBP tariff outlines program triggers, SDG&E is not required to dispatch the  
2 CBP program every time the economic trigger is reached. Therefore, SDG&E takes forecasted  
3 system demand, program limitations, and customer fatigue into account before making a final  
4 decision about dispatching the program.

5 SDG&E incorporates a bid strategy to select the maximum of the highest price (for at  
6 least two consecutive hours and up to four) occurrences in a particular month. Each day,  
7 SDG&E forecasted the applicable PNode's LMP for every remaining program operation hour  
8 (between 11am and 7pm or 1pm and 9pm) of the month. With this forecast, the National Gas  
9 Intelligence ("NGI") monthly index of the SoCal Citygate gas price or the balance of the month  
10 price was applied to produce an hourly heat rate forecast. SDG&E then calculated the twelfth  
11 highest consecutive two-hour price average for the balance of operation hours of each month. If  
12 the twelfth highest forecasted price was above a \$90,<sup>21</sup> SDG&E used that value to formulate a  
13 bid price. If the twelfth price was below \$90, SDG&E used a fixed price of \$80 as a bid price.  
14 After the CBP was dispatched the first time, SDG&E then would take the eleventh highest price  
15 of the remaining days of the month and so on until the twelfth dispatch. Bid prices may vary  
16 daily depending on revised, daily price forecast and/or the number of times CPB was dispatched.  
17 The CBP Elect options was be bid in based on the election price of \$200, 400, or \$600.

18 The CBP DA 1pm-9pm elect \$600 option was activated on three (3) occasions during the  
19 2022 event season. The CBP DO 1pm-9pm elect 400 option was activated on six (6) occasions  
20 during the 2022 event season. In all cases when CBP events were initiated during the 2022  
21 record period, the quantified economic triggers from the tariff were met, and SDG&E  
22 determined that the system needs warranted such actions.

### 23 **B. AC Saver Program**

24 The AC Saver Day-Ahead program (ACSDA) is a voluntary program that utilizes  
25 thermostats to reduce air-conditioning use. Thermostat settings are adjusted when events are  
26 triggered. The AC Saver Day-Of program (ACSDO) is a voluntary Air Conditioner ("AC")  
27 cycling program that utilizes one-way Direct Load Control switches to obtain predictable load  
28 reduction. The air conditioner unit is cycled off based on customer's elected cycling  
29 option. Residential 100% or 50%, Commercial 30% or 50%. Both programs are available to all

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<sup>21</sup> The Day-Of Product trigger is a price of \$115 for the 11-7 product and \$125 for the 1-9 product.

1 residential customers and commercial customers with central air conditioning in SDG&E's  
2 territory. AC Saver is operational from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Program operation  
3 hours are Monday through Sunday from 12 P.M. to 9 P.M. Events may range from two to four  
4 hours with a 20 event, 80-hour annual maximum per program, or 24 hours per month. Five  
5 additional events may be called for emergency CAISO or local emergency purposes.  
6 Participants receive an annual incentive of \$20 for participating in the thermostat program and  
7 those with direct load control switches receive an SDG&E annual bill credit in December for  
8 enrollment in the program based on air conditioner tonnage and cycling option elected.

9 The AC Saver trigger is 35,000 Btu/kWh heat rate for April through May and October,  
10 25,000 Btu/kWh heat rate for July through September and available for imminent statewide or  
11 local emergencies.

12 SDG&E incorporates a bid strategy to select the 40th highest heat rate (for two  
13 consecutive hours) occurrences in a season. Each day, SDG&E forecasted the applicable  
14 PNode's LMP for every remaining program operation hour (between 12pm and 9pm) of the  
15 season. With this forecast, the National Gas Intelligence monthly index of the SoCal Citygate  
16 gas price or the balance of the month price was applied to produce an hourly heat rate forecast.  
17 SDG&E then calculated the 40th highest market heat rate (for a consecutive two-hour period) for  
18 the balance of operation hours of the year. If the highest forecasted heat rate was above the  
19 trigger, SDG&E used that value to formulate a bid price. If the highest forecasted heat rate was  
20 below the trigger, SDG&E used the heat rate associated with the month to formulate a bid price.  
21 The bid price was calculated by taking the higher of the trigger heat rate and the highest  
22 forecasted heat rate and multiplying that value times the SoCal Citygate<sup>22</sup> price for the next day.  
23 After the AC Saver is dispatched the first time, SDG&E then would take the 39th highest  
24 forecasted heat rate of the remaining days of the month and so on until the 40th dispatch. Bid  
25 prices may vary daily depending on revised, daily forecasted heat rates and/or the number of  
26 times PDR was dispatched.

27 AC Saver Thermostats program was activated on twelve (12) occasions, Summer Saver  
28 residential and commercial were each activated on eleven (11) occasions in 2022. In all cases  
29 when AC Saver events were initiated during the record year of 2022, the quantified economic

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<sup>22</sup> SDG&E switched from ICE Social Citygate to CAISO published gas price on August 18, 2017.

1 triggers from the tariff were met, and SDG&E determined that the system needs warranted such  
2 actions.

3 **C. Demand Response Metrics**

4 In D.14-05-025, the Commission approved various reporting requirements proposed by  
5 Cal PA. The following discussion outlines those requirements as well as the manner in which  
6 SDG&E responded to them for Record Year 2022.

- 7 1. An annual summary of the results of the reporting requirement (related to dispatch  
8 of DR resources) adopted in D.14-05-025. At a minimum, the utilities should  
9 provide a summary of:
  - 10 a. The times and duration that all programs were dispatched;
  - 11 b. All cases where the DR program's trigger conditions were forecast to be  
12 met, and all cases where these trigger conditions were met;
  - 13 c. A list of occurrences when DR resources should have been dispatched but  
14 were not (*i.e.*, a DR resource's economic trigger conditions were forecast  
15 by the utility, but it was not dispatched). Each occurrence should be  
16 accompanied by an explanation detailing the reason for non-dispatch.
- 17 2. In addition to the Reporting Requirement in D.14-05-025, a calculation should be  
18 provided of the number of hours when the utility forecasts that trigger criteria  
19 will be reached, as a percentage of hours in which trigger conditions were  
20 reached in the same time period (monthly and annual basis).
- 21 3. The total energy dispatched as a proportion of maximum available energy for  
22 each DR program under scope of the proceeding (monthly and annual  
23 breakdowns). This comparison should be provided in both percentage and  
24 nominal (MWh) terms. An example of the format is provided below:
  - 25 a. In 2022 record year, utility A's CBP program dispatched 100MWh. This  
26 is compared to a total maximum available dispatch of 200 MWh for that  
27 program.
  - 28 b. Therefore, utility A's CBP program did not dispatch 100 MWh of its total  
29 maximum available energy.
  - 30 c. In 2022 record year, utility A dispatched 50% of the available energy in  
31 the CBP program.

- 1 4. For each event the full capacity was not dispatched, an explanation should be  
2 provided as to why the DR resource was not dispatched to its maximum  
3 availability during the record period.
- 4 5. If the metrics in (3.) above show that available energy was not dispatched for a  
5 program, provide an estimate of the net cost impact on overall resource dispatch  
6 of not utilizing maximum available amounts when the program triggers have  
7 been forecasted to be reached. This metric should focus on the net cost of  
8 dispatching metric (3)(b).
- 9 6. Metrics should be provided by the utility to identify whether the selection of DR  
10 events called minimized the utility's overall portfolio costs of dispatching supply  
11 resources. This assessment should include the average hourly net cost impact by  
12 program.
  - 13 a. For events dispatched in the record year.
  - 14 b. For all time periods when DR program triggers were forecasted by the  
15 utility (whether dispatched or not).
  - 16 c. Comparison of a) and b) in both percentages and nominal (MWh) terms.
- 17 7. An explanation of how opportunity cost analyses were used to make the decision  
18 to call or not call an event. This should include an explanation of the  
19 opportunity cost methodology and demonstration of its application.

20 SDG&E has reviewed the preceding requirements, and in the following, discusses how  
21 the metrics SDG&E supplied in the accompanying attachments to this testimony for record  
22 period 2022 comply with these requirements.

- 23 1. Attachment H - *2022 ERRA Demand Response Metric 1.xlsx* provides CBP  
24 summary results of when program was dispatched, when trigger conditions were  
25 forecasted and/or met, a list of occurrences when CBP was not dispatched but hit  
26 triggers, as well as the reason for non-dispatch.
- 27 2. In the 2022 record period, SDG&E used the DAM clearing prices as the forecast  
28 trigger criteria for CBP Day-Ahead because the deadline to call the event is after  
29 the Day-Ahead final schedules are published. With respect to CBP Day-Of,  
30 SDG&E used the published DAM clearing prices and other real-time market  
31 conditions to determine if the CBP Day-Of should have been dispatched but did



1 not forecast price triggers. As a result, the hours when the utility forecasts the  
2 trigger will be the same as the number of hours when the trigger conditions were  
3 met and no further data was provided.

- 4 3. *Attachment I - 2022 ERRR Demand Response Metric 2.xlsx* provides CBP  
5 summary results of total energy dispatched as a proportion of the maximum  
6 available energy for CBP Day-Ahead and Day-Of. The comparison provides the  
7 metric in percentage and nominal (MWh) terms.
- 8 4. *Attachment H - 2022 ERRR Demand Response Metric 1.xlsx* provides an  
9 explanation when CBP was not dispatched but hit triggers. CBP Day-Ahead  
10 Product and Day-Of was dispatched to full capacity each time SDG&E triggered  
11 an event.
- 12 5. *Attachment J - 2022 ERRR Demand Response Metric 5.xlsx* provides a net cost  
13 impact of CBP Day-Ahead and Day-Of when triggers were met and resource  
14 was not dispatched to its maximum available capacity.
- 15 6. *Attachment K - 2022 ERRR Demand Response Metric 6* provides the average  
16 hourly net cost CBP events called in the 2022 record period compared to the  
17 average hourly potential next cost from all times when trigger conditions were  
18 forecast (Dispatched or Not).
- 19 7. As described above in Section X, SDG&E utilized its DR programs during the  
20 record period primarily to reduce electricity consumption during peak demand or  
21 in response to system reliability needs. The instances in which SDG&E did not  
22 call events when triggers were met, were based on a combination of current  
23 system needs, and the benefit of reserving the resource to provide for a greater  
24 system need.

## 25 **XII. CONCLUSION**

26 My prepared direct testimony describes SDG&E's plans and processes used during the  
27 record period for serving load from its fully integrated portfolio of utility-owned resources,  
28 power purchase contracts and market transactions, consistent with the Commission-approved  
29 BPP in effect. SDG&E consistently complied with applicable Commission's decisions  
30 addressing LCD requirements for the 2022 record period. In summary, SDG&E's LCD  
31 processes are fully consistent with and satisfied the Commission's requirements by considering

1 variable costs and utilizing the lowest-cost resource mix, subject to constraints in the day-ahead,  
2 hour-ahead and real-time markets. Therefore, SDG&E requests that the Commission find that  
3 SDG&E demonstrated compliance with the Commission’s LCD and SOC 4 standards during the  
4 2022 record period.

5 This concludes my prepared direct testimony.

1 **XIII. QUALIFICATIONS**

2 My name is Andrew Scates. My business address is 8315 Century Park Court, San  
3 Diego, CA 92123. I am currently employed by SDG&E as a Market Operations Manager. My  
4 responsibilities include overseeing a staff of schedulers involved in dispatching the SDG&E  
5 bundled load portfolio of supply assets for the benefit of retail electric customers. This includes  
6 transacting in the real-time wholesale market and managing scheduling activities in compliance  
7 with CAISO requirements. I assumed my current position in January 2011.

8 I previously managed the Electric Fuels Trading desks for SDG&E, primarily managing  
9 day ahead and forward procurement of Natural Gas. Prior to joining SDG&E in 2003, my  
10 experience included five years as an energy trader/scheduling manager.

11 I hold a Bachelors degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from  
12 California State University, Chico.

13 I have previously testified before the Commission.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**2022 SUMMARY LOAD DATA AND LMP PRICE FORECASTS.XLSX**

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**2022 HYDRO AND PUMP STORAGE.XLSX**

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**2022 INCREMENTAL BID COST CALCULATIONS.XSLX**

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**2022 SELF SCHEDULES SUPPORTING DATA 2.XLSX**

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**2022 ANNUAL SUMMARY.XLSX**

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**2022 ERRR DEMAND RESPONSE METRIC 1.XSLX**

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**2022 ERRR DEMAND RESPONSE METRIC 5.XSLX**

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**ATTACHMENT L**

**CALPA – PUMP STORAGE (LAKE HODGES) OVERVIEW PRESENTATION**

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**ENERGY STORAGE OPERATIONAL OVERVIEW**

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**ATTACHMENT N**

**CONFIDENTIALITY DECLARATION OF ANDREW SCATES**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA

DECLARATION  
OF ANDREW SCATES

A.22-06-XXX

Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902-E) for Approval of: (i) Contract Administration, Least Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities in 2021, (ii) Costs Related to those Activities Recorded to the Energy Resource Recovery Account and Transition Cost Balancing Account in 2022 and (iii) Costs Recorded in Related Regulatory Accounts in 2022

I, Andrew Scates, do declare as follows:

1. I am the Market Operations Manager for San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E"). I have included my Direct Testimony ("Testimony") in support of SDG&E's Application for Approval of: (i) Contract Administration, Least Cost Dispatch and Power Procurement Activities, and (ii) Costs Related to those Activities Recorded to the Energy Resource Recovery Account, incurred during the Record Period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and (iii) the Entries Recorded in Related Regulatory Accounts. Additionally, as Market Analysis Manager, I am thoroughly familiar with the facts and representations in this declaration and if called upon to testify I could and would testify to the following based upon personal knowledge.

2. I am providing this Declaration to demonstrate that the confidential information ("Protected Information") in support of the referenced Application falls within the scope of data provided confidential treatment in the IOU Matrix ("Matrix") attached to the Commission's Decision D.06-06-066 (the Phase I Confidentiality decision). Pursuant to the procedures adopted in D.08-04-023, I am addressing each of the following five features of Ordering Paragraph 2 in D.06-06-066:

- that the material constitutes a particular type of data listed in the Matrix;
- the category or categories in the Matrix the data correspond to;
- that SDG&E is complying with the limitations on confidentiality specified in the Matrix for that type of data;
- that the information is not already public; and
- that the data cannot be aggregated, redacted, summarized, masked or otherwise protected in a way that allows partial disclosure.

3. The Protected Information contained in my Testimony constitutes material, market sensitive, electric procurement-related information that is within the scope of Section 454.5(g) of the Public Utilities Code.] As such, the Protected Information provided by SDG&E is allowed confidential treatment in accordance with Appendix 1 - IOU Matrix in D.06-06-066.

Confidential Information	Matrix Reference	Reason for Confidentiality
Table 2- Column Cost Impact	XI	Monthly Procurement Costs (Energy Resource Recovery Account), Confidential for three years
Table 3-a Table 3-b	XI	Monthly Procurement Costs
Attachment A	VI.B XI II.A.2	Utility Bundled Net Open Position for Energy (for MWh), Confidential front three years Monthly Procurement Costs Utility Electric Price Forecast, Confidential for three years
Attachment B	IV.A VI.B	Forecast IOU Generation Resources, Confidential for three years Utility Bundled Net Open Position for Energy (for MWh)
Attachment C	II.B XI	Utility Retained Generation (URG) Confidential for three years Monthly Procurement Costs
Attachment D, E	XI	Monthly Procurement Costs

Attachment F	IX.B	Recorded data on specific resources (rather than broad categories of supply sources) used to serve bundled load; Appendix I IOU Matrix does not specify effective period of confidentiality.
	IV.A	Forecast of IOU Generation Resources
Attachment G	XI	Monthly Procurement Costs
	VI.B	Utility Bundled Net Open Position for Energy (for MWh)
Attachment L	XI	Monthly Procurement Costs
Attachment M	XI	Monthly Procurement Costs

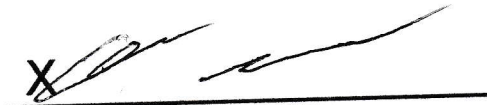
4. I am not aware of any instances where the Protected Information has been disclosed to the public. To my knowledge, no party, including SDG&E, has publicly revealed any of the Protected Information.

5. I will comply with the limitations on confidentiality specified in the Matrix for the Protected Information.

6. The Protected Information cannot be provided in a form that is aggregated, partially redacted, or summarized, masked or otherwise protected in a manner that would allow further disclosure of the data while still protecting confidential information.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, at San Diego, California.



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Andrew Scates  
Market Operations Manager

## ACRONYM GLOSSARY

A/S	Ancillary Services
ADS	Automated Dispatch System
AL	Advice Letter
BCR	Bid Cost Recovery
BIP	Base Interruptible Program
BPP	Bundled Procurement Plan
BTS	Backbone Transportation Service
CAISO	California Independent System Operator
CAL PA	California Public Advocates Office
CBP	Capacity Bidding Program
CCGT	Combined Cycle Gas Turbine
CIDI	Customer Inquiry Dispute and Information
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CT	Combustion Turbines
D	Decision
DA	Day Ahead
DAM	Day Ahead Market
DLAP	Default Load Aggregation Point
DR	Demand Response
DSEC	Desert Star Energy Center
ECEC	El Cajon Energy Center
ED	Exceptional Dispatch
EEC	Escondido Energy Center
ERRA	Energy Resource Recovery Account
ES&D	Energy Supply and Dispatch
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
HASP	Hour-Ahead Scheduling Process
ICE	Intercontinental Exchange
IFM	Integrated Forward Market
IST	Inter-SC Trade
LCD	Least Cost Dispatch
LMP	Locational Marginal Price
LSE	Load Serving Entity
LTPP	Long Term Procurement Plan
LTSA	Long Term Service Agreement
MIP	Mixed Integer Processing
MRTU	Market Redesign Technology Upgrade
MSG	Multi-stage Generation
MW	Megawatt
NGI	National Gas Intelligence
NGR	Non-generating Resources
Non-spin	Non-spinning Reserve
NYMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange

O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OFO	Operational Flow Order
OG	Orange Grove
OMECE	Otay Mesa Energy Center
OMS	Outage Management System
ORA	Office of Ratepayer Advocates (Now California Public Advocates Office)
OTC	Over-the-counter
PCI	Power Costs Inc.
PDR	Proxy Demand Response
PEC	Palomar Energy Center
Pnode	Pricing Node
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PRG	Procurement Review Group
PRT	Pattern Recognition Technologies
QCR	Quarterly Compliance Report
QF	Qualifying Facility
RA	Resource Adequacy
RATA	Relative Accuracy Test
RD	Regulation Down
RDRR	Reliability Demand Response Resource
RDT	Resource Data Template or Master File
RNS	Residual Net Short
RT	Real-Time
RTM	Real-Time Market
RU	Regulation Up
RUC	Residual Unit Commitment
SC	Scheduling Coordinator
SDG&E	San Diego Gas & Electric Co.
SIBR	Scheduling Infrastructure & Business Rules
SOC	Standard of Conduct
SOC	State of Charge
SoCalGas	Southern California Gas Company
SP15	South Path 15
Spin	Spinning Reserve
UOG	Utility Owned Generation
VER	Variable Energy Resources
VOM	Variable Operations and Maintenance