

**APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY &
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO REVISE THEIR
NATURAL GAS RATES AND IMPLEMENT STORAGE PROPOSALS EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, 2020 IN THE TRIENNIAL COST ALLOCATION PROCEEDING**

(A.18-07-024)

(DATA REQUEST CAL ADVOCATES-DR-034)

DATA RECEIVED: 1-31-19

DATE RESPONDED: 2-13-19

QUESTION 1:

Additional Clarification on a previous DR Response received:

In response to DR 025 Q2(a), the Applicants provided Excel files containing the historical average residential monthly bills in the last ten (10) years during the period 2009-2018 (up to the latest available). In these files, the Applicants showed the following for each month: Tier 1 therms, total therms, average therms, average bill, usage percent in Tier 1, percent bill in Tier 1, and percent change in average therms.

- (a) Please describe how the average therms are calculated for this Excel file.
- (b) Please describe how the average bill is calculated for this Excel file.
- (c) Please describe how the percent bill in Tier 1 is calculated for this Excel file.
- (d) Based on the data shown in columns H and I of the Excel files, is it accurate to say that the months which had the highest percent positive change in average therms and highest percent positive change in average bill over the period, are those occurring between October and November, between November and December, and between December and January?
- (e) Did SoCalGas and/or SDG&E observe whether it received a higher number of residential customer calls or letters or other types of customer feedback, regarding their gas bill during the months noted in item (d) above, described as those with the highest percent positive change in average therms and highest percent positive change in average bills, compared to other months of the year? Please explain your response.
- (f) Please describe any actions taken by SoCalGas and/or SDG&E to address the customer feedback received as described in item (e).

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RESPONSE 1:

- (a) The average therms calculation is the sum of the residential customers' monthly therms divided by the monthly residential active meters. The following customers are excluded from the calculation: Multi-Family (GM), Submetered (GS/GT), Transportation-only and Residential Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) customers.
- (b) The average bill is the sum of the monthly revenues divided by the monthly residential active meters for the same customers as noted in Response 1(a).
- (c) The percent bill in Tier 1 calculation is the total billing revenue of Tier 1 divided by the Total Billing Revenue overall, shown in Column G for SoCalGas and Column I for SDG&E (which shows Column C divided by Column D, formula is in the cells).
- (d) Yes, based on the data shown in columns H and I of the Excel files, it is accurate to say that the months which had the highest percent positive change in average therms and highest percent positive change in average bill over the period are those occurring between October and November, between November and December, and between December and January.
- (e) Applicants object to this question as irrelevant and out of scope of this proceeding. Subject to and without waiving this objection, Applicants respond as follows. The TCAP proceeding is not a customer complaint or billing inquiries proceeding.
- (f) Same response as subpart (e) above.

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QUESTION 2:

In D.17-09-035, the Commission states on page 2:

Specifically, we determine that a fixed charge should include only revenue cycle services costs (costs for account set-up, metering services, billing and payment) with certain exclusions, all meter capital costs, and minimum service drop and final line transformer costs calculated by using the minimum observed cost for the residential class. For the purpose of this decision, fixed charges cannot cover any costs that vary with demand and must exclude generation charges, transmission charges and all non-bypassable charges such as public purpose program charges. We also determine that the equal percentage of marginal cost scalar will not be applied when calculating fixed costs for purposes of setting a fixed charge. The Commission may revisit these exclusions in the future.

- (a) Please confirm whether or not SoCalGas/SDG&E applied the equal percentage of marginal cost scalar when calculating fixed costs for purposes of setting a fixed charge.
- (b) Based on your response to item (a) above, please provide a reference to the Excel file which verifies your response to item (a) above and cite the relevant cells in the file which demonstrate your response.

RESPONSE 2:

- (a) Confirmed that SoCalGas/SDG&E did not apply the equal percentage of marginal cost scalar when calculating fixed costs for purposes of setting a fixed charge.
- (b) For SoCalGas, refer to Chapter 9 (Schmidt-Pines) workpapers, file: SCG 2020TCAP Customer Costs 20th percentile min 0618.xls, tab, "Summary Table for Testmon SC". For SDG&E, refer to Chapter 10 (Foster) workpapers, file: SDGE 2020TCAPminLRMCCustomer.xls, tab, "Output." These respective tabs show that scalar was not applied when calculating fixed costs for purposes of setting a fixed charge.