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1 objectives of Senate Bill (“SB”) 350 transportation electrification programs.⁵ All ratepayers
2 benefit from GHG and Criteria Pollutant emission reductions. Reduced emissions “reduce[]
3 harm to climate, health and the economy.”⁶

4 GHG and air quality benefits of the programs are incremental to other transportation
5 electrification activities and investments sponsored by SDG&E.

6 **II. SUMMARY OF NET EMISSION REDUCTIONS FOR PILOTS**

7 The Light Duty (“LD”) EVs utilizing the Pilots’ charging infrastructure are intended to
8 displace vehicles burning fossil fuels. Displacing fossil-fueled vehicles with EVs results in
9 reductions in hydrocarbon-related emissions, such as GHGs and Criteria Pollutants. However,
10 EV charging results in electricity generation related emissions.⁷ But overall, net emissions are
11 reduced by displacing vehicles burning fossil fuels. Net emission reductions reported in my
12 testimony are calculated by subtracting EV charging related emissions from displaced fossil fuel
13 emissions.

14 Those reductions are calculated on a Well-to-Wheels (“WtW”) basis, consistent with
15 methodologies used by the California Air Resources Board (“CARB”) Low Carbon Fuel
16 Standard, 2016 Mobile Source Strategy, and Vision planning model.⁸ Well-to-Wheels analysis

⁵ September 14, 2016, Assigned Commissioner’s Ruling Regarding the Filing of the Transportation Electrification Applications Pursuant to Senate Bill 350 at 5-6, in R.13-11-007; *see also* California Public Utilities Code (“P.U.C.”) §740.12(a)(1).

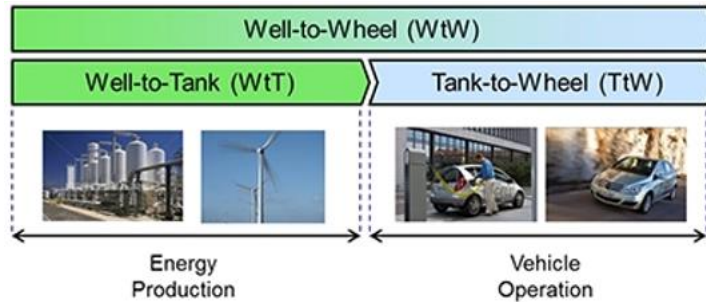
⁶ America Lung Association in California, *Clean Air Future: Health and Climate Benefits of Zero Emission Vehicles* (2016), p. 9. Downloaded 7/24/2018: <http://www.lung.org/local-content/california/documents/2016zeroemissions.pdf>.

⁷ Electricity-related emissions are generally lower than fossil fuel-related emissions for comparable vehicle operations (*e.g.*, emissions per vehicle mile traveled or per hour of operation).

⁸ Well-to-wheel emissions analysis considers the energy or emissions intensity of all stages of fuel production and final use of a fuel in a vehicle (*i.e.*, the production, transport, and consumption of fuels in a vehicle). *See* CARB, *Mobile Source Strategy* (May 2016) at 38, available at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/sip/2016sip/2016mobsrsrc.pdf>.

1 scope is illustrated in Figure 5-1 below. The analysis includes both Tank-to-Wheels (“TtW”)
 2 emissions, resulting from vehicle operations, as well as upstream Well-to-Tank (“WtT”)
 3 emissions resulting from energy production processes, which includes fuel production,
 4 transportation, refining, and delivery to the vehicle.

5 **Figure 5-1⁹**



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 7 For the purposes of this chapter, LD vehicles include the Emission Factors Model
 8 (“EMFAC”) 2014 designated Light Duty Automobiles/Passenger Cars (“LDA”) category of
 9 vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (“GVWR”)¹⁰ of less than 6,000 pounds (“lbs”).¹¹

10 Net emission reduction estimates for the Pilots are presented for both first-year and
 11 vehicle lifetime. Tables 5-1 and 5-2 below present the emission reductions estimates for each
 12 vehicle group. It includes the number of vehicles in each group, as well as the assumed
 13 displaced fossil fuel type used to estimate net emission reductions.

⁹ California Air Resources Board, *Vision 2.1 Scenario Modeling System, Limited Scope Release* (February 2017) at 24, available at https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/vision/docs/vision2.1_model_documentation_20170202.pdf.

¹⁰ GVWR means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single vehicle.

¹¹ California Environmental Protection Agency, *EMFAC 2014 User’s Guide* (Updated December 30, 2014) at 71-72, available at https://www.arb.ca.gov/msei/emfac2014_users_guide.pdf.

1 Table 5-1 presents the first-year emission reductions estimates for the Pilots, totaling
 2 1,283 Metric Tons (“MT”) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent (“CO2e”), 0.6 MT Nitrox Oxides
 3 (“NOx”), and 0.04 MT of Particulate Matter up to 2.5 microns (“PM2.5”).

4 **Table 5-1**

Net Emission Reduction Estimates					
First Year Impacts					
Pilot	eVMT fueled (000)	Displaced Fuel	Annual Net Emission Reductions		
			CO2e (MT)	NOx (MT)	PM2.5 (MT)
School Pilot	1,820	Gasoline	554	0.3	0.02
Parks Pilot (State)	1,238	Gasoline	377	0.2	0.01
Parks Pilot (City/County)	2,397	Gasoline	353	0.2	0.01
Total	5,454	--	1,283	0.6	0.04

eVMT = electric Vehicle Miles Traveled

5 Table 5-2 below presents the lifetime emission reduction estimates for the Pilots, totaling
 6 13,587 Metric Tons (“MT”) of Carbon Dioxide equivalent (“CO2e”), 6.5 MT Nitrox Oxides
 7 (“NOx”), and 0.43 MT of Particulate Matter up to 2.5 microns (“PM2.5”).

8 **Table 5-2**

Net Emission Reduction Estimates					
Lifetime Impacts					
Pilot	eVMT fueled (000)	Displaced Fuel	Lifetime Net Emission Reductions		
			CO2e (MT)	NOx (MT)	PM2.5 (MT)
School Pilot	21,835	Gasoline	5,864	2.8	0.19
Parks Pilot (State)	14,856	Gasoline	3,990	1.9	0.13
Parks Pilot (City/County)	28,762	Gasoline	3,734	1.8	0.12
Total	65,453	--	13,587	6.5	0.43

eVMT = electric Vehicle Miles Traveled

1 **III. METHODOLOGY FOR CHARGER UTILIZATION**

2 This section describes the methodology used to estimate the Pilot’s Chargers’ utilization.
3 Utilization is defined as the electric Vehicle Miles Traveled (“eVMT”) enabled by the Pilot’s
4 Chargers.

5 Annual utilization in miles that is enabled by the Pilot’s Chargers is used to calculate
6 emission reductions – since a mile traveled using electric fuel is assumed to avoid a mile
7 traveled using petroleum fuel. Daily eVMT was estimated based on the Portland General
8 Electric (“PGE”) Transportation Electrification Plan.¹² The PGE plan includes assumptions for
9 both Direct Current Fast Charger (“DCFC”) and Level 2 (Charger) (“L2”) stations regarding the
10 number of charges per station, and average electricity used per charge. These PGE assumptions
11 are used to estimate daily utilization in eVMT per charger for DCFC (172.6 miles per day) and
12 L2 (28.3 miles per day). Combining VMT with estimated miles per Gallon Gasoline Equivalent
13 (“GGE”), described in the following section, results in total GGE usage for electricity and
14 petroleum fuels.

15 **IV. METHODOLOGY FOR NET EMISSION REDUCTIONS**

16 This section describes the methodology used to estimate the GHG and Criteria Pollutant
17 emission reductions summarized above. The methodology utilizes publicly available data from
18 CARB and Argonne National Lab (“ANL”). In general, LDA vehicle estimates use CARB’s
19 data for TtW emission estimates, and ANL’s data for WtT emission estimates.

¹² Portland General Electric, Transportation Electrification Plan (March 2017), *available at* <https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0ahUKEwiZ38CRjO3aAhVX9GMKHe78CgoQFggqMAA&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.portlandgeneral.com%2F-%2Fmedia%2Fpublic%2Fresidential%2Felectric-vehicles-charging-stations%2Fdocuments%2Fpge-ev-plan.pdf%3Fla%3Den&usg=AOvVaw0-ILgGrFPhcG1n5KSbe0JX>

1 The CARB Vision modules provide TtW emission estimates for the LDA vehicles
2 considered for the Pilots.¹³ The data used for LDAs are from the 2016 Vision 2.1 Passenger
3 Vehicle Module. The Vision Modules include vehicle model years from 1961 through 2051.
4 But vehicles with model years earlier than 2019 were filtered out – since few LDA EVs are
5 included in earlier model years – and since it is assumed that EV purchases would likely displace
6 a similar model year fossil fuel vehicle.

7 Data from the Vision Modules were consolidated and summary data were created by
8 vehicle groups and fuel types. Summary data includes Vehicle Miles Traveled (“VMT”) per
9 vehicle, miles per GGE, and operating days per year. Summary data also includes TtW
10 emissions per GGE. The summary data is used to estimate first-year and lifetime GGE
11 consumption and TtW emissions per GGE for each vehicle and fuel type.

12 The ANL Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Transportation
13 Model (“GREET”) is used to provide WtT emission estimates for each fuel type. GREET fuel
14 types considered are electricity and reformulated gasoline.¹⁴ GREET WtT emission estimates
15 were normalized to pounds per GGE, and are combined with Vision TtW summary data to obtain
16 total Well-to-Wheels emissions per GGE.

17 CARB Vision data was also used to estimate average vehicle lives. Average vehicle life
18 is estimated to be twelve years for this analysis. This estimate is based on the 50 percent

¹³ More information on CARB’s Vision Modules are *available at*
<https://www.arb.ca.gov/planning/vision/downloads.htm#2016vision21lr>.

¹⁴ SDG&E’s 2016 power mix was modeled in the ANL GREET model using 43% eligible renewables, 42% natural gas, and 15% unspecified sources modeled as natural gas. See San Diego Gas & Electric Company, *2016 Power Content Label*, available at
http://www.energy.ca.gov/pcl/labels/2016_labels/San_Diego_Gas_and_Electric.pdf.

1 population survival period derived from Vision population data for model year vehicles 2019
2 through 2030.

3 Per GGE emissions are multiplied by eVMT for each program to obtain the total
4 emission reduction estimates. The net emission estimates in Tables 5-1 and 5-2 are calculated by
5 subtracting WtW emissions for electric fueled vehicles from WtW emissions for the displaced
6 gasoline fueled vehicles, resulting in first year and lifetime net emissions reductions.

7 **V. CONCLUSION**

8 SDG&E's proposed Pilots provides GHG emission reductions and air quality
9 improvements for all SDG&E ratepayers.

10 This concludes my prepared direct testimony.

1 **VI. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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