

Application: A.18-11-015

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Witness: Jennifer Montanez

**UPDATED PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF  
JENNIFER MONTANEZ  
CHAPTER 7  
ON BEHALF OF SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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**I. INTRODUCTION**

My prepared direct testimony updates and supersedes the prepared direct testimony filed on November 26, 2018 by Kellen C. Gill, which is necessitated by the passage of time that has elapsed since the Application and testimony was originally filed.<sup>1</sup> My testimony presents San Diego Gas & Electric Company’s (“SDG&E”) proposed cost recovery along with the associated rate and bill impacts for the click-through authorization processes (“CTP”) that are the subject of this application (“Application”). As explained in the updated prepared direct testimony of Douglas White (Chapter 1), SDG&E submits this Application requesting approval and funding of certain improvements to its CTP, which is in operation and currently serving customers. This Application is consistent with the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Resolution E-4868 (August 24, 2017).

**II. COST RECOVERY, RATE IMPACTS, AND BILL IMPACTS**

SDG&E proposes to recover the costs of implementing enhancements to the CTP through distribution rates, consistent with the recovery of similar costs.<sup>2</sup> Table JM-1, below, presents the illustrative class average electric rate impacts for 2023 through 2025 of the proposed revenue requirement as presented in the updated prepared direct testimony of witness Kristi Khong (Chapter 5) (“Khong Testimony (Chapter 5)”) compared to SDG&E’s current rates.<sup>3</sup> In addition, the revenue requirement presented in the Khong Testimony (Chapter 5) reflects the revenue

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<sup>1</sup> This update testimony has been authorized by the Assigned Commissioner’s First Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling (October 23, 2020) at 6.

<sup>2</sup> Costs are primarily labor for software development, hardware and installation, and staff necessary for testing, maintenance and administrative support. *See* the Updated Prepared Direct Testimony of Tom Moses (Chapter 3) for a detailed description of the costs being requested.

<sup>3</sup> Rates effective October 1, 2020, per Advice Letter 3619-E.

1 requirement beginning in 2022. SDG&E proposes to combine the 2022 and 2023 revenue  
 2 requirement and recover the 2022 revenue requirement in 2023 to coincide with SDG&E’s rate  
 3 change occurring on January 1, 2023.<sup>4</sup> The amount SDG&E will recover in rates beginning in  
 4 2023 is based on the revenue requirement presented in the Khong Testimony (Chapter 5) of  
 5 \$252.2 thousand (without Franchise Fees and Uncollectibles (“FF&U”)), or \$261.7 thousand  
 6 (with FF&U).

7 **Table JM-1: Illustrative Class Average Electric Rates Impact**

	Current 10/1/2020 (¢/kWh)	Proposed Rate (¢/kWh)	2023 Change from Current (¢/kWh)	Change from Current (%)	Proposed Rate (¢/kWh)	2024 Change from Current (¢/kWh)	Change from Current (%)	Proposed Rate (¢/kWh)	2025 Change from Current (¢/kWh)	Change from Current (%)
Residential	27.130	27.132	0.002	0.01%	27.134	0.004	0.01%	27.133	0.003	0.01%
Small Comm.	25.084	25.085	0.001	0.00%	25.087	0.003	0.01%	25.086	0.002	0.01%
Med & Lg C&I	22.123	22.124	0.001	0.00%	22.125	0.002	0.01%	22.124	0.001	0.00%
Agriculture	16.980	16.981	0.001	0.01%	16.982	0.002	0.01%	16.982	0.002	0.01%
Lighting	22.132	22.134	0.002	0.01%	22.135	0.003	0.01%	22.135	0.003	0.01%
System Total	23.993	23.994	0.001	0.00%	23.995	0.002	0.01%	23.995	0.002	0.01%

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 9 In 2023, the illustrative annual bill impact based on the revenue requirement<sup>5</sup> is an  
 10 increase of approximately \$0.10 for a typical residential customer using 400 kWh per month in  
 11 both the Inland and Coastal climate zones, as compared to current rates. On a percentage basis,  
 12 this equates to an illustrative annual bill impact of 0.01%. In 2024, the illustrative annual bill  
 13 impact based on the revenue requirement<sup>6</sup> is approximately \$0.14 for a typical residential

<sup>4</sup> Timing of implementation is dependent upon approval.

<sup>5</sup> See Khong Testimony (Chapter 5) for further details regarding the revenue requirement.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

1 customer using 400 kWh per month in both the Inland and Coastal climate zones, as compared to  
2 current rates. On a percentage basis, this equates to an illustrative annual increase of 0.01%. In  
3 2025, the illustrative annual bill impact based on the revenue requirement<sup>7</sup> is approximately  
4 \$0.10 for a typical residential customer using 400 kWh per month in both the Inland and Coastal  
5 climate zones, as compared to current rates. On a percentage basis, this equates to an illustrative  
6 annual increase of 0.01%.

7 This concludes my prepared direct testimony.

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<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

1 **III. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

2 My name is Jennifer Montanez and my business address is 8330 Century Park Court, San  
3 Diego, California 92123. I am employed by SDG&E as a Rate Strategy Project Manager in the  
4 Customer Pricing Department. My primary responsibilities include planning, development, and  
5 implementation of rate related proceedings, cost-of-service studies, determination of revenue  
6 allocation and preparation of various regulatory filings. Prior to my current position, I was  
7 employed in positions of increasing responsibility in the Electric and Fuel Procurement, Energy  
8 Risk Management, and Resource Planning departments of SDG&E. I also served as an  
9 accountant for various Sempra Energy business units for five years. I have been employed with  
10 SDG&E or another Sempra Energy company for 13 years.

11 I graduated from California State University of San Marcos with a bachelor's degree in  
12 Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting.

13 I have previously submitted testimony to the Commission.