

**SMALL BUSINESS UTILITY ADVOCATES DATA REQUEST**  
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**SDG&E-SOCALGAS 2019 GRC – A.17-11-007/8**  
**SDG&E\_SOCALGAS RESPONSE**  
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1. Please provide the number of vendors which provide goods or services to SDG&E.

**Utility Response 1:**

SDG&E suppliers = 2550

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2. Does SDG&E keep records of the number of small businesses<sup>1</sup> located in California which provide goods or services to SDG&E?

**Utility Response 2:**

SDG&E does not keep records or track information based on the size of the business that provides goods or services to SDG&E. However, SDG&E tracks spend data on women, minority, service disabled veteran, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender business enterprises.

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3. If SDG&E keeps records of the number of small businesses located in California which provide goods or services to SDG&E, how many of these small businesses provide goods or services to SDG&E?

**Utility Response 3:**

N/A, see the response to question 2 above.

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4. How many small businesses<sup>2</sup> does SDG&E provide electric service to?

**Utility Response 4:**

For purposes of responding to this question, SDG&E defines “small businesses” as SDG&E’s small commercial electric customers as defined in SDG&E’s Tariff Rule 1. The small commercial electric customer count information is available in the Direct Testimony of Kenneth E. Schiermeyer (*see* Exhibit SDGE-38 at Table KES-1). SDG&E’s small customer class consists of electric customers on SDG&E rate schedules A, TOU-A, A-TOU and A-TC and UM.

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<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this question, how many Schedule A (TOU or otherwise) customers does SDG&E currently provide service.

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5. How many Schedule A (small commercial customers either TOU or otherwise) does SDG&E provide service to?

**Utility Response 5:**

Under rate schedule A, rate schedule A-TOU and TOU-A (combined), SDG&E had an average annual of 121,801 customers in 2016 and average annual of 123,484 customers in 2017.

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6. How many California small businesses provide services on behalf of the Tier 1 contractors that SDG&E uses<sup>3</sup>?

**Utility Response 6:**

SDG&E does not keep records or track information based on the size of the business that provides goods or services to SDG&E's Tier 1 contractors. However, SDG&E tracks spend data on women, minority, service disabled veteran, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender business enterprises that provide goods or services to SDG&E's Tier 1 contractors.

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7. Please provide the number of vendors which provide goods or services to SoCalGas.

**Utility Response 7:**

SCG suppliers = 3569

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8. Does SoCalGas keep records of the number of small businesses located in California which provide goods or services to SoCalGas?

**Utility Response 8:**

SoCalGas does not keep records or track information based on the size of the business that provides goods or services to SoCalGas. However, SoCalGas tracks spend data on women, minority, service disabled veteran, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender business enterprises.



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9. If SoCalGas keeps records of the number of small businesses located in California which provide goods or services to SoCalGas, how many of these small businesses provide goods or services to SoCalGas?

**Utility Response 9:**

N/A, see the response to question 8 above.

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10. How many small businesses does SoCalGas provide gas service to?

**Utility Response 10:**

In footnote 1 of Question 2 of this Data Request set, SBUA defines a “small business” the same way the California Department of General Services defines a small business, see <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/SBEligibilityBenefits.aspx>, however if SoCalGas uses some other definition, the questions asks to provide that definition. For purposes of responding to this question, SoCalGas does not distinguish its customer classes according to SBUA’s definition. Accordingly, in this response, SoCalGas distinguished between small and large commercial and industrial customers by whether the customer is categorized as being core or noncore. Based on the foregoing, SoCalGas provides the following:

In 2017:

Core Commercial Active meters totaled 188,449

Core Industrial Active meters totaled 16,239

NGV Active meters totaled 244

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11. How many small businesses provide services on behalf of the Tier 1 contractors that SoCalGas uses?

**Utility Response 11:**

SoCalGas does not keep records or track information based on the size of the business that provides goods or services to SoCalGas' Tier 1 contractors. However, SoCalGas tracks spend data on women, minority, service disabled veteran, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender business enterprises that provide goods or services to SoCalGas' Tier 1 contractors.

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12. In Decision 17-12-014 the commission authorized SDG&E to return \$3.023 million in 2017 to small businesses, how does SDG&E plan to return this money?

**Utility Response 12:**

SDG&E objects to this question on the grounds that the request seeks information outside the scope of the proceeding. This question is better suited for the scope of an Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) forecast application or for Phase 2 of the GRC that sets cost allocation. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objection, SDG&E responds as follows:

SDG&E believes that the Small Business Utility Advocates meant to refer to SDG&E's 2017 ERRA Forecast Decision (D.16-12-053) (rather than D.17-12-014, which is SDG&E's 2018 ERRA Forecast Decision) with an authorized return of \$2.702 million.

SDG&E returned these funds during 2017, pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 1 of D.12-12-033. The small business credit is a volumetric credit (\$/kWh) applied to an eligible customer's monthly delivered energy usage.

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13. As a follow up to the previous question, please provide a detailed example of how the money is being returned?

**Utility Response 13:**

SDG&E objects to this question on the grounds that the request seeks information outside the scope of the proceeding. This question is better suited for the scope of an ERRA forecast application or for Phase 2 of the GRC that sets cost allocation. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objection, SDG&E responds as follows:

See the response to Question 12. In 2017, small business customers qualified for a climate credit of \$(0.00199) per kWh, which was shown as a separate line item per Schedule GHG-ARR.

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14. In Decision 17-12-014 the commission authorized SDG&E to return \$3.750 million in 2018 to small businesses, how does SDG&E plan to return this money?

**Utility Response 14:**

SDG&E objects to this question on the grounds that the request seeks information outside the scope of the proceeding. This question is better suited for the scope of an ERRA forecast application or for Phase 2 of the GRC that sets cost allocation. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing objection, SDG&E responds as follows:

SDG&E is returning these funds during 2018, pursuant to OP 1 of D.12-12-033. The small business credit is a volumetric credit (\$/kWh) applied to an eligible customer's monthly delivered energy usage.

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15. Is there any testimony regarding the return of the GHG credits to small businesses?

**Utility Response 15:**

No. GHG credits are addressed in SDG&E's ERRA proceeding. Please see the responses to Questions 12 and 14.

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16. If SDG&E considers the return of GHG credits to not be part of the GRC, why is SDG&E taking this position?

**Utility Response 16:**

Please see the responses to Questions 12 and 14. OP 20 of D.12-12-033 stated that the return of GHG credits should be reported in each utility's respective ERRA Applications.



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17. On what basis is SDG&E placing the SONGS Unit 1 Offsite Spent Fuel Storage Costs in an ERRA proceeding rather than in this GRC?

**Utility Response 17:**

SDG&E has consistently requested a revenue requirement for these costs in its ERRA forecast proceedings since 2016. The request to move SDG&E's SONGS 1 spent fuel storage costs to ERRA from the GRC was first requested in the 2016 ERRA Forecast Proceeding (A.15-04-014) and approved in D.15-12-032. Page 12 of the Decision states "we approve the request to include the SONGS Unit 1 Offsite Spent Fuel Storage Cost revenue requirement that SDG&E requests in the amount of \$1.077 million. Allowing SDG&E to recover these costs in the ERRA proceeding rather than a GRC proceeding will provide a consistent approach by allowing SDG&E to mirror the way SCE seeks recovery of the SONGS Unit 1 Offsite Spent Fuel Storage Costs." In addition, Ordering Paragraph #1 of D.15-12-032 approved the 2016 SONGS 1 offsite spent fuel storage revenue requirement.

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18. Has someone from ORA or the Commission approved a long-term plan for spent fuel storage from SONGS<sup>5</sup>?

**Utility Response 18:**

SDG&E objects to this question on the ground that it is beyond the scope of this GRC proceeding. SDG&E is not seeking recovery of any SONGS spent fuel storage costs in this GRC proceeding.