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SDG&E 2024 GRC Testimony Revision Log – August 2022

SUMMARY¹

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
NON-COLLECTIBLE (NC)	438,049	532,595	425,949
COLLECTIBLE (CO)	44,879	57,831	71,588
Total CAPITAL	482,928	590,426	497,537

Summary of Requests

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E or Company) is requesting the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) adopt its test year 2024 (TY 2024) General Rate Case (GRC) ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecast of \$416,276,000 for Electric Distribution Capital.² SDG&E is also requesting the Commission adopt its ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecast for capital expenditures in 2022 and 2023 of \$431,297,000 and \$520,599,000, respectively.

My testimony identifies the work requirements necessary to maintain clean, safe, and reliable operation of the electric distribution overhead (OH) and underground (UG) system. Within my testimony, I also break out the costs associated with Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase (RAMP) projects that increase safety by reducing risk exposure and exemplifies SDG&E's deep-rooted safety culture and commitment to reduce risk exposure through capital upgrades.

Many of the core business activities within my testimony remain the same as described in previous rate cases with increases in most cases due to incremental cost drivers, but there are also areas of new and expanded focus including sustainability and grid modernization while always maintaining a strong commitment to safety and reliability.

¹ Please refer to my capital workpapers (CWP) Exhibit (Ex.) SDG&E-11-CWP, for additional information about the activities described herein. Each capital workpaper includes a Summary of Adjustments to Forecast section and workpaper details that separate the portion that is forecasted to be ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) and the portion anticipated to be collected from third parties (Collectible), if applicable. The Collectible portion is necessary for calculating the proper allocation of overhead amounts to these projects, but the fully loaded Collectible amounts are not included in the requested revenue requirement.

² Includes the Electric Distribution Capital projects and programs that are not associated with wildfire mitigation, clean transportation, generation, and other specific areas covered in other witness areas.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. Summary of Electric Distribution Capital Costs and Activities

My testimony supports the TY 2024 GRC forecasts for capital costs for the forecast years 2022, 2023, and 2024, associated with the Electric Distribution Capital area for SDG&E and demonstrates why these expenditures are necessary and reasonable. Table OR-1 summarizes my sponsored costs.

**TABLE OR-1³
Test Year 2024 Summary of Total Costs**

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
NON-COLLECTIBLE (NC)	438,049	532,595	425,949
COLLECTIBLE (CO)	44,879	57,831	71,588
Total CAPITAL	484,928	590,426	497,537

Electric Distribution Capital is responsible for a portfolio of projects and programs required to provide safe and reliable electric service to SDG&E customers. SDG&E prioritizes work to comply with applicable laws and regulations, and to provide system integrity and reliability in accordance with the Company’s commitment to safety. SDG&E’s longstanding commitment to safety focuses on three primary areas – public, customer, and employee safety. This safety-first culture is embedded in how the Company carries out its work and builds its systems – from initial employee training to the installation, operation, and maintenance of utility infrastructure, and to the Company’s commitment to provide safe and reliable service to its customers.

³ Please refer to my capital workpapers, Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP, for additional information about the activities described herein. Each capital workpaper includes a Summary of Adjustments to Forecast section and workpaper details that separate the portion that is forecasted to be ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) and the portion anticipated to be collected from third parties (Collectible), if applicable. The Collectible portion is necessary for calculating the proper allocation of overhead amounts to these projects, but the fully loaded Collectible amounts are not included in the requested revenue requirement.

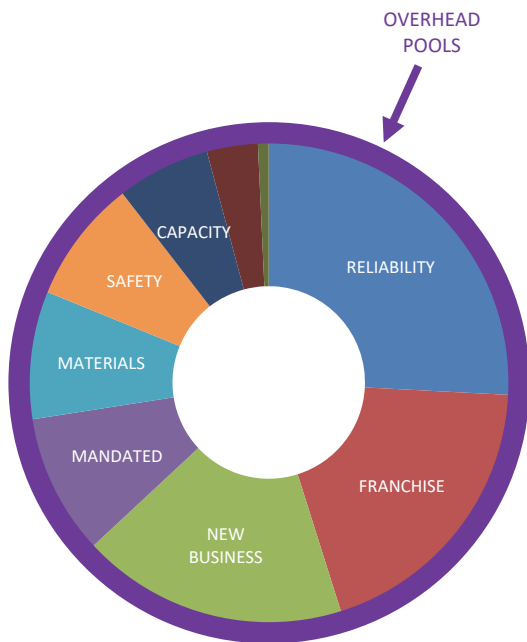
1 My testimony demonstrates SDG&E's need for this portfolio of projects through
2 individual descriptions and analysis of each project's business justification, need, and support
3 related to the safety and reliability for the Company's customers, employees, and communities.
4 My testimony addresses the forecasted costs associated with the electric distribution capital work
5 SDG&E deems necessary to provide safe, reliable, and high-quality service to its customers.
6 The electric distribution capital forecasts are grouped into ten⁴ primary cost categories:

- 7 • Capacity/Expansion
- 8 • Equipment/Tools
- 9 • Franchise
- 10 • Mandated
- 11 • Materials
- 12 • New Business
- 13 • Overhead Pools
- 14 • Reliability/Improvements
- 15 • Safety & Risk Management
- 16 • Transmission/Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Driven Projects

17 Figure OR-1 below shows each category by the percentage of the overall forecast.
18 Values include both collectible and non-collectible costs. Each specific work category is
19 described in greater detail in my testimony under headings corresponding to these categories.
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⁴ An additional category for Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Integration is excluded from this list as there are no forecasted costs (historical costs only).

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Figure OR-1
2022 – 2024 Capital Forecast by Percentage of Overall Forecast



Category	3 Year Total
OVERHEAD POOLS	33%
RELIABILITY	18%
FRANCHISE	13%
NEW BUSINESS	12%
MANDATED	6%
MATERIALS	6%
SAFETY/RISK	6%
CAPACITY	4%
FERC-DRIVEN	2%
TOOLS	<1%

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6 In preparing our projections for TY 2024 requirements, SDG&E analyzed historical
7 spending levels, considered underlying cost drivers, and developed an assessment of future
8 requirements. Forecast methodologies were selected based on future expectations for the
9 underlying cost drivers and include:

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- Forecasts derived from historical averages
 - Forecasts derived from the base year 2021 (BY 2021) adjusted recorded spending
 - Forecasts derived from zero-based cost estimates

13 My testimony identifies work requirements incremental to levels of historical spending
14 and necessary to maintain the safe and reliable operation of the distribution system. Funding
15 requirements for new or more extensive work elements are forecasted based on historical
16 spending plus incremental expense requirements. Roughly 72% of the forecasts for electric
17 distribution capital are zero-based and 28% are based on historical averages (predominantly a
18 three-year average). Since a large portion of the electric capital distribution projects are specific
19 projects that are non-recurring in nature, zero-based cost estimates or forecasts were used.

20 In addition to a focus on safety and reliability, some of the projects included in this
21 portfolio also support sustainability and grid modernization efforts. For details related to

1 SDG&E’s commitment to sustainability, please reference Sustainability Policy testimony of
2 Estela de Llanos (Exhibit SDG&E-02). Additional information regarding how electric
3 distribution capital projects and programs within my testimony support sustainability can be
4 found in Section III – Sustainability, Climate Policy, and Safety Culture. Within this request
5 there are increases to support activities discussed in SDG&E’s 2021 Risk Assessment Mitigation
6 Phase (RAMP) Report (the 2021 RAMP Report),⁵ primarily the Electric Infrastructure Integrity
7 (EII) chapter (SDG&E-Risk-2), addressed in more detail within Section II below.

8 **B. Support To and From Other Witnesses**

9 In addition to sponsoring my own organization’s costs, my testimony also supports the
10 business justification for Information Technology (IT) projects necessary to support Electric
11 Distribution Capital projects and programs (*See* Section V) sponsored by SDG&E witness
12 William J. Exon (Exhibit SDG&E-25, Chapter 2). Additionally, there are references to the
13 testimony and workpapers of several other witnesses, either in support of their testimony or as
14 referential support for mine.

15 **1. Electric Distribution O&M**

16 The Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M) testimony by Tyson
17 Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12) provides the Grid Modernization Plan as well as support for O&M
18 activities such as Corrective Maintenance Program (CMP) inspections and some repair work
19 while major capital repairs and replacements are captured in my testimony.

20 **2. Wildfire Mitigation and Vegetation Management**

21 The Wildfire Mitigation and Vegetation Management testimony by Jonathan
22 Woldemariam (Exhibit SDG&E-13) is referenced where there may be programs with similar
23 scope but divided between those aligning to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) focus versus
24 programs included in my testimony typically scoped to assets located outside the High Fire-
25 Threat District (HFTD), also denoted as “Non-HFTD” or “Non-WMP”.

⁵ *See* Application (A.) 21-05-011/-014 (cons.) (RAMP Proceeding). Please refer to the RAMP to GRC Integration testimony of R. Scott Pearson and Gregory S. Flores (Ex. SCG-03/SDG&E-03, Chapter 2) for more details regarding the 2021 RAMP Reports.

1 **3. Sustainability Policy**

2 The Sustainability Policy testimony by Estela de Llanos (Exhibit SDG&E-02), Chapter
3 IV Addressing Climate Risks, is referenced within my testimony in support of the SF6 Switch
4 Replacement program.

5 **4. Electric Customer Forecast**

6 The Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Kenneth E. Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-
7 40) is referenced in my testimony in support of new business and capacity projects where
8 forecasts for those capital projects and programs are impacted by customer growth.

9 **5. Rate Base**

10 The Rate Base testimony by Steven P. Dais (Exhibit SDG&E-35) references my
11 testimony as it relates to overhead pools.

12 **6. Regulatory Accounts**

13 The Regulatory Accounts testimony by Jason Kupfersmid (Exhibit SDG&E-43) is
14 referenced in my testimony as it relates to continuation of the Rule 20 balancing account,
15 addition of the Litigated Project Cost Memorandum Account (LPCMA) for collectible projects,
16 and removal of one-way balancing for the overhead pools.

17 **7. Clean Energy Innovations**

18 The Clean Energy Innovations testimony of Fernando Valero (Exhibit SDG&E-15) is
19 referenced in my testimony as it relates to DER integration projects previously within the
20 Electric Distribution Capital testimony. Completed projects with historical costs can be found in
21 my capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP.*

22 **C. Organization of Testimony**

23 My testimony describes estimated 2022, 2023, and 2024 capital expenditures for
24 SDG&E’s Electric Distribution Capital utility plant and demonstrates why these expenditures are
25 necessary and reasonable. Section I of my testimony provides a brief introduction and
26 summarizes the overall capital electric distribution forecast. Section II describes the RAMP
27 integration into the GRC while Section III provides a discussion on Sustainability, Climate
28 Policy, and Safety Culture initiatives within the testimony. Section IV explains SDG&E’s
29 project evaluation and prioritization process. Section V describes the details of plant additions,
30 shows a summary of the requested costs by category, describes the details of the major capital
31 budget categories for electric distribution, provides an explanation of changes affecting each

1 category of work, and then further details the requested costs by category and individual budget
2 code. Each request by budget code includes a description of the applicable forecast methodology
3 and cost drivers. Section VI describes IT projects sponsored by Electric Distribution, Section
4 VII concludes my testimony, and Section VIII describes my witness qualifications.

5 The Appendices included additional details for reference. Appendix A provides a
6 Glossary of Terms and Appendix B contains a list of capital projects by budget code supporting
7 RAMP risks.

8 **II. RISK ASSESSMENT MITIGATION PHASE INTEGRATION**

9 Certain costs supported in my testimony are driven by activities described in Southern
10 California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and SDG&E's respective 2021 RAMP Reports.⁶ The 2021
11 RAMP Reports presented an assessment of the key safety risks for SoCalGas and SDG&E and
12 proposed plans for mitigating those risks. As discussed in the testimony of the RAMP to GRC
13 Integration witnesses R. Scott Pearson and Gregory S. Flores (Ex. SCG-03/SDG&E-03, Chapter
14 2), the costs of risk mitigation projects and programs were translated from the 2021 RAMP
15 Reports into the individual witness areas.

16 In the course of preparing the Electric Distribution Capital GRC forecasts, SDG&E
17 continued to evaluate the scope, schedule, resource requirements, and synergies of RAMP-
18 related projects and programs. Therefore, the final presentation of RAMP costs may differ from
19 the ranges shown in the 2021 RAMP Reports. Table OR-2 provides a summary of the RAMP-
20 related costs supported in my testimony.

⁶ Unless otherwise indicated, references to the 2021 RAMP Report refer to SoCalGas's /SDG&E's respective RAMP Report.

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**TABLE OR-2
Summary of RAMP Capital Costs**

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION Summary of RAMP Capital Costs (In 2021 \$)				
RAMP Report Chapter	2022 Estimated RAMP Total (\$000s)	2023 Estimated RAMP Total (\$000s)	2024 Estimated RAMP Total (\$000s)	2022-2024 Estimated RAMP Total (\$000s)
SDG&E-Risk-2 Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII)	108,275	152,115	114,598	374,988
SDG&E-Risk-8 Incident Involving an Employee	808	0	0	808
Sub-total	109,083	152,115	114,598	375,796
RAMP Cross-Function Factor (CFF) Chapter				
SDG&E-CFF-1 Asset Management	105	132	132	369
Sub-total	105	132	132	369
Total RAMP Capital Costs	109,188	152,247	114,730	376,165

3 * CFF-related information in accordance with the March 30, 2022 Assigned Commissioner Ruling
4 in A.21-05-011/-014 (cons.) is provided in the RAMP to GRC Integration testimony of R. Scott
5 Pearson and Gregory S. Flores (Ex. SCG-03/SDG&E-03, Chapter 2).

6 **A. Risk Overview**

7 As summarized in Table OR-2 above, my testimony includes costs to mitigate the risks
8 and cross-functional factors (CFFs) included in the 2021 RAMP Report. These risks and factors
9 are further described in Table OR-3 below:

10 **TABLE OR-3**
11 **RAMP Risk and CFF Chapter Descriptions**

SDG&E-Risk-2 – Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII)	This chapter addresses the risk of an electric asset failure due to internal or external factors, which results in serious injuries, fatalities, or reliability impacts. This risk includes underground assets in the High Fire-Threat District (HFTD).
SDG&E-Risk-8 – Incident Involving an Employee	This chapter addresses the risk of an incident, involving one or more on-duty employees, that causes serious injuries or fatalities (as defined by OSHA) to a company employee.

SDG&E-CFF-1 Asset Management	An enterprise-wide framework that provides a standardized approach for managing risk and safety across assets and activities. The framework integrates people, processes, data, and technology to enable data-driven decision making through governance, strategy, data consolidation and analytics, and continuous improvement.
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In developing my request, priority was given to these key safety risks to assess which risk mitigation activities Electric Distribution Capital currently performs and what incremental efforts are needed to further mitigate these risks. While developing the GRC forecasts, SDG&E evaluated the scope, schedule, resource requirement, and synergies of RAMP-related projects and programs to determine costs already covered in the base year and those that are incremental increases expected in the test year.

Messrs. Pearson and Flores (Ex. SCG-03/SDG&E-03, Chapter 2) discuss all of the risks and CFFs included in the 2021 RAMP Reports and the RAMP to GRC integration process.

B. GRC Risk Activities

Table OR-4 below provides a narrative summary of the forecasted RAMP-related activities that I sponsor in my testimony.

**TABLE OR-4
Summary of RAMP Risk Activities**

RAMP ID	Activity	Description
SDG&E-Risk-2-C01	Overhead Public Safety (OPS) Program	This program involves proactively replacing high-risk overhead (OH) conductors prone to wire down events measured as tracked by failure rates, historic wire down events, CMP records and lack of protection (fuse or advanced) that are in proximity to the public (schools, freeways, high profile areas) that could put the public at risk of energized contact.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C02	General Order (GO) 165 Pole Replacement Reinforcement	This program involves pole replacements after identifying compromised poles from pole intrusive inspections complying to GO 165.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C03	4kV Modernization Program – Distribution	This program involves converting remaining OH 4kV infrastructure in SDG&E’s service territory to 12kV infrastructure. These conversions will address both the safety and reliability issues associated with 4kV circuits being relatively more susceptible than 12kV circuits to wire down events

RAMP ID	Activity	Description
SDG&E-Risk-2-C04	Distribution Overhead Switch Replacement Program	Install supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) ⁷ system, gang switches, and overhead hook switches.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C05	Management of Overhead Distribution Service (Non-CMP)	This project reinforces the electric OH distribution system infrastructure by responsive action to system damages, deterioration and unsafe conditions outside normal restoration of service. This project provides for the reconstruction of existing overhead distribution facilities as necessary.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C07	Restoration of Service	This project is required to accomplish restoration of electric service due to system interruptions caused by severe inclement weather conditions, fires, equipment failures and damages caused by a third party.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C08	Avian Protection Program	This program focuses on building SDG&E's distribution system in a manner that complies with State and Federal regulations to prevent the electrocution of birds.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C09	Underground Cable Replacement Program – Reactive	Reactive cable program to replace equipment during outages on the distribution system.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C10-T1	Underground Cable Replacement Program – Proactive	Proactive replacement of at-risk underground cable that is prone to failures (UG Feeder and Branch).
SDG&E-Risk-2-C10-T3	Underground Cable Replacement Program – Proactive – North Harbor Project	Proactive infrastructure replacement of unjacketed feeder cable and collapsed ducts and system updates (SCADA switches).
SDG&E-Risk-2-C11	Tee Modernization Program	Proactive replacement of at-risk underground cable that is prone to failures.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C12	Replacement of Live Front Equipment - Reactive	Continued use of live front terminators causes risks to workers who rely on limited tools (e.g., "VCT") to operate the live equipment. As an alternative to using this equipment, switching plans can consider operating deadfront or remote operated equipment elsewhere on the system to create electric isolation for a job or for safe operation of the live front equipment, however this would likely cause unnecessary outage exposure to additional customers. If the limited switching tools are

⁷ SCADA is a system of software and hardware elements that allows industrial organizations to: Control industrial processes locally or at remote locations. Monitor, gather, and process real-time data.

RAMP ID	Activity	Description
		insufficient, workers may be dangerously exposed to live primary voltage, causing serious risks for injury or death.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C13	Replacement of Live Front Equipment - Proactive	Continued use of live front terminators causes risks to workers who rely on limited tools (e.g., "VCT") to operate the live equipment. As an alternative to using this equipment, switching plans can consider operating deadfront or remote operated equipment elsewhere on the system to create electric isolation for a job or for safe operation of the live front equipment, however this would likely cause unnecessary outage exposure to additional customers. If the limited switching tools are insufficient, workers may be dangerously exposed to live primary voltage, causing serious risks for injury or death.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C14	DOE Switch Replacement – Underground	Actively replacing "do not operate energized" (DOE) distribution switches, switch inoperability reduces electric reliability by potentially causing greater customer impact (larger area of outage impact and lower effectiveness of fault isolation/switching plan). Worker safety is at high risk for arc flash, causing injury or death, if DOE switches are not properly addressed in a timely manner.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C15	GO 165 Corrective Maintenance Program – Underground	In lieu of the existing program in place, short and long term deterioration of underground or overhead equipment could increase likelihood of asset failure (e.g., broken cable rack) and cause potential risks, including injury or death, to the public and workers. Degraded equipment would also increase volume and frequency of forced distribution outages, creating risks for public safety. As this program is mandated per GO 165, non-compliance poses risk of regulatory action, including fines. Underground connectors are inspected by infrared technology per ESP 120 (upon entry of facility) and replaced accordingly. OH switch operation, opening and closing switch for maintenance.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C16	GO 165 Manhole, Vault Restoration Program	In lieu of the existing program in place, short and long term structural deterioration of manholes and degradation of distribution switches cause potential risks, including injury or death, to the public and workers. Degraded equipment would also increase volume and frequency of forced distribution outages, creating risks for public safety. As this program is mandated per GO 165, non-compliance poses risk of regulatory action, including fines.

RAMP ID	Activity	Description
SDG&E-Risk-2-C17	Management of Underground Distribution Service (Non-CMP)	<p>This project is required to reinforce the electric underground distribution system infrastructure by responsive action to system damages, deterioration and unsafe conditions outside normal restoration of service. The overall objective is to maintain continuity of safe and reliable customer service. This project provides for the reconstruction of existing underground distribution facilities as necessary to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct improper voltage conditions • Replace overloaded overhead facilities • Make emergency repairs not normally associated with restoration of service • Repair or replace deteriorated or unsafe equipment not found through the ‘Corrective Maintenance Program’ • Install fault indicators / fusing / switching equipment as necessary to maintain service reliability
SDG&E-Risk-2-C18	Distribution Circuit Reliability	The electric service reliability will deteriorate in the absence of comprehensive remedial solutions offered by these projects, also, electric reliability performance is negatively impacted by system deficiencies and an aging infrastructure. The budget funds projects that mitigate existing electric system deficiencies, projects for system performance improvements.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C19	Minor Distribution Substation Reliability Projects	This project is for small changes to electrical distribution substation facilities. General project categories include: Safety related improvements, replacement of failed/obsolete equipment, and capital additions under \$500K. This program is required to maintain the reliability and integrity of distribution substations. The specific work required to meet safety requirements, replace obsolete or failed equipment and make necessary small capital additions is based on requests.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C20-T2	Substation Reliability for Distribution Components – Bernardo 12kV Breakers Replacements	Reliability Project to replace circuit breakers and switchgear in the substation due to aging infrastructure.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C20-T5	Substation Reliability for Distribution Components –	Reliability Project to replace circuit breakers and switchgear in the substation due to aging infrastructure.

RAMP ID	Activity	Description
	Miramar 12kV Replacements	
SDG&E-Risk-2-C20-T8	Substation Reliability for Distribution Components – Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacements	Replace aging infrastructure of a 69/12kV transformer and disconnects past the life expectancy to improve reliability.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C21	Distribution Substation Obsolete Equipment	Improve safety and reliability related to the replacement of obsolete and problematic substation equipment. SDG&E will focus primarily on distribution substation bank transformers and circuit breaker replacements. Equipment that is truly obsolete, such as equipment that cannot be maintained (no spare parts available) or that poses a safety risk will be replaced.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C22	Emergency Transformer and Switchgear	Restoration of service to distribution customers following outages caused by equipment failures by purchasing additional emergency spare and mobile equipment. Lead times for replacement units continue to be extended. This project will provide additional 69/12kV transformers and 12kV switchgear to maintain the level of spare equipment required to support the aging fleet of transformers and switchgear. SDG&E currently does not have any mobile 12kV regulators or a section of 12kV switchgear. This project will address that with the purchase of both of those items. A failure inside of any existing metal clad switchgear could result in a lengthy outage without an available mobile unit. All mobile equipment is usually connected using portable 69kV and 12kV cables this budget will allow funding to maintain the required number of portable cables required to connect all portable equipment.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C24	Urban Substation Rebuild	Rebuild substation 12kV switchgear due to historical failures.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C26	Power Quality Monitor Deployment and Replacement	Continued deployment of substation distribution bank power quality monitors that can remotely monitor and capture data that supports transmission, distribution, and substation asset management and power quality investigations. On-going use cases supports momentary or incipient fault detection, and fault location for better asset management and reliability functions.

RAMP ID	Activity	Description
SDG&E-Risk-2-C27	Distribution Substation SCADA Expansion	Installation, upgrades, and expansion of the SCADA system at SDG&E's distribution substations. Benefits of installing SCADA include faster faulted circuit identifications, faster isolation of faulted electric distribution circuits, faster load restoration when system disturbances occur and improved system performance by mitigating electric system deficiencies. Also replaces obsolete relays.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C28	Field SCADA RTU Replacement	Older SCADA Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) that support communication to distribution field devices such as switches, regulators and capacitors have poor reliability often complicating outages or requiring field crews to manually switch devices that could normally be switched remotely. Project will replace field RTUs (RMS900) which are past the end of life and over 20 yrs older and no longer supported by vendor.
SDG&E-Risk-2-C29	SCADA Capacitors	Convert existing distribution line capacitors to SCADA control to improve operability. SCADA controls will also alert utility personnel of capacitor failures and/or fuse operations. This will increase capacitor bank reliability, minimize downtime, and expedite repair work. SCADA controlled capacitor banks will provide local and remote control, failure prediction and detection, reduced operating cost, and should enhance distribution system performance through improved voltage and reactive power control. SCADA online capacitors will improve SDG&E's ability to dynamically adjust reactive power flow, which is critical to accommodating evolving technologies, including less predictable Distributed Energy Resources. SCADA controlled capacitors will also allow early indications of problems and potential failures of line capacitors.
SDG&E-Risk-2-M01	Non-HFTD Wireless Fault Indicator OH	SDG&E has 3500 manual switches outside the High Fire-Threat District (HFTD) Tier 2 and 3 areas which do not have any communication. Adding wireless fault indicators (WFI) to the conductors at these switches will allow Distribution Operators to know that there is a fault or outage downstream. This will allow an electric troubleshooter lineman to go directly to the switch, open it, and have all the customers upstream of the switch restored.
SDG&E-CFF-1-3	AIMDAT (Data Analytics)	Includes predictive machine learning models and asset health. Risk scores will continue to be developed for additional electric system assets and will be used to

RAMP ID	Activity	Description
		prioritize maintenance and replacement activities to stay informed on situations that might lead to potential outages or failures.

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2 These activities are discussed further below in Sections V.D, V.H, and V.I as well as in
3 my capital workpapers (*See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP). For additional information and a roadmap,
4 please refer to Appendix B, which contains a table identifying by workpaper the TY 2024
5 forecast dollars associated with activities in the 2021 RAMP Report that are discussed in this
6 testimony.

7 The RAMP risk mitigation efforts are associated with specific actions, such as programs,
8 projects, processes, and utilization of technology. For each of these mitigation efforts, an
9 evaluation was made to determine the portion, if any, that was already performed as part of
10 historical activities (*i.e.*, embedded base costs) and the portion, if any, that was incremental to
11 base year activities. Furthermore, for the incremental activities, a review was completed to
12 determine if any portion of incremental activity was part of the workgroup’s base forecast
13 methodology. The result is what SDG&E considers to be a true representation of incremental
14 increases over the base year.

15 My incremental request supports the ongoing management of these risks that could pose
16 significant safety, reliability, and financial consequences.

17 **C. Changes from RAMP Report**

18 As discussed in more detail in the RAMP to GRC Integration testimony of Messrs.
19 Pearson and Flores (Ex. SCG-03/SDG&E-03, Chapter 2), in the RAMP Proceeding, the
20 Commission’s Safety Policy Division (SPD) and intervenors provided feedback on the
21 Companies’ 2021 RAMP Reports. Appendix B in Ex. SCG-03/SDG&E-03, Chapter 2 provides
22 a complete list of the feedback and recommendations received and the Companies’ responses.

23 General changes to risks scores or Risk Spend Efficiency (RSE) values are primarily due
24 to changes in the Multi-Attribute Value Framework (MAVF) and RSE methodology, as
25 discussed in the RAMP to GRC Integration testimony. Other than as discussed below, the
26 RAMP-related activities described in my GRC testimony are consistent with the activities
27 presented in the 2021 RAMP Report.

28 Changes from the 2021 RAMP Report presented in my testimony, including updates to
29 forecasts and the amount and timing of planned work, are summarized as follows:

- 1 • In response to stakeholder feedback received in the RAMP Proceeding, SDG&E
2 performed additional “tranching” analysis at a more granular level for some of the
3 risk mitigations described in my testimony.⁸ SDG&E identified four new
4 tranches in this GRC applicable to the mitigations in the EII risk chapter:
5 manhole/handhole, underground distribution, overhead distribution, and
6 substation, as compared to the 2021 RAMP Report.
- 7 • Three Distribution Overhead Switch Replacement Programs (SDG&E-02-C04-
8 T1, C04-T2, and C04-T3) were presented as discrete controls in the 2021 RAMP
9 Report. For purposes of the GRC, SDG&E has incorporated those into one
10 activity.
- 11 • Two Proactive Underground Cable Replacement Programs (SDG&E-02-C10-T1
12 and C10-T2) were presented as discrete controls in the 2021 RAMP Report. For
13 purposes of the GRC, SDG&E has incorporated those into one activity.
- 14 • After the 2021 RAMP Report had been filed, SDG&E performed a detailed
15 review of its risk mitigation programs. SDG&E determined that ten additional
16 programs mitigate the EII risk including the projects of Poway 69kV Substation
17 Rebuild, San Marcos Substation 69kV Rebuild & 12kV Switchgear, Substation
18 Modification to Support Fault Location, Isolation, and Service Restoration
19 (FLISR), Torrey Pines 12kV Breaker Replacements, Granite 12kV Breaker and
20 Switchgear Replacements, El Cajon 12kV Breaker Replacements, Mission 12kV
21 Replacements, Stuart 12kV Breakers and Transformer Replacements, La Jolla
22 69/12kV Transformer Replacement, and Strategic Pole Replacement Program.
23 Accordingly, these projects are included in my testimony.
- 24 • Further, for six activities that were presented in the 2021 RAMP Report
25 (SDG&E-Risk-2, C20-T1, C20-T3, C20-T4, C20-T6, C20-T7, and C23), SDG&E
26 is not seeking funding in this GRC because the in-service date is beyond this GRC
27 forecasting period.

⁸ Decision (D.) 18-12-014 at 18, “Tranching” refers to “[a] logical disaggregation of a group of assets (physical or human) or systems into subgroups with like characteristics for purposes of risk assessment.”

- 1 • The GO 165 Pole Replacement Reinforcement mitigation was updated in the
2 GRC to reflect an expanded scope of work due to the inspections moving out of
3 the High Fire-Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3 and Tier 2 areas, resulting in
4 additional poles being replaced through this program as opposed to those within
5 the Wildfire Mitigation and Vegetation Management (Exhibit SDG&E-13).
6 Accordingly, the GRC forecasted units and costs have increased compared to the
7 2021 RAMP Report.
- 8 • The Urban Substation Rebuild mitigation was updated in the GRC to reflect
9 revised pricing for the project as design has progressed since the RAMP filing.
10 Initial scope only addressed replacement of the 12kV switchgear, however
11 additional analysis and design identified the need for expanding to the property
12 line, resulting in increased scope and permitting requirements for upper and lower
13 walls, distribution getaways with associated structures and cabling, and
14 coordination with the City of San Diego for a future adjacent park. Accordingly,
15 the GRC forecasted costs have increased compared to the 2021 RAMP Report.
- 16 • The Emergency Transformer and Switchgear mitigation was updated in the GRC
17 to reflect the procurement of additional emergency spare and mobile equipment
18 and increased costs for that equipment. Supply chain delays have resulted in
19 delivery delay to 2022 of a spare transformer that was previously scheduled to be
20 delivered and installed in 2021. An additional power transformer will be delivered
21 and installed in 2022 to backfill an existing spare transformer that was energized
22 in 2021 to replace a transformer that failed. Costs have increased for three mobile
23 12kV circuit breakers and a portable 12/4kV transformer due to higher-than-
24 anticipated bid prices from manufacturers. Accordingly, the GRC forecasted
25 costs and units have increased compared to the 2021 RAMP Report.

26 **III. SUSTAINABILITY AND SAFETY CULTURE**

27 Sustainability, safety, and reliability are the cornerstones of SDG&E's core business
28 operations and are central to SDG&E's GRC presentation. SDG&E is committed to not only
29 deliver clean, safe, and reliable electric and gas service, but to do so in a manner that supports
30 California's climate policy, adaptation, and mitigation efforts. For details related to SDG&E's
31 commitment to sustainability and climate policy please reference the Sustainability Policy

1 testimony of Estela de Llanos (Exhibit SDG&E-02). Specific information regarding Electric
2 Distribution Capital programs supporting sustainability within my testimony are described in
3 Section V.I at 14249 – SF6 Switch Replacement. In support of California Air Resources Board
4 Resolution 20-28, SDG&E is committed to reducing emission rates from its switches insulated
5 by sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) gas. A specific program has been established to remove or replace
6 these switches as it has been identified as a large contributor to greenhouse gas levels. These
7 switch replacements are more environmentally friendly and reduce the Company’s contribution
8 to greenhouse gas.

9 SDG&E’s established safety-first culture focuses on in three primary areas – public,
10 customer, and employee and contractor safety – by integrating employee training, system
11 operations and maintenance, and safe and reliable service. Electric distribution capital
12 investments are designed to meet SDG&E safety, reliability, and customer service objectives by
13 developing and implementing capital investment mitigation efforts that aggressively address
14 identified risks.

15 SDG&E’s safety culture includes a process that identifies, prioritizes, analyzes, and
16 approves capital investment projects designed to meet our safety-first culture objectives.

17 This process was formalized in 2020 when SDSG&E commenced development and
18 deployment of a Safety Management System (SMS), which aligns and integrates safety, risk,
19 assets, and emergency management across the entire organization. As discussed within my
20 testimony, SDG&E Electrical Distribution’s safety process involves several review committees
21 of peers and executives. Each committee has a charter with one or several of the objectives to
22 assess the value of these investments to customers, prioritize the spend based on several criteria
23 (including safety and risk management), evaluate mitigation proposals and alternatives, analyze
24 the rate impact, and review the risk mitigation effectiveness. Integrating this established process
25 specific to Electric Distribution with SDG&E’s enterprise-wide holistic and pro-active SMS
26 based approach to expand beyond “traditional” occupational safety principles to include asset
27 safety, system safety, cyber safety, and psychological safety provides SDG&E the ability to
28 manage and reduce risk and promote continuous learning and improvement in safety
29 performance through deliberate, routine, and intentional processes. Please see the Safety, Risk
30 and Asset Management Systems testimony of Kenneth J. Deremer (Ex. SDG&E-31) for
31 additional details on SDG&E’s SMS.

1 **IV. ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION CAPITAL PROJECT EVALUATION AND**
2 **PRIORITIZATION**

3 The projects and programs presented in my testimony are developed across many
4 different groups and departments. These projects are all reviewed, approved, and prioritized by
5 multiple cross-functional teams and committees described in more detail below.

6 **A. Capital Management Governance**

7 **1. Substation Equipment Assessment (SEA) Team**

8 The SEA Team consists of individuals from Substation Engineering and Design, Kearny
9 Maintenance and Operations, System Protection Automation & Control Engineering (SPACE),
10 and Distribution and Transmission Planning groups. The SEA Team examines transmission and
11 distribution substations and equipment for potential risks and potential failures. The team has
12 developed a forum for assessing reliability risk related to substation equipment and criteria for
13 evaluating and prioritizing the equipment for repairs and/or replacement. In some cases, larger
14 scale projects are created to address the issues identified by the SEA Team and the needs
15 identified by the planning groups. In support of daily operations, the Kearny Maintenance and
16 Operations group maintains a database to track and process key operating information that is
17 then discussed with the SEA team. The SEA Team analyzes historical data, monitors how
18 substation equipment impacts reliability indices, reviews trends related to equipment failure
19 rates, and evaluates the amount of spare equipment in inventory. These factors are used to assess
20 risk when discussed at the SEA Team meetings. Approved projects are prioritized by the team,
21 and those that exceed a dollar threshold require a second presentation and approval by the
22 Technical Review Council (TRC) in order to proceed.

23 **2. Strategic Reliability Enhancement Team (SRET)**

24 The Strategic Reliability Enhancement Team (SRET), formerly known as the Reliability
25 Assessment Team (RAT), is comprised of technical leaders from various groups in the
26 Company, including Distribution Operations, Electric Reliability, Distribution Planning, System
27 Protection & Maintenance (SPM), Electric Regional Operations (ERO), and Electric Distribution
28 Engineering (EDE). The team also consults with Substation Engineering and Design, System
29 Protection Automation & Control Engineering (SPACE), and Kearny Maintenance and
30 Operations. The SRET focuses primarily on providing strategy and guidance for continuously

1 improving distribution system reliability performance, providing integrated planning support,
2 and overseeing program budgets for approved reliability improvement projects.

3 Proposals for reliability improvement projects are presented to the SRET in the form of a
4 circuit analysis. The circuit analysis considers the reliability risks for the individual circuit,
5 options for reliability enhancements, reliability benefits for each mitigation option, and a
6 recommended approach to enhancing reliability on the circuit. After the project presentation, the
7 SRET either requests further analysis or approves the project. Approved projects are prioritized
8 by the team, and those that exceed a dollar threshold require a second presentation and approval
9 by the Technical Review Council (TRC) in order to proceed.

10 **3. Technical Review Council (TRC)**

11 Capacity and reliability capital projects that exceed a dollar threshold are reviewed by the
12 Technical Review Council (TRC). The TRC serves as a council of technical experts that assess
13 the prudence and technical merits of transmission, substation, and distribution capacity and
14 reliability projects. The TRC is made up of representatives from Electric Transmission Planning,
15 Electric Distribution Planning, Electric Distribution Engineering, Civil & Structural Engineering,
16 Substation Engineering & Design, SPACE, Transmission Engineering & Design, Electric
17 System Hardening, and Distributed Energy Resources. The TRC meets bi-weekly to review and
18 approve projects. The purpose of the TRC is to perform the following tasks:

- 19 • Analyze all projects submitted to TRC for alignment with company strategies;
- 20 • Determine whether project alternatives have been thoroughly described, assessed,
21 and prioritized to move forward and request funding;
- 22 • Determine whether project risks are reasonable and whether mitigation plans have
23 been developed to minimize project risks related to delays or project alternatives;
- 24 • Assess whether project drivers and customer impacts have been addressed within
25 the project scope; and
- 26 • Assist in prioritizing projects for the Electric Transmission & Distribution Capital
27 Steering Committee.

28 All proposed projects are scrutinized by the TRC using the guidance noted above.
29 Proposed projects that do not satisfy the criteria are either eliminated from further consideration
30 or the department is directed to explore changes or additional alternatives and bring the project
31 back to the TRC for further discussion. Projects that have been approved by the TRC are

1 reviewed by the Electric Transmission & Distribution Capital Steering Committee for
2 consideration and prioritization.

3 **4. Electric Transmission & Distribution Capital Steering Committee**

4 All projects approved by the technical teams identified above are reviewed and
5 prioritized by the Electric Transmission & Distribution Capital Steering Committee (ET&D
6 Committee) for capital budget allocations. The ET&D Committee is comprised of Directors from
7 the following functional areas: Portfolio & Project Management, Electric Engineering, Asset
8 Management, Electric System Planning & Grid Modernization, Construction Management,
9 Electric Regional Operations, Kearny Maintenance & Operations, Financial & Business
10 Planning, and Enterprise Risk Management. The primary role of the ET&D Committee is to
11 establish priorities among the internal project requests within their areas of expertise to allocate
12 the proper funding necessary to complete the highest priority work aligned with the funding
13 authorization and Company goals. Projects are first classified as Responsive, Proactive, or
14 Strategic as follows:

- 15 • Responsive projects are those where SDG&E has limited or no control over the
16 initiation, scope, schedule, and/or other aspects of the project such as service
17 restoration, reactive cable replacement, and new business. Also included is
18 anything mandated by law or regulatory decision. For example, programs
19 mandated by the CPUC are included in this category.
- 20 • Proactive projects are related to routine and planned work required to proactively
21 maintain system operations necessary to provide safe and reliable electric service.
- 22 • Strategic projects are those where the utility has flexibility over if and when the
23 project is completed. There is no specific law, regulatory directive, or operational
24 requirement that requires the project to be completed at a specific time or at all.
25 However, there can be significant benefits from these projects that would provide
26 sufficient justification for their implementation.

27 There is a validation process where the Directors review and can “challenge” the
28 categorization of specific projects or programs across different functional areas and business
29 units. Once these challenge sessions are completed, projects categorized as “Responsive” are
30 funded in alignment with historical spend as well as future year forecasts. For “Proactive” and
31 “Strategic” capital projects, SDG&E currently uses a software application called REVEAL to

1 document each project’s business purpose, description, scope, schedule, justification, and
2 estimated cost. REVEAL assists with the prioritization of these projects submitted by project
3 managers based upon the approved risk metrics. This cross-functional prioritization is further
4 scrutinized by the Directors to refine the allocation based on several additional factors including
5 project driver, stage gate (i.e., where the project is at in its lifecycle), other funding
6 considerations, and project risk and complexity. Project driver is divided into four main groups
7 below:

- 8 1. Safety and Compliance: Fire risk reduction projects, like overhead conductor
9 replacement and strategic undergrounding projects, and compliance programs like
10 the Corrective Maintenance Program (CMP) mandated by General Order (GO)
11 165.
- 12 2. Regulatory Commitment: Projects and programs committed to at a regulatory,
13 state, or federal level above and beyond or outside of the GRC, such as Power
14 Your Drive.
- 15 3. Customer-Driven: Projects initiated and completed at the request of third parties,
16 such as customers, developers, and municipalities. Includes new business,
17 customer relocations, requested conversion projects, etc.
- 18 4. Reliability & Capacity: Planned work that proactively addresses potential
19 overload conditions or continuity of service to customers.

20 Beyond establishing the annual funding allocations by project or program, the ET&D
21 Committee also monitors the monthly status of its portfolio of approved projects. Priorities are
22 adjusted, depending on whether risks are adequately being addressed, if new risks materialize
23 based on new data, and on overall funding status to maintain alignment with authorized levels
24 and company priorities. A project manager is assigned to each project and is responsible for the
25 documentation submitted through the review processes of the planning committees. Each capital
26 project or program is assigned a unique budget code number. While many projects are
27 “individual” or “specific” projects, there are also “blanket” programs that continue from year to
28 year and encompass many related, smaller capital projects.

29 For additional details and context around the various projects and programs, please see
30 Section V of my testimony.

1 **V. ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION CAPITAL FORECASTS BY CATEGORY**

2 Electric distribution plant additions on SDG&E’s system include capital projects to
3 construct or modify facilities for the distribution of electricity at 12,000 volts (12kV) and below,
4 projects to construct or modify facilities that transform energy from transmission voltage levels
5 to distribution voltage levels, and projects to improve safety and system reliability. Protective
6 relaying, circuit breakers, substation switchgear, and associated equipment for distribution
7 substations and equipment on the 12kV and below systems are also included in the electric
8 distribution plant additions. For an overall description of the electric distribution system, please
9 see the Electric Distribution O&M testimony of Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

10 Electric distribution capital projects are driven by safety and risk management, reliability,
11 capacity needs, and customer requests or system needs, such as new customer requests for
12 service, SDG&E’s Tariff Rule 20 conversions, public street or highway relocations, compliance
13 and system growth. As customer requests are received or needs are identified, resource
14 requirements are estimated and those jobs are reviewed. If approved, these jobs are included in a
15 category of similar types of jobs, characterized by the principal priority (*e.g.*, new business).
16 Likewise, capital work driven by the need for existing system replacement, reinforcement, and
17 reliability issues is grouped into general project designations with other like projects (*e.g.*, cable
18 replacement). Other capital work projects that are generally driven by the need for additional
19 capacity (such as new circuits and transformer banks) and those with estimated costs exceeding a
20 high dollar threshold are identified by their own specific capital project designations.

21 The project Capital Budget Documentation (CBD) may include more than one category
22 of capital expenditures within the authorization for expenditures, including transmission-related
23 expenses. The CBD may identify transmission-related costs for each project, but those costs are
24 not included in SDG&E’s GRC request. The total costs presented reflect the sum of all
25 forecasted costs authorized on the CBDs, with an adjustment to exclude transmission-related
26 (FERC-jurisdictional) costs. For example, on a particular transmission project, the distribution
27 work may account for less than 10% of the total project cost. This request would exclude the
28 other approximately 90% of costs that are covered by FERC transmission rates. Similarly,
29 current projects planned for SDG&E’s transmission system and substations contain components
30 of work on the distribution network. In these cases, my testimony supports a request for the
31 portion of the project expenditures associated with the distribution network.

1 While there are several factors tied to the increase in forecasted costs, heightened
2 regulations continue to be implemented that add to the cost of capital projects. One example is
3 the requirement for environmental monitors who possess specific skill sets, education, and
4 expertise to be present during construction activities and to oversee and provide direction for
5 work that may affect environmental resources, including archaeological resources, Native
6 American artifacts and burial sites, biological nesting, hydro-modification requirements, and
7 hauling construction waste to special material sites. These monitors enforce regulations, which
8 require modifications to designs to promote compliance during construction. Because of
9 increasing regulations, SDG&E expects these expenses to continue and increase. Storm Water
10 Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) requirements by Federal, State and Municipal jurisdictions
11 also affect costs and time spent on the job. These SWPPP expenses can increase significantly
12 due to the new State regulations. Training of crews is now required, and ongoing costs are
13 expected to increase as contractors must comply with new and evolving requirements.

14 SDG&E requests approval of a Litigated Project Costs Memorandum Account (LPCMA)
15 to record the capital costs for projects that are intended to qualify as a collectible project to be
16 recovered from third-party customers instead of ratepayers, but later are deemed by a court to be
17 non-collectible from third-parties customers.⁹ Such a situation may arise in the context of utility
18 disputes with public entities over who should pay for the relocation of utility facilities
19 necessitated by municipal or other public entity projects, such as water, sewer, or transit projects.
20 For instance, while the utility may argue in a litigated proceeding that the public entity should
21 bear the relocation costs, courts may rule otherwise.

22 If a court rules that a utility must bear the costs of the activity – effectively deeming the
23 costs as non-collectible – SDG&E will record to the LPCMA any historical capital-related costs
24 (*i.e.*, depreciation, return, and taxes) based on the timing of when the project went into service,
25 no earlier than the effective date of SDG&E’s TY 2024 GRC Decision. For example, if a court
26 rules a project is non-collectible in late 2024 and it had gone into service in 2023, capital-related

⁹ Collectible costs are costs that SDG&E expects to collect from third-parties (*i.e.*, not to be collected from ratepayers). For example, in some situations, a local governmental entity (*e.g.*, San Diego) may be responsible for certain costs associated with relocating utility infrastructure as part of a development project. In this example, such costs are considered collectible because they are to be collected from the city. Non-collectible costs are costs that are not expected to be collected from a third-party and instead are treated as costs to be collected from ratepayers.

1 costs would be recorded to the LPCMA as of January 1, 2024, or the effective date of the TY
2 2024 GRC. Memorandum account treatment for these costs is reasonable and just as it will
3 allow SDG&E the opportunity to litigate, where appropriate, whether the third-party customer
4 should bear the costs at issue, while preserving the ability to later seek recovery of the
5 incremental capital-related costs from ratepayers associated with projects that can no longer be
6 collected from a third-party customer, if the litigation proves unsuccessful.

7 SDG&E would not record revenue requirement prior to any ruling for tracking purposes
8 and would treat it as a collectible project consistent with its understanding. If thereafter a court
9 rules that the utility must bear the costs of the activity – effectively deeming the costs as non-
10 collectible – SDG&E proposes to record any historical revenue requirement associated with the
11 project based on the timing of when the project went into service, no earlier than January 1,
12 2024. Any costs recorded to the memo account would be subject to a reasonableness review
13 prior to inclusion in rates and rate base. Additionally, costs recorded in the LPCMA may be
14 addressed in a GRC or other applicable proceeding. SDG&E seeks authorization for the
15 LPCMA in this GRC to avoid the prohibition against retro-active ratemaking, and therefore,
16 requests Commission approval of the LPCMA. Refer to Mr. Kupfersmid’s Regulatory
17 Accounts testimony for details on the LPCMA (Exhibit SDG&E-43).

18 To continue to provide safe and reliable service, while mitigating associated risks,
19 SDG&E requests the Commission adopt forecast non-collectible capital costs of \$431,297,000,
20 \$520,599,000, and \$416,276,000 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 respectively.¹⁰

21 Table OR-5 summarizes the total capital forecasts for 2022, 2023, and 2024 by Category.
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¹⁰ Please refer to my capital workpapers, Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP, for additional information about the activities described herein. Each capital workpaper includes a Summary of Adjustments to Forecast section and workpaper details that separate the portion that is forecasted to be ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) and the portion anticipated to be collected from third parties (Collectible), if applicable. The Collectible portion is necessary for calculating the proper allocation of overhead amounts to these projects, but the fully loaded Collectible amounts are not included in the requested revenue requirement.

TABLE OR-5
Capital Expenditures Summary of Forecasts by Category

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION (In 2021 \$)			
Categories of Management	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
A. CAPACITY/EXPANSION	23,793	21,442	17,977
B. EQUIP/TOOLS/MISC	2,542	2,542	2,542
C. FRANCHISE	44,112	70,370	88,512
D. MANDATED	31,943	33,761	33,761
E. MATERIALS	28,827	30,255	31,755
F. NEW BUSINESS	69,603	60,381	58,435
G. OVERHEAD POOLS	169,428	196,603	152,003
H. RELIABILITY/IMPROVEMENTS	77,681	130,398	68,343
I. SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT	22,310	32,343	33,025
J. DER INTEGRATION	0	0	0
K. TRANSMISSION/FERC DRIVEN	12,689	12,331	11,185
Total CAPITAL	482,928	590,426	497,537
NON-COLLECTIBLE (NC)	438,049	532,595	425,949
COLLECTIBLE (CO)	44,879	57,831	71,588

A. CAPACITY/EXPANSION

TABLE OR-6¹¹
Summary of Capacity/Expansion Forecasts

A. CAPACITY/EXPANSION (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
NON-COLLECTIBLE (NC)	22,566	20,215	16,750
COLLECTIBLE (CO)	1,227	1,227	1,227
Total CAPITAL	23,793	21,442	17,977

1. Introduction

Every year, SDG&E conducts an annual Distribution Planning Process (DPP). This process accounts for requests for new service (“known loads”) as well as forecast loads, identifies the locations on SDG&E’s distribution system where existing and planned distribution

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1 infrastructure needs to be upgraded in order to mitigate system overloads, and determines the
2 specific upgrades that will cost-effectively address the identified distribution needs.

3 The 2024 GRC will utilize data from the most recently completed 2021 Distribution
4 Planning Process (DPP), which uses the 2019 Mid-Low CEC IEPR 1-in-10 adverse weather peak
5 load forecast and incorporates the California Energy Commission's (CEC's) forecast of load
6 modifying components such as Additional Achievable Energy Efficiency, transportation
7 electrification loads, and Behind-The-Meter (BTM) solar photovoltaic and storage additions.
8 These loads are disaggregated to individual circuits and buses using sophisticated economic and
9 geospatial modeling technology. The primary drivers for distribution upgrades identified
10 through the annual DPP are anticipated thermal overloads, unacceptable voltage, and the need
11 for back-tie capability.

12 Distribution capital requirements are linked requests for new distribution service (e.g.,
13 new customers) and to forecast load growth; but year-over-year requirements are not necessarily
14 proportional to the year-over-year changes in anticipated loads. Variations are due to the
15 specific locations of the anticipated loads and the challenges of upgrading the distribution system
16 in those locations. As the population within the SDG&E service territory grows and urban land
17 utilization is maximized or priced at a premium, increased greenfield commercial and residential
18 construction in rural areas is forecasted to occur, potentially leading to increases in customer
19 numbers and load growth. To accommodate these load increases, SDG&E must add circuits and
20 substations to augment the outlying infrastructure. Construction in these areas can be
21 challenging due to difficulty of obtaining rights-of-way and rugged terrain. Challenges are also
22 present in densely populated urban areas where distribution upgrades must coexist with other
23 underground utilities and space is at a premium.

24 Customer growth forecasts, requests for new service, per-customer demand forecasts, and
25 distribution substation assessments are all used to develop the best estimates of future capital
26 requirements for electrical distribution capacity. SDG&E's Electric Customer Forecast projects
27 a compound annual growth rate of 0.9% from 2021 to 2024. Refer to the Electric Customer
28 Forecast testimony by Kenneth E. Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40).

29 An essential element of the planning process is evaluating peak loads. Peak load
30 evaluations consider weather conditions, distribution-level generation, and operational changes
31 that may have taken place during peak conditions. This evaluation considers hourly load and

1 generation profiles at the circuit and bus levels to fully assess the peak load for which capacity
2 relief projects will be needed. After the peak load is established, and weather factors along with
3 forecasted growth applied, the existing capacity of substations and field equipment is then
4 evaluated against the forecasted peak power flows on the circuits and substation busses.

5 SDG&E forecasts projected loads on each circuit and substation within the system on an
6 annual basis, utilizing real-time data and incorporating the estimated impact of net energy
7 metering (NEM) customers, which results in potentially reducing or shifting the peak. Planning
8 forecasts consider historical growth rates, adjusted recorded loads, identification of large project
9 developments, new load additions submitted, and local economic conditions. Forecasts for both
10 substations and circuits are established for a ten-year planning window. For short-term planning
11 forecasts (roughly one to two years), site-specific customer load additions are considered.

12 SDG&E evaluates load forecasts against system capabilities to determine whether system
13 modifications are required. Planning studies are performed on radial circuits as part of this
14 evaluation. This analysis often includes computer simulations or power flow analysis to model
15 both peak and contingency situations. Once a piece of equipment is projected to exceed
16 allowable limits, SDG&E reviews and considers alternative system modifications. Various
17 project alternatives are considered, including reconfiguring the system, installing new facilities,
18 and modifying existing facilities, as appropriate. Substations are evaluated to minimize risk,
19 such that thermal loading limits for transformers, breakers, conductor capacities, and other
20 substation equipment are not exceeded.

21 SDG&E evaluates every piece of equipment during the distribution planning process,
22 from the low side of transmission-distribution transformers, through every substation bus and
23 low-side breaker and distribution line. SDG&E evaluates equipment not only to determine
24 adequate capacity, but also to maintain appropriate voltages established in SDG&E's Tariff Rule
25 2 (Description of Service) during steady state and contingency situations. This evaluation
26 considers operating criteria for transformers and other equipment that prevent equipment damage
27 due to thermal overload, established criteria for normal load and for emergency conditions (if
28 applicable for the associated equipment flagged), and equipment limits established by the
29 manufacturer of the equipment (including ratings related to maximum load current, voltage, and
30 fault current). Since substation transformer designs vary by manufacturer, the criteria for
31 substation capacity are substation and transformer-specific.

1 To account for possible generation outages, SDG&E models large distribution-level
2 generators as off-line during peak periods. Large distribution generation is considered any
3 generation larger than 500kW. This approach is necessary because the distribution generation on
4 the distribution system does not contain any physical assurance or a guarantee of performance by
5 the customer. Applying this method allows SDG&E to evaluate a worst-case condition for large
6 units, which could potentially cause problems for the distribution system when taken off-line for
7 scheduled maintenance or for internal issues outside of SDG&E's control. This method assists
8 with determining whether the generation could possibly affect the reliability, safety, and power
9 quality of the system.

10 Capacity projects typically consist of load transfers, reconductors, circuit extensions, new
11 circuits, and substations to mitigate the capacity deficiency. The Distribution Substation projects
12 include the expansion of existing substations (*e.g.*, substation bank additions) or the construction
13 of new substations. Since the mix of optimum solutions to projected deficiencies can vary
14 annually, distribution capacity expenditures for circuits and substations are managed and
15 forecasted collectively. This allows for efficient allocation of capital as required to meet forecast
16 load-growth needs.

17 As part of complying with Public Utilities Code Section 353.5, during the DPP SDG&E
18 assesses distributed energy resources (DERs) as potential cost-effective alternatives to traditional
19 wire solutions. As with traditional wires solutions, DERs must have the ability to deliver safe
20 and reliable distribution service.

21 For additional details on DER integration projects, please refer to the Clean Energy
22 Innovations testimony of Fernando Valero (Exhibit SDG&E-15).

23 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
24 in each budget code below.

25 **2. 209 – Field Shunt Capacitors**

26 **a. Description**

27 The forecasts for Field Shunt Capacitors for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$695 thousand,
28 \$695 thousand, and \$695 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to
29 continue through the test year.

30 This blanket budget code provides funding for shunt capacitors to be installed on electric
31 distribution circuits in accordance with SDG&E standards. Reactive power requirements

1 increase with load growth, and shunt capacitors improve the power factor and reduce the ampere
2 loading on distribution circuits, substation transformers, transmission lines, and generators.
3 Capacitors installed on distribution circuits also improve system voltage and voltage control on
4 both distribution circuits and transmission lines. These projects are required to achieve the
5 present design standard of 0.995 (lagging) power factor at the substation bus and to maintain this
6 standard in future years. This program is also required to provide funding for relocating existing
7 capacitors that do not comply with SDG&E current standards in capacitor placement.

8 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
9 at section 002090 – Field Shunt Capacitors.

10 **b. Forecast Method**

11 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a five-year average based on
12 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
13 year. The five-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over a
14 longer period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within this
15 budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. Projects in this budget code are
16 similar in scope.

17 **c. Cost Drivers**

18 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is voltage support and
19 voltage control of the electrical system.

20 **3. 228 – Reactive Small Capital Projects**

21 **a. Description**

22 The forecasts of Reactive Small Capital Projects for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.258
23 million, \$1.258 million, and \$1.258 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is
24 expected to continue through the test year.

25 This blanket program provides funding for Reactive Small Capital Projects that are
26 required to address primary distribution system overloads, voltage related issues, and meeting
27 and maintaining current SDG&E design standards that require quick modifications to the system.
28 It is intended for projects that are not part of the distribution planning process. This type of
29 project often requires a short turnaround time to address the system needs.

1 These projects provide the reconstruction, extension, and cutover of overhead and
2 underground distribution facilities to replace overloaded conductors and correct primary voltage
3 problems.

4 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
5 at section 002280 – Reactive Small Capital Projects.

6 **b. Forecast Method**

7 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a five-year average based on
8 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
9 year. The five-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over a
10 longer period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within this
11 budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. Projects in this budget are
12 small in scope.

13 **c. Cost Drivers**

14 The underlying cost driver associated with this program are to replace overloaded
15 equipment to correct primary voltage problems and to transfer load to balance circuits and
16 substations.

17 **4. 1295 – Load Research/DLP Electric Metering Project**

18 **a. Description**

19 The forecast for the Load Research/DLP Electric Metering Project for 2022, 2023, and
20 2024 are \$392 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project
21 in-service by 2022.

22 SDG&E plans to install 600 load research smart meters by the end of 2022 to collect data
23 that will be utilized to conduct an analysis of the impact of rooftop solar and electric vehicle
24 charging interconnected to the system. The installation of these non-billing meters will provide
25 15-minute interval data into the Company’s data systems.

26 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company’s goal of excellent service to
27 its customers. Solar generation data has been gathered by the Load Research team via a sample
28 size of sub-meters for approximately ten years supporting strategic efforts, long-term forecasting
29 models, electric energy and capacity procurement, and has also been utilized by the California
30 Energy Commission (CEC) and in Net Energy Metering (NEM) Reform proceedings. Accurate
31 forecasts that incorporate solar production minimize under and over procurement, as well as

1 contribute to setting appropriate rates. The solar generation data gathered by the existing sub-
2 meters is a crucial input to SDG&E's dynamic load profiles, mandated by the CPUC, which is
3 used for California Independent System Operator (CAISO) settlement by Energy Service
4 Providers (ESPs) and Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), in addition to being used
5 internally to support forecasting and strategic analysis. It is necessary to supplement this sample
6 periodically due to an evolving population and sample deterioration. The last time SDG&E
7 installed rooftop solar sub- meters was in 2016, and SDG&E has seen a significant increase in
8 residential rooftop solar adoption since then, putting at risk the accuracy of the existing sub-
9 meters. Attrition has led to a reduced number of rooftop solar measuring sub-meters versus what
10 was originally installed, which is due to panel upgrades and customer requests to have the
11 research meter removed. In addition, SDG&E does not currently have electric vehicle
12 representative sub-meters, thus limiting the data available for multiple electric vehicle analysis
13 including the statewide IOU EV load study, electrification analysis support, forecasted demands,
14 and others.

15 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
16 at section 012950 – Load Research/DLP Electric Metering Project.

17 **b. Forecast Method**

18 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
19 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
20 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
21 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
22 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
23 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Load/Research/DLP Electric Metering program
24 largely because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating
25 current and future costs. Forecasting for much of this program relies on scopes of work and
26 estimates originating from vendor/contractor quotations and would not benefit from historical
27 cost analysis.

28 **c. Cost Drivers**

29 The underlying cost driver associated with this project is to have sufficient data for
30 researching, analyzing, and concluding impacts on SDG&E's electric grid and rates from rooftop

1 solar and electric vehicle charging. The costs include both hardware such as meters, adapters,
2 and wiring, as well as the installation labor.

3 **5. 8253 – Distribution Capacitors**

4 **a. Description**

5 The forecasts of Substation 12kV Capacitor Upgrades for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
6 \$1.722 million, \$1.283 million, and \$1.285 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
7 that is expected to continue through the test year.

8 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company’s goal of providing quality
9 service to customers. This program is to improve load power factor at the substations, decrease
10 loading of the distribution transformers to delay the need for future bank additions, decrease
11 loading of the transmission system to delay the need for line and bulk power transformer
12 upgrades, upgrade obsolete equipment, improve transmission voltage profile during heavy load
13 conditions, and improve customer power quality. Projects are selected according to reactive
14 power deficiencies identified by Grid Operations during system studies. These deficiencies are
15 primarily due to poor power factor at distribution substations. Substation and distribution line
16 capacitors being out of service or operating improperly contribute to this situation. Adding new
17 substation capacitor banks, replacing obsolete substation capacitor banks, and adding monitoring
18 of substation capacitor banks can all contribute to improving the electric system operation by:

- 19 • Improving the profile of transmission voltage, delaying or eliminating the need
20 for transmission capacitors
- 21 • Improving the customer power quality by adding capacitors in a 2x3600 kVAR
22 two-step configuration instead of a single 6000 kVAR one-step configuration
- 23 • Significantly decreasing the apparent power loading on the distribution
24 transformers, transmission lines, and bulk power transformers by improving the
25 load power factor, which delays the need for system upgrades

26 Replacing existing single step capacitor banks at selected substations with banks of
27 increased capacity and adding switched capacitor banks will help correct the power factor at the
28 substation. This equipment will help control the reactive power flow at the substation and
29 increase the transmission voltages under heavy load conditions. This program’s forecast reflects
30 installing an annual average of four capacitor banks to the system.

1 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
2 at section 082530 – Substation 12kV Capacitor Upgrades.

3 **b. Forecast Method**

4 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
5 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
6 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
7 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
8 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
9 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for the Distribution Capacitor program largely
10 because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current
11 and future costs. Forecasting for much of this program relies on specific scopes of work and
12 estimates originating from vendor / contractor quotations and would not benefit from historical
13 cost analysis.

14 **c. Cost Drivers**

15 The underlying cost driver for this capital program is to maintain voltage stability and
16 improve power factor by replacing substation single-step capacitor banks where the power factor
17 is below minimum requirements. Additionally, in the past funds were shifted to emergent and/or
18 higher priority projects and the forecasts account for that reduced historical work done as well as
19 ensuring SDG&E can meet future targets/demands.

20 **6. 8260 – Chollas West: New 12kV Circuit C1047**

21 **a. Description**

22 The forecast of Chollas West-New 12kV circuit 1047 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
23 \$1.452 million, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in-service
24 by 2022.

25 The purpose of this project is to install a new circuit (C1047) at the Chollas West
26 substation to relieve other heavily loaded circuits and substation equipment. Load from the
27 heavily loaded circuits and substation equipment will be transferred to this new circuit. This
28 project will install 11,000 feet of cable, trench and install 2,600 feet of conduit, install three
29 switches, and install one capacitor bank. This project will mitigate forecasted overloads on
30 circuits C160 and C166 and on Streamview Bank 3031.

1 Remaining work in 2022 includes installation of 11,000 feet of cable, installing three
2 switches, and one capacitor bank.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
4 at section 082600- Chollas West – New 12kV C1047.

5 **b. Forecast Method**

6 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
7 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
8 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
9 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
10 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
11 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for New 12kV Circuit C1047 largely because it does
12 not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current and future costs.
13 Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

14 **c. Cost Drivers**

15 The underlying cost driver associated with this project is to eliminate overloads and
16 heavily loaded equipment by constructing a new circuit to transfer existing and additional load.

17 **7. 18252 – Imperial Beach: New 12kV Circuit C724**

18 **a. Description**

19 The forecast of Imperial Beach New 12kV Circuit C724 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
20 \$653 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in-service
21 by 2022.

22 The purpose of this project is to install a new 12kV circuit (C724) at Imperial Beach
23 substation. The forecast of new load in the Imperial Beach/Coronado area will result in
24 overloading the existing circuit (C376) and this new circuit will mitigate these new additional
25 loads. The project will install 8,500 feet of cable, trench and install 7,700 feet of conduit, two
26 switches and one capacitor bank.

27 Remaining work in 2022 includes installing 200 feet of cable and trenching 100 feet of
28 conduit.

29 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
30 at section 182520 – C724 IB: New 12kV Circuit.

1 **b. Forecast Method**

2 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
3 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
4 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
5 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
6 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
7 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Imperial Beach: New 12kV Circuit C724 largely
8 because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current
9 and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

10 **c. Cost Drivers**

11 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads by
12 constructing a new circuit to transfer existing and additional load.

13 **8. 18261 – Vine: New 12kV Circuit C1480**

14 **a. Description**

15 The forecast of Vine: New 12kV Circuit C1480 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$4.333
16 million, \$311 thousand, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in-
17 service by 2023.

18 The purpose of this project is to install a 12kV circuit at the Vine substation. The new
19 circuit will accommodate load growth in the area. The project will install approximately 6,300
20 feet cable, trench approximately 3,000 feet of conduit, install four switches, and install one
21 capacitor. Existing circuit C105 is projected to be overloaded with a new load in the Morena
22 area and the installation of a new circuit in conjunction with transferring load from C105 is the
23 most feasible solution for accommodating the additional specific new load.

24 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
25 at section 18261A – C1480 VN: New Circuit C1480.

26 **b. Forecast Method**

27 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
28 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
29 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
30 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
31 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as

1 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Vine: New 12kV Circuit C1480 largely because
2 it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current and future
3 costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

4 **c. Cost Drivers**

5 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to accommodate a new
6 specific load addition by constructing a new circuit.

7 **9. 19256 – Carlton Hills: New 12kV Circuit C1191**

8 **a. Description**

9 The forecast of Carlton Hills: New 12kV Circuit C1191 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0,
10 \$3.226 million, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in-service by
11 2023.

12 The purpose of this project is to install a new 12kV circuit at the Carlton Hills substation
13 to relieve forecasted overloading on an existing circuit (C280) due to new load in the area. The
14 project will install 4,800 feet of cable, trench and install 3,600 feet of conduit, and three
15 switches. The installation of a new circuit in conjunction with transferring load is the most
16 feasible solution to allow future growth in the area.

17 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
18 at section 192560 – C1119 CH: New 12kV Circuit.

19 **b. Forecast Method**

20 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
21 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
22 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
23 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
24 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
25 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Carlton Hills: New 12kV Circuit C1191 largely
26 because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current
27 and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

28 **c. Cost Drivers**

29 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads by
30 constructing a new circuit to transfer existing and additional load.

1 **10. 20247 – Planned Investments (Capacity)**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecast of Planned Investments for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$3.536 million, \$3.536
4 million, and \$3.536 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to
5 continue through the test year.

6 This blanket budget code provides funding for planned small capacity-driven capital
7 projects. These projects are new planned investments to address system needs identified through
8 the annual distribution planning process. These projects are required to address primary
9 distribution system overloads, voltage related issues and meeting and maintaining current
10 SDG&E design standards.

11 These projects generally involve the reconstruction and extension of existing overhead
12 and underground distribution facilities to relieve overloaded conductors and correct primary
13 voltage problems.

14 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
15 at section 202470 – Planned Investments (Capacity).

16 **b. Forecast Method**

17 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
18 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
19 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
20 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
21 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
22 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Planned Investments (Capacity) largely because
23 it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current and future
24 costs. This is a new budget code that will capture small projects identified on the annual
25 distribution planning process.

26 **c. Cost Drivers**

27 The underlying cost driver associated with this new budget code is to eliminate existing
28 or forecasted overloads and voltage related issues by reconstructing, extending, and transferring
29 load between existing circuits.

1 **11. 20252 – Old Town: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C493**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecast of Old Town: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C493 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
4 \$1.744 million, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in-service
5 by 2022.

6 The purpose of this project is to reconduct circuit C493 at Old Town substation to
7 address a forecasted overload due to new load in the area. Reconducting this circuit will
8 increase its load carrying capacity which will mitigate overloading on the circuit. The project
9 will install 6,700 feet of cable, and trench and install 1,700 feet of conduit.

10 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
11 at section 20252A – C493 OT: Reconductor.

12 **b. Forecast Method**

13 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
14 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
15 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
16 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
17 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
18 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Old Town: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C493
19 largely because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating
20 current and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

21 **c. Cost Drivers**

22 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads and
23 heavily loaded equipment by reconducting as a result of new load in the area.

24 **12. 20260 –East Gate: New 12kV Circuit C1154**

25 **a. Description**

26 The forecast of East Gate: 12kV Circuit C1154 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$2.184
27 million, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in-service by
28 2022.

29 The purpose of this project is to install a new 12kV Circuit (C1154) at East Gate
30 substation to address overloading of multiple circuits and equipment associated with forecasted
31 new load in the area. The project will install 9,900 feet of cable, trench and install 3,800 feet of

1 conduit, install one switch, and install one capacitor bank. The new circuit will relieve
2 overloading on circuits C272 and C744 and the Genesee 12kV East Bus.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
4 at section 202600 – C1154 EG Offload GE3233.

5 **b. Forecast Method**

6 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
7 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
8 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
9 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
10 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
11 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for East Gate: New 12kV Circuit C1154 largely
12 because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current
13 and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

14 **c. Cost Drivers**

15 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads by
16 constructing a new circuit to cut over the additional load.

17 **13. 21246 – Creelman: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C235**

18 **a. Description**

19 The forecast of Creelman: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C235 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
20 \$81 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in-service
21 by 2022.

22 The purpose of this project is to reconductor circuit C235 at Creelman substation to
23 relieve overloading associated with forecasted new load in the area. The project will replace 850
24 feet of cable.

25 Remaining work in 2022 is for trailing charges to close out the project.

26 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
27 at section 212460 – C235 CRE: Reconductor.

28 **b. Forecast Method**

29 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
30 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
31 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed

1 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
2 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
3 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Creelman: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C235
4 largely because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating
5 current and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

6 **c. Cost Drivers**

7 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads and
8 heavily loaded equipment by reconductoring as a result of new load in the area.

9 **14. 21247 – Point Loma: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C50 & Capacitor**

10 **a. Description**

11 The forecast of Point Loma: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C50 and install a new Capacitor
12 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$597 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build
13 and place this project in-service by 2022.

14 The purpose of this project is to reconductor existing 12kV circuit C50 at Point Loma
15 substation to relieve overloading associated with forecasted new load in the area. The project
16 will replace 1,800 feet of cable and install one capacitor bank.

17 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* SDG&E-11-CWP at
18 section 212470 – C50 PTL: Reconductor and Capacitor.

19 **b. Forecast Method**

20 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
21 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
22 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
23 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
24 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
25 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Point Loma: Reconductor 12kV Circuit C50 &
26 Capacitor largely because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of
27 estimating current and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

28 **c. Cost Drivers**

29 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads by
30 reconductoring as a result of new load in the area.

1 **15. 21248 – Vine: 12 kV Circuit C139 Cutover to C138**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecast of Vine: 12kV Circuit C139 Cutover to C138 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
4 \$336 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place in service by 2022.

5 The purpose of this project is to transfer load from circuit C139 at Vine substation to
6 circuit C138 at Vine substation to relieve overloading on C139 due to forecasted new load in the
7 area. Remaining work in 2022 includes installing 1000 feet of cable and one switch.

8 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
9 at section 212480 – C139 VN: Cutover to C138.

10 **b. Forecast Method**

11 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
12 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
13 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
14 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
15 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
16 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Vine: 12 kV Circuit C139 Cutover to C138
17 largely because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating
18 current and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

19 **c. Cost Drivers**

20 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads by
21 constructing a tie to offload as a result of new load in the area.

22 **16. 21251 – Border: New 12kV Circuit C1162**

23 **a. Description**

24 The forecast of Border: New 12kV Circuit C1162 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$689
25 thousand, \$1.117 million, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in-
26 service by 2023.

27 The purpose of this project is to install a new 12kV circuit (C1162) at Border substation
28 to relieve overloading on circuit C536 associated with forecasted new load in the area. The
29 project will reconductor 5,700 feet of wire, trench and install 450 feet of conduit, and install one
30 switch.

1 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
2 at section 21251A – C1162 BD: New C1162.

3 **b. Forecast Method**

4 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
5 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
6 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
7 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
8 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
9 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Border: New 12kV Circuit C1162 largely
10 because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current
11 and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

12 **c. Cost Drivers**

13 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads by
14 constructing a new circuit to transfer existing and additional load.

15 **17. 21258 – Sampson: New 12kV Twin Circuit C369**

16 **a. Description**

17 The forecast of Sampson: New 12kV Twin Circuit C369 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
18 \$617 thousand, \$116 thousand, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this
19 project in-service by 2023.

20 The purpose of this project is to install a new 12kV twin circuit C369 at Sampson
21 substation to relieve overloading on an existing circuit associated with forecasted new load in the
22 area. The project will reconductor 2,500 feet of cable, trench and install 100 feet of conduit,
23 install one switch, and install one capacitor.

24 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
25 at section 212580 – C369 S: New 12kV Twin Circuit.

26 **b. Forecast Method**

27 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
28 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
29 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
30 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
31 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as

1 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Sampson: New 12kV Twin Circuit C369 largely
2 because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current
3 and future costs. Forecasting for this project relies on a specific scope.

4 **c. Cost Drivers**

5 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to eliminate overloads by
6 constructing a new circuit to transfer existing and additional load.

7 **18. 21276 – Future Capacity Projects**

8 **a. Description**

9 The forecast of planned investments for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0, \$6.396 million, and
10 \$7.699 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through
11 the test year.

12 The forecasts for this budget code are to support future large-scale distribution system
13 capacity improvement projects exceeding a specified dollar threshold and will be fully scoped
14 within the 2023 and 2024 distribution planning process. Projects that require specific budgets
15 can only be developed when enough data is available to substantiate individual circuit or
16 substation projects and after completion of the annual planning cycle. Smaller projects with
17 forecasts below the threshold are managed out of the blanket programs.

18 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
19 at section 212760 – Future Capacity Projects.

20 **b. Forecast Method**

21 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
22 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
23 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
24 from anticipated scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on
25 construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details,
26 as applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for Future Capacity Projects budget code because
27 it does not have historical costs, however past jobs with similar size and complexity were used to
28 determine forecasts for future years.

1 **c. Cost Drivers**

2 The underlying cost driver associated with this program is to mitigate overloaded circuits
3 and banks that are identify during the distribution planning process and have not been identified
4 as an individual capital project.

5 **19. 97248 – Distribution System Capacity Improvement**

6 **a. Description**

7 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecast of the Distribution System Capacity
8 Improvement program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$2.277 million, \$2.277 million, and \$2.277
9 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test
10 year.

11 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
12 for additional capacity, sectionalizing capability, and benefits for small project upgrades to the
13 distribution system. It provides funding for additional reliability on the distribution system,
14 including reducing high customer counts. Projects identified within this program are small in
15 cost, have a quick turnaround time, and can consist of minor modifications or upgrades to the
16 distribution system.

17 Construction may include feeder and branch reconductoring, installation of appropriate
18 switches, and other equipment as necessary to increase the tie capacity and sectionalizing of the
19 distribution system for reliability and operating concerns. This program may also include
20 projects to install infrastructure for future circuit projects in conjunction with road
21 improvements, transmission system upgrades or other upgrade activities. This program is
22 needed to maintain reliability and sectionalizing tie capacity.

23 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
24 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

25 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
26 at section 972480 – Distribution System Capacity Improvement.

27 **b. Forecast Method**

28 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
29 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
30 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
31 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within

1 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. The three-year historical
2 average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future
3 costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs. Projects in this budget are small in
4 scope.

5 **c. Cost Drivers**

6 The underlying cost driver associated with this budget code is to add system and
7 sectionalizing capability to enhance reliability on the distribution system, including reducing
8 high customer counts.

9 **B. EQUIPMENT/TOOLS**

10 **TABLE OR-7**
11 **Summary of Equipment/Tools Forecasts**

B. EQUIP/TOOLS/MISC (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
Total CAPITAL	2,542	2,542	2,542

12
13 **1. Introduction**

14 This cost category is to purchase new electric distribution tools and equipment required
15 for field personnel to safely and effectively construct, inspect, operate, and maintain the electric
16 distribution system including those within substation facilities. Having the proper tools and
17 equipment will help increase safety, improve reliability, and meet regulatory compliance
18 requirements.

19 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
20 in each budget code below.

21 **2. 106 – Electric Transmission Tools & Equipment**

22 **a. Description**

23 The forecasts for Electric Transmission Tools & Equipment for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
24 \$443 thousand, \$443 thousand, and \$443 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program
25 that is expected to continue through the test year.

26 Specialized tools and testing equipment are necessary to properly inspect and operate
27 substation facilities consisting of transmission and distribution pieces of equipment. The tools
28 purchased through this program are allocated between FERC and CPUC, however the forecasted

1 costs provide funding for the distribution component. Failure to replace deteriorated or obsolete
2 tools and testing equipment will decrease productivity, create exposure to accidents, and will
3 forgo benefits associated with improved technologies for equipment condition monitoring or
4 diagnosis.

5 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
6 *section 001060 – Electric Transmission Tools & Equipment.*

7 **b. Forecast Method**

8 The forecast method developed for this cost category is base-year. The expenditures for
9 2021 reflect recent changes in this program and is the best representation of the starting point for
10 2022-2024 forecasted costs.

11 **c. Cost Drivers**

12 This budget code supports tool purchases for ongoing construction and maintenance
13 activities on the substation and transmission system. As regulatory rules change, new tools are
14 required to maintain the highest level of safety and compliance. Acquisition of new types or
15 additional tools will enable flexibility necessary for completing maintenance and construction
16 goals. The alternative is to rent or lease tools, if they are available, and prolong the use of
17 outdated or deteriorated tools currently in inventory. If no tools are available, there is no
18 practical alternative.

19 **3. 206 – Electric Distribution Tools & Equipment**

20 **a. Description**

21 The forecasts for Electric Distribution Tools/Equipment for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
22 \$2.099 million, \$2.099 million, and \$2.099 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
23 that is expected to continue through the test year.

24 This budget code provides funding to purchase new electric distribution tools and
25 equipment required by field personnel to safely construct, inspect, operate, and maintain the
26 electric distribution system. Standard tools and equipment will be acquired to maintain
27 compliance with safety regulations and promote optimal performance. In addition, tools and
28 equipment will be purchased for evaluating the latest technological advancements. All purchases
29 will be in accordance with individual user needs and compliance requirements. When new work
30 methods or pieces of equipment are introduced onto the system, new tools are required to
31 perform the necessary operational tasks.

1 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at
2 section 002060 – Electric Distribution Tools/Equipment.

3 **b. Forecast Method**

4 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
5 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
6 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
7 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
8 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. The three-year historical
9 average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future
10 costs due to ongoing increases in material costs.

11 **c. Cost Drivers**

12 The underlying cost driver for this capital project is to purchase new electric distribution
13 tools and equipment required by field personnel to safely construct, inspect, operate and maintain
14 the electric distribution system.

15 **C. FRANCHISE**

16 **TABLE OR-8¹²**
17 **Summary of Franchise Forecasts**

C. FRANCHISE (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
NON-COLLECTIBLE (NC)	22,379	26,055	28,082
COLLECTIBLE (CO)	21,733	44,315	60,430
Total CAPITAL	44,112	70,370	88,512

18 **1. Introduction**

19 The Franchise category of projects is required to perform municipal overhead to
20 underground conversion work or work in accordance with SDG&E’s franchise agreements. The
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1 two categories of projects in the franchise category are (i) those devoted to conversion of
2 overhead distribution systems to underground and (ii) street and highway relocations due to
3 improvements by governmental agencies.

4 Rule 20A conversion projects are funded by allocations set in negotiations with the cities
5 and counties through franchise agreements and are implemented in coordination with those cities
6 and counties. Rule 20B conversion projects sponsored by local governments are partially funded
7 by ratepayers in the form of credits equal to cost of a new equivalent overhead system and the
8 cost of removing the overhead system being converted. Street and highway relocations are also
9 included in this category and performed at ratepayer expense in accordance with Franchise
10 Agreements.

11 SDG&E also has a Franchise Agreement with the City of San Diego, which imposes a
12 surcharge on ratepayers within the city limits. The proceeds from this surcharge are used by the
13 City of San Diego to fund overhead-to-underground conversion projects within the city limits.
14 *See* 213 – City of San Diego Surcharge Program (20SD) below.

15 Franchise budget codes have a “collectible” component, where some funds are received
16 from customers prior to construction through a mechanism called Contributions in Aid of
17 Construction (CIAC). The total project cost to do the work, independent from any collectible
18 portion is included in each individual budget code. Rate base modeling performed on these
19 values still credits the collectible portion so that ratepayer impact is unchanged from the way
20 SDG&E has demonstrated the cost of collectible projects.

21 The Rule 20 Balancing Account (R20BA) is a one-way balancing account to track the
22 difference between the actual and authorized capital expenditures and expenses associated with
23 completing overhead to underground conversion projects as required by the Rule 20 program.
24 Refer to the Regulatory Accounts testimony of Jason Kupfersmid (Exhibit SDG&E-43) for
25 additional information regarding this balancing account.

26 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
27 in each budget code below.

1 **2. 205 – Electric Street & Highway Relocations**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for Electric Distribution Street & Highway Relocations for 2022, 2023, and
4 2024 are \$6.358 million, \$6.358 million, and \$6.358 million, respectively. This is an ongoing
5 program that is expected to continue through the test year.

6 This budget code provides funding for the relocation of existing electric distribution
7 facilities for public improvements under the terms of franchise agreements with municipalities
8 and the provisions of the street and highway codes with respect to state highways. It also funds
9 relocations for Metropolitan Transit System, North County Transit District, and the Port of San
10 Diego. This budget code covers relocations of electric distribution facilities, including both
11 overhead and underground, that conflict with public street and highway improvements and other
12 infrastructure improvement projects having rights superior to those of SDG&E.

13 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
14 *section 002050 – Electric Dist. Street/Hwy Relocations.*

15 **b. Forecast Method**

16 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
17 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
18 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
19 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
20 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. The three-year historical
21 average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future
22 costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs.

23 **c. Cost Drivers**

24 The underlying cost drivers for the various capital projects are dictated by and dependent
25 on various governmental agencies (*e.g.*, cities, counties, or the state).

26 **3. 210 – Conversion of Overhead to Underground Rule 20A**

27 **a. Description**

28 The forecasts for Conversion of Overhead to Underground Rule 20A for 2022, 2023, and
29 2024 are \$15.536 million, \$15.536 million, and \$15.536 million, respectively. This is an
30 ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

1 This budget code provides funding to convert overhead facilities to underground based on
2 requirements of SDG&E's Rule 20A conversion program, a CPUC-mandated program defined in
3 case 8209 dated 09-27-67 (effective 01-01-68) and franchise agreements with the cities of San
4 Diego and Chula Vista. Additional customers who participate in the program are the cities of:
5 Carlsbad, Coronado, Dana Point, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach,
6 Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Mission Viejo, National
7 City, Oceanside, Poway, Solana Beach, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, San Marcos, Santee
8 and the Counties of Orange and San Diego.

9 This program provides for replacement of existing overhead electric facilities with new
10 comparable underground electric facilities at the request of the governing body in the city or
11 county in which such electric facilities are located as long as the conversion area selected by the
12 governing body meets the criteria as set forth in Rule 20A. This is a CPUC-mandated program
13 and is also incorporated into the SDG&E Franchises with the cities of San Diego and Chula
14 Vista. Total program allocations are based on the San Diego Agreement, with each other
15 city/county receiving an amount proportional to their electric meter count in accordance with the
16 methodology specified in Rule 20A. Expenditures in San Diego are also mandated by the
17 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

18 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
19 *section 002100 – Conversion of Overhead to Underground Rule 20A.*

20 **b. Forecast Method**

21 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
22 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
23 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
24 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
25 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. The three-year historical
26 average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future
27 costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs.

28 **c. Cost Drivers**

29 The underlying cost driver of this budget is the request to underground existing overhead
30 facilities as mandated by CPUC Rule 20A.

1 **4. 213 – City of San Diego Surcharge Program (20SD)**

2 **a. Description**

3 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the City of San Diego Surcharge
4 Program (20SD) for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0, \$0, and \$0, respectively, as the costs of this
5 project are borne by the requestor. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue
6 through the test year.

7 This budget code provides funding, at the City of San Diego’s expense, to replace
8 existing overhead electric facilities with comparable new underground electric facilities.
9 Replacement is implemented at the request of the City of San Diego. This is a separate and
10 distinct program from and unrelated to the Rule 20A Undergrounding Program, Budget Code
11 210 – Conversion from OH to UG Rule 20A. This program, Budget Code 213, is associated
12 with SDG&E Franchise Agreement with the City of San Diego and is required by that
13 Agreement. All expenses associated with this program will be reimbursed to SDG&E by the
14 City from the proceeds of a surcharge collected from each electric meter account in the City of
15 San Diego. This surcharge program is revenue and rate base neutral, since all surcharge funds
16 collected are turned over to the City, and all related SDG&E construction expenses are
17 reimbursed by the City. While there are timing differences that result in an initial cost for the
18 conversion, no net capital or O&M expenditures are anticipated.

19 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
20 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

21 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
22 *section 002130 – City of San Diego Surcharge Program (20SD).*

23 **b. Forecast Method**

24 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
25 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
26 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
27 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
28 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. The three-year historical
29 average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future
30 costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs. Additionally, this is the most

1 appropriate methodology because a new Franchise Agreement was entered into with the City of
2 San Diego in 2021, and a subsequent undergrounding MOU is currently being negotiated.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost driver for this budget is the City of San Diego’s schedule for
5 requesting conversion work be performed to underground existing electric distribution and
6 transmission facilities within the bounds of their territory.

7 **5. 20257 – Conversion from Overhead to Underground Rule 20B**

8 **a. Description**

9 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Conversion from Overhead to
10 Underground Rule 20B program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$405 thousand, \$3.779 million,
11 and \$6.188 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue
12 through the test year

13 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
14 associated with projects (not related to New Business) replacing existing overhead electric
15 facilities with new comparable underground electric facilities as stipulated by the requirements
16 of Rule 20B and using established SDG&E standards and processes; the criteria for Rule 20B are
17 typically applied when a project is not eligible for Rule 20A. Replacement is implemented at the
18 request of the governing body in the city or county in which the electric facilities are located, and
19 the conversion area selected by the governing body meets the criteria as set forth in Rule 20B.

20 Rule 20B projects are municipally-driven with primary funding by a local government
21 that is typically supported by community involvement. SDG&E coordinates closely with local
22 municipalities in scheduling and prioritizing projects according to available funds, community
23 support, and a variety of other factors affecting scope and schedule.

24 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
25 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

26 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
27 *section 202570 – Conversion from OH to UG Rule 20B.*

28 **b. Forecast Method**

29 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
30 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
31 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed

1 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
2 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
3 applicable.

4 **c. Cost Drivers**

5 The underlying cost driver for this budget code is dictated by the governing body of the
6 city or county in which the electric facilities are located and proposed to be converted to
7 underground under Rule 20B.

8 **6. 21125 – TL681 Escondido Trails Customer Relocation**

9 **a. Description**

10 The forecasts for TL681 Escondido Trails Customer Relocation for 2022, 2023, and 2024
11 are \$40 thousand, \$211 thousand, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this
12 project in-service by the test year.

13 This project includes the relocation of one transmission pole with distribution underbuild
14 due to a franchise relocation for the City of Escondido since existing facilities are in conflict with
15 a new sidewalk.

16 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-
17 CWP at section 21125A – TL681 Escondido Trails Customer Relocation.

18 **b. Forecast Method**

19 The forecast method used is zero-based. While historic-based data (*e.g.*, an applicable
20 unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not
21 applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of
22 work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material
23 costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. This method is
24 most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this project.

25 **c. Cost Drivers**

26 The underlying cost drivers of this capital project relate to labor and non-labor
27 components (materials and construction) to perform the scope of work requested by the
28 municipality under the franchise agreement to relocate the electric facilities. Documentation of
29 these cost drivers are included as supplemental workpapers.

1 **7. 21139 – TL634 Juniper Street Customer Relocation**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecast for TL634 Juniper Street Customer Relocation for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
4 \$40 thousand, \$171 thousand, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project
5 in-service by the test year.

6 This project includes the relocation of four transmission poles with distribution
7 underbuild and three distribution poles due to a franchise relocation for the City of Escondido
8 since existing facilities are in conflict with Juniper Street improvements.

9 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
10 *CWP at section 21139A – TL634 Juniper Street Customer Relocation.*

11 **b. Forecast Method**

12 The forecast method used is zero-based. While historic-based data (*e.g.*, an applicable
13 unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not
14 applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of
15 work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material
16 costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. This method is
17 most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this project.

18 **c. Cost Drivers**

19 The underlying cost drivers of this capital project relate to labor and non-labor
20 components (material and construction) to perform the scope of work requested by the
21 municipality under the franchise agreement to relocate the electric facilities. Documentation of
22 these cost drivers are included as supplemental capital workpapers.

D. MANDATED

**TABLE OR-9¹³
Summary of Mandated Forecasts**

D. MANDATED (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
NON-COLLECTIBLE (NC)	30,174	31,992	31,992
COLLECTIBLE (CO)	1,769	1,769	1,769
Total CAPITAL	31,943	33,761	33,761

1. Introduction

Mandated projects are those required by the CPUC and other regulatory agencies. Mandated programs help promote public and employee safety. In addition, these programs protect SDG&E’s capital investments of overhead and underground distribution facilities, maintain quality of service to SDG&E’s customers, and avoid degradation of reliability due to aging electric systems.

This category includes, among others, the replacement of equipment from SDG&E’s Corrective Maintenance Program (CMP), the replacement/reinforcement of wood distribution poles, and manhole/handhole/vault restoration. These three programs are driven by CPUC GO 165, which governs the inspection and maintenance program for a utility distribution system in furtherance of overhead and underground construction’s compliance with GO 95 (Rules for Overhead Electric Line Construction) and GO 128 (Rules for Construction of Underground Electric Supply and Communications Systems). SDG&E’s CMP compliance plan was submitted to the CPUC on July 1, 1997 and GO 165 became effective on January 1, 1998. General Order 165 and SDG&E’s submitted plan require the routine inspection of electric distribution facilities and the correction of infractions found from those inspections. The infractions identified during the inspections represent deviations from the rules outlined in GO 95 and GO 128 and must be cleared within twelve months of the initial inspection. Infractions identified in SDG&E’s High

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1 Fire-Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3 will be cleared within six months of the initial inspection in
2 compliance with GO 95. Imminent safety hazards found on the inspections are immediately
3 addressed. The programs included in this category represent the capital expenditures necessary
4 to correct those infractions.

5 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
6 in each budget code below.

7 **2. 229 – Corrective Maintenance Program (CMP)**

8 **a. Description**

9 The forecasts for the Corrective Maintenance Program (CMP) for 2022, 2023, and 2024
10 are \$11.225 million, \$11.225 million, and \$11.225 million, respectively. This program, ongoing
11 since January 1998, is expected to continue through the test year.

12 This budget primarily provides funding for the maintenance of underground electric
13 distribution facilities and a small portion of the electric distribution overhead system that does
14 not require a pole replacement. This program is mandated by GO 165 to promote safe, high-
15 quality electrical service and compliance with SDG&E and CPUC construction standards found
16 in GO 95 and GO 128. Inspections are performed on a cyclical basis and conditions found
17 during inspections are repaired in compliance with SDG&E’s CMP plan. All electric
18 distribution facilities are visually patrolled on an annual basis in urban and rural areas and
19 inspected in detail every three or five years depending on the equipment type. Conditions found
20 during the inspections may require only labor to repair equipment, may require replacement of
21 equipment that may potentially fail based on condition, or may compromise safety to the general
22 public in the near future. Inspections and some repairs are captured under O&M funding
23 requests included in the Electric Distribution O&M testimony of Tyson Swetek (Exhibit
24 SDG&E-12). This program is mandated by the CPUC and is designed to provide reliable service
25 and a safe environment for SDG&E’s employees, contractors, and the public.

26 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
27 *at section 002290 – RAMP – Corrective Maintenance Program (CMP).*

28 The Corrective Maintenance Program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
29 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C15 GO 165 Corrective Maintenance Program –
30 UG. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety aligns with a RAMP activity.

1 For the Corrective Maintenance Program, Table OR-10 below shows the TY 2024
 2 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

3 **TABLE OR-10: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 4 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
2290.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C15	GO 165 Corrective Maintenance Program Underground	11,225	11,225	11,225	3

5
 6 **b. Forecast Method**

7 The forecast method used for the Corrective Maintenance Program is a five-year average
 8 based on historical data. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from
 9 year to year. The five-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code
 10 over a larger period, and still provides for the necessary level of funding for the work that falls
 11 within this budget.

12 **c. Cost Drivers**

13 The underlying cost driver for this program is the CMP inspections. This budget code is
 14 used to fund work resulting from those inspections.

15 **3. 289 – Manhole, Handhole, and Vault Restoration**

16 **a. Description**

17 The forecasts for Manhole, Handhole, and Vault Restoration for 2022, 2023, and 2024
 18 are \$4.311 million, \$4.311 million, and \$4.311 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
 19 that is expected to continue through the test year.

20 This budget code provides funding to structurally restore subsurface (manhole and
 21 handhole) and vault type structures, all of which impact system integrity and employee and
 22 public safety. This will allow SDG&E to continue to operate distribution equipment and
 23 facilities for the safety and well-being of both employees and the general public and to comply
 24 with GO 128 and 165. Failure to implement this program would reduce reliability and limit
 25 operational flexibility, while increasing the risk of injury to field personnel and the public.
 26 Without implementing such a program, SDG&E may increase the risk of equipment and
 27 structural failures, prolonged outages, and potential safety issues. Funding for the CMP UG

1 Switch Replacement program that was previously a part of this budget code was moved to
 2 BC290 – Do not Operate Energized (DOE) Switch Replacement as part of my testimony.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
 4 *CWP at section 002890 – RAMP – Manhole, Handhole, and Vault Restoration.*

5 The Manhole Vault Restoration Program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021
 6 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C16 GO 165 Manhole Vault Restoration
 7 Program. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety aligns with a RAMP activity.

8 For the Manhole, Handhole, and Vault Restoration Program, Table OR-11 below shows
 9 the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

10 **TABLE OR-11: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 11 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
002890.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C16	GO 165 Manhole Vault Restoration Program	4,311	4,311	4,311	34

12
 13 **b. Forecast Method**

14 The forecast method developed for this cost category is base-year. The expenditures for
 15 2021 reflect recent changes in this program and is the best representation of the starting point for
 16 2022-2024 forecasted costs.

17 **c. Cost Drivers**

18 The underlying cost driver for this budget is based on the number of substructures
 19 requiring structural restoration.

20 **4. 10265 – Avian Protection (Non-HFTD)**

21 **a. Description**

22 The forecasts for Avian Protection for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$149 thousand, \$187
 23 thousand, and \$187 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to
 24 continue through the test year.

25 This budget code provides funding for identifying and retrofitting, rearranging, or
 26 building-to-standard distribution poles in SDG&E’s service territory outside the High Fire-
 27 Threat District (HFTD) to prevent electrocution of birds and to facilitate compliance with

1 following Federal and State Laws: Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 USC §§ 703-712), Bald and
 2 Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 USC §§ 668-668d), and the California Fish and Game Code
 3 (Cal Fish and Game Code §§ 3503, 3503.5, 3511, 3513).

4 The program will also harden the system and reduce fire risk associated with avian
 5 electrocutions, improve SDG&E reliability and customer service, and align with Avian Power
 6 Line Interaction Committee Guidelines. The program will include projects that will
 7 systematically retrofit distribution lines and poles in the overhead distribution system that either
 8 lie within the Avian Protection Zone, or have associated known bird contacts, in which case the
 9 Company will identify and resolve potential avian risks.

10 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
 11 at section 102650 – RAMP – Avian Protection.

12 The Avian Protection Program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
 13 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C08 Avian Protection Program. Accordingly,
 14 this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

15 For the Avian Protection Program, Table OR-12 below shows the TY 2024 forecast
 16 dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

17 **TABLE OR-12: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 18 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
102650.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C08	Avian Protection Program	149	187	187	39

19
 20 **b. Forecast Method**

21 The forecast method used is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable
 22 unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not
 23 applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of
 24 work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material
 25 costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. A zero-based
 26 forecast was used for the Avian Protection program because it does not have significant or
 27 consistent historical costs which would otherwise provide reliable certainty in generating a
 28 forecast based on program spend over previous years. However, the unit cost estimate provided

1 in workpapers does consist of cost components derived from historical experience on the
2 program over previous years.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost drivers for this capital project are the need to reduce the potential for
5 bird electrocutions and comply with Federal and State laws.

6 **5. 13264 – Distributed Generation Interconnect**

7 **a. Description**

8 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Distributed Generation
9 Interconnect program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0, \$0, and \$0, respectively, as the costs of
10 this project are borne by the requestor. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue
11 through the test year.

12 This program facilitates the interconnection of customer or developer owned generation
13 to SDG&E’s electric distribution system. SDG&E performs engineering, design, and
14 construction of interconnection facilities from generator switchgear to the point of
15 interconnection on the distribution system. Most generators interconnected under this budget
16 code are 0.5MW to 10MW in size.

17 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
18 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

19 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
20 at section 132640 – Distributed Generation Interconnect.

21 **b. Forecast Method**

22 The forecast method used is zero-based. While historic-based data (*e.g.*, an applicable
23 unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not
24 applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of
25 work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material
26 costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. A zero-based
27 forecast was used for the Distributed Generation Interconnect program because it does not have
28 significant or consistent historical costs and is dependent upon customer requests. However, the
29 unit cost estimate provided in workpapers does consist of cost components derived from
30 historical experience on the program over previous years.

1 **c. Cost Drivers**

2 The underlying cost driver for this program is the number of customers or developers
3 who request an interconnection onto SDG&E’s distribution system according to mandates by the
4 CPUC under Electric Rule 21 and FERC Wholesale Distribution Open Access Tariff.

5 **6. 17262 – Street Light Modernization**

6 **a. Description**

7 The forecasts for Street Light Modernization for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.780
8 million, \$3.560 million, and \$3.560 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is
9 expected to continue through the test year.

10 This project targets modernizing the street lighting system owned by SDG&E by
11 proactively converting the system to light emitting diodes (LEDs). In addition, based on the
12 location and current condition of the associated poles, pole replacement might be required when
13 the lighting system is being replaced. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 719, SDG&E filed Advice
14 Letter 3263-E-B, which was approved July 2, 2019 and effective July 29, 2019, by the CPUC,
15 stating that SDG&E was adopting LED technology as a standard for LS-1 lights and was
16 embarking on a LED conversion program of LS-1 lights. The current scope will cover locations
17 within SDG&E’s service territory where SDG&E owns the street lights and proactively replaces
18 the street lights on a block by block approach rather than the existing plan of replacing upon
19 failure.

20 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
21 *at section 172620 – Street Light Modernization.*

22 **b. Forecast Method**

23 The forecast method used is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable
24 unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not
25 applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of
26 work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material
27 costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. A zero-based
28 forecast was used for the Street Light Modernization program because it does not have
29 significant or consistent historical costs which would otherwise provide reliable certainty in
30 generating a forecast based on program spend over previous years. However, the unit cost

1 estimate provided in workpapers does consist of cost components derived from historical
2 experience on the program over previous years.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost drivers for this project are to improve environmental performance by
5 lowering consumption of power, longer lifespan, and improved product reliability.

6 **7. 87232 – Pole Replacement and Reinforcement**

7 **a. Description**

8 The forecasts for Pole Replacement and Reinforcement for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
9 \$12.709 million, \$12.709 million, and \$12.709 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
10 that is expected to continue through the test year.

11 This budget code provides funding for the pole restoration and replacement program for
12 in-service distribution poles utilizing primarily steel and fiberglass poles. These replacements
13 are incorporated into routine CMP pole replacements. In addition, all significant work affecting
14 the overhead distribution system must be accompanied by a pole loading calculation. If the pole
15 loading calculation fails and require a pole replacement, these replacements will be incorporated
16 into this budget code. Wood pole damage is attributed to numerous factors including, but not
17 limited to, the loss of original preservative treatment experienced with Penta-Cellon poles
18 (Pentachlorophenol, a pesticide, and Cellon, a preservative treatment for wood poles used by the
19 DOW Chemical Company to inject pentachlorophenol using a liquid petroleum gas such as
20 propane), the presence of fungi decay, and bird and/or termite damage. All electric distribution
21 poles and associated equipment are visually patrolled on an annual basis in urban and rural areas,
22 inspected in detail every five years, and receive a wood pole intrusive inspection on average
23 every ten years. Inspections and some repairs are captured under O&M budgets included in the
24 Electric Distribution O&M testimony of Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

25 The pole inspection/restoration/replacement program is designed to comply with GO 95,
26 GO 165 and SDG&E's compliance plan submitted on July 1, 1997. In addition, this program
27 protects SDG&E's capital investments of overhead distribution facilities by maintaining GO 95
28 mandated safety factors for the applicable grades of construction. This program promotes
29 SDG&E's compliance with GO 95 and 165 and is expected to improve the life expectancy of the
30 overhead distribution system, minimize customer safety risks, and mitigates the need for
31 extensive capital replacements. Pole replacement candidates are identified through the CMP

1 Overhead Visual Program and contracted wood pole intrusive inspections. Candidate poles are
 2 confirmed for replacement and enter the job queue for replacement.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
 4 at section 872320 – RAMP – Pole Replacement and Reinforcement.

5 The Pole Replacement and Reinforcement Program mitigates safety risks identified in the
 6 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C02 GO 165 Pole Replacement and
 7 Reinforcement. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

8 For the Pole Replacement and Reinforcement mitigation, Table OR-13 below shows the
 9 TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

10 **TABLE OR-13: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 11 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
872320.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C02	GO 165 Pole Replacement Reinforcement	\$ 12,709	\$ 12,709	\$ 12,709	0

12 * An RSE was not calculated for this activity

13 **b. Forecast Method**

14 The forecast method developed for this cost category is base-year. The expenditures for
 15 2021 reflect recent changes in this program and is the best representation of the starting point for
 16 2022-2024 forecasted costs.

17 **c. Cost Drivers**

18 The underlying cost driver for this program is related to compliance with GO
 19 requirements and an increased emphasis on pole loading analysis.

20 **E. MATERIALS**

21 **TABLE OR-14**
 22 **Summary of Materials Forecasts**

E. MATERIALS (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
Total CAPITAL	28,827	30,255	31,755

1 **1. Introduction**

2 The Materials category is required to provide distribution transformers and regulators
3 necessary to operate and maintain the electric distribution system and meters to measure service
4 to electric distribution customers. The budget codes within this category are required to
5 purchase transformers, supplying new and replacement equipment and maintaining inventory at
6 each electric distribution service center. The expenditures are closely related to work being done
7 in New Business, Mandated, Capacity, Reliability, Safety and Risk Management, as well as all
8 other categories where transformers are installed.

9 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
10 in each budget code below.

11 **2. 202 – Electric Meters & Regulators**

12 **a. Description**

13 The forecasts for the Electric Meters and Regulators project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
14 \$4.802 million, \$5.042 million, and \$5.294 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
15 that is expected to continue through the test year.

16 These forecasts provide funding to purchase new watt-hour meters and regulators used to
17 service the electric distribution customers. Inventory levels for the meters and regulators are
18 maintained at each of the electric distribution service centers. The meters could be used for new
19 business installations or installed as replacements for meters that are damaged or not properly
20 functioning.

21 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
22 *section 002020 – Electric Meters & Regulators.*

23 **b. Forecast Method**

24 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
25 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
26 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
27 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
28 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
29 applicable.

1 **c. Cost Drivers**

2 The underlying cost driver for this project is new business growth and projected
3 replacement needs that require the installation of meters and regulators.

4 **3. 214 – Transformers**

5 **a. Description**

6 The forecasts for the Transformers for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$24.025 million,
7 \$25.213 million, and \$26.461 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected
8 to continue through the test year.

9 This forecast provides funding to purchase distribution transformers necessary to operate
10 and maintain the electric distribution system. SDG&E purchases the new transformers, supplies
11 new and replacement equipment, and maintains inventory at each electric distribution service
12 center.

13 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
14 *section 002140 – Transformers.*

15 **b. Forecast Method**

16 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
17 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
18 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
19 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
20 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
21 applicable.

22 **c. Cost Drivers**

23 The underlying cost driver for this project is directly related to the required need of
24 transformers related to the various work being performed.

1 portion is included in each individual budget code. Rate base modeling performed on these
2 values still credits the collectible portion so that ratepayer impact is unchanged from the way
3 SDG&E has demonstrated the cost of collectible projects.

4 The Rule 20 Balancing Account (R20BA) is a one-way balancing account to track the
5 difference between the actual and authorized capital expenditures and expenses associated with
6 completing overhead to underground conversion projects as required by the Rule 20 program.
7 Refer to the Regulatory Accounts testimony by Jason Kupfersmid (Exhibit SDG&E-43) for
8 additional information regarding this balancing account.

9 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
10 in each budget code below.

11 **2. 204 – Electric Distribution Easements**

12 **a. Description**

13 The forecasts for the Electric Distribution Easements for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
14 \$2.263 million, \$2.263 million, and \$2.263 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
15 that is expected to continue through the test year.

16 This program provides funding to obtain new electric distribution easements necessary to
17 provide service to new customers, accommodate street and highway relocations, underground
18 conversions, and other capital improvement projects to improve electrical service. SDG&E
19 performs necessary surveys and mapping functions, document research, document preparation,
20 and negotiations with private and governmental property owners for the acquisition of real
21 property rights to allow the installation of new electrical distribution facilities on private property
22 or public lands. The program also allows for the acquisition of real property easement rights to
23 install new business electric facilities on private property to provide service for new customer
24 loads. There is no reasonable alternative to this program if the Company must install or maintain
25 electric facilities on, under, or over private property or public lands.

26 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
27 *CWP at section 002040 – Electric Distribution Easements.*

28 **b. Forecast Method**

29 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
30 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
31 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an

1 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
2 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. The three-year historical
3 average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future
4 costs due to ongoing price increases.

5 **c. Cost Drivers**

6 The underlying cost driver for this budget code is related to the requirement to operate
7 and maintain the existing and new electric distribution system and services.

8 **3. 215 – Overhead Residential New Business**

9 **a. Description**

10 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Overhead Residential New
11 Business program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$741 thousand, \$748 thousand, and \$754
12 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test
13 year.

14 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
15 associated with the extension of new overhead electric distribution systems to new residential
16 electric customers requesting service from SDG&E. This program includes third wire bring ups
17 (bringing in a neutral to a two-phase circuit) and transmission underbuilds to serve new
18 residential customers. This project is in accordance with the “Rules for the Sale of Electric
19 Energy” filed with and approved by the CPUC, as electric facilities must be provided to qualified
20 applicants.¹⁵

21 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
22 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

23 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at
24 section 002150 – OH Residential NB.

25 **b. Forecast Method**

26 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
27 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
28 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an

¹⁵ *See, e.g.*, Electric Rule 15 and Electric Rule 16.

1 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
2 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

3 The volume of future overhead residential line extension work can be very difficult to
4 predict, as customer requests for overhead line extensions can be sporadic. They can also vary
5 dramatically in size and complexity, therefore a historical average coupled with Customer
6 Forecast data provides the most appropriate forecast of costs for this program. Refer to the
7 Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Kenneth E. Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40). The
8 three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer
9 reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs. Additionally, the
10 current customer forecast shows a positive trend more closely aligned with what was seen in the
11 last three versus five years.

12 **c. Cost Drivers**

13 The underlying cost driver for this program is residential customer growth.

14 **4. 216 – Overhead Non-Residential New Business**

15 **a. Description**

16 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Overhead Non-Residential New
17 Business program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$935 thousand, \$943 thousand, and \$951
18 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test
19 year.

20 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
21 associated with the extension of new overhead electric distribution systems to new non-
22 residential electric customers requesting service from SDG&E. This program provides for the
23 extension of the overhead distribution system, including third wire bring ups (bringing in a
24 neutral to a two-phase circuit) and transmission underbuilds, that serve new non-residential
25 customers. This program is in accordance with the “Rules for the Sale of Electric Energy” filed
26 with and approved by the CPUC, as electric facilities must be provided to qualified applicants.

27 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
28 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

29 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
30 *section 002160 – OH Non-Residential NB.*

1 **b. Forecast Method**

2 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
3 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
4 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
5 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
6 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

7 The volume of future overhead non-residential line extension work can be very difficult
8 to predict, as customer requests for overhead line extensions can be sporadic. They can also vary
9 dramatically in size and complexity, therefore a historical average coupled with Customer
10 Forecast data provides the most appropriate forecast of costs for this program. Refer to the
11 Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Ken Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40). The three-year
12 historical average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection
13 of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs. Additionally, the current
14 customer forecast shows a positive trend more closely aligned with what was seen in the last
15 three versus five years.

16 **c. Cost Drivers**

17 The underlying cost driver for this program is non-residential customer growth.

18 **5. 217 – Underground Residential New Business**

19 **a. Description**

20 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Underground Residential New
21 Business program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$6.487 million, \$6.542 million, and \$6.599
22 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test
23 year.

24 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
25 associated with extending new underground electric distribution systems to new residential
26 electric customers requesting service from SDG&E. This program is in accordance with the
27 “Rules for the Sale of Electric Energy” filed with and approved by the CPUC, as electric
28 facilities must be provided to qualified applicants.

29 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
30 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

1 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See* SDG&E-11-CWP at
2 section 002170 – UG Residential NB.

3 **b. Forecast Method**

4 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
5 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
6 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
7 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
8 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

9 The volume of future underground residential new business work can be very difficult to
10 predict and can vary in size and complexity, therefore a historical average coupled with
11 Customer Forecast data provides the most appropriate forecast of costs for this program. Refer
12 to the Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Kenneth E. Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40).
13 The three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a
14 closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs.
15 Additionally, the current customer forecast shows a positive trend more closely aligned with
16 what was seen in the last three versus five years.

17 **c. Cost Drivers**

18 The underlying cost driver for this program is residential customer growth. Despite 2020
19 being an anomaly year due to COVID-19, the housing industry continues to recover and SDG&E
20 forecasts the requests for underground residential line extension work to increase associated with
21 the Rule 15 requirement that all new residential developments be served by underground electric
22 systems.

23 **6. 218 – Underground Non-Residential New Business**

24 **a. Description**

25 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Underground Non-Residential
26 New Business program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$6.569 million, \$6.625 million, and \$6.681
27 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test
28 year.

29 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
30 associated with the extension of new underground electric distribution systems to new non-
31 residential electric customers requesting service from SDG&E. This program is in accordance

1 with the “Rules for the Sale of Electric Energy” filed with and approved by the CPUC, as electric
2 facilities must be provided to qualified applicants.

3 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
4 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

5 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at
6 section 002180 – UG Non-Residential NB.

7 **b. Forecast Method**

8 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
9 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
10 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
11 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
12 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

13 The volume of future underground non-residential new business work can be very
14 difficult to predict and can vary in size and complexity, therefore a historical average coupled
15 with Customer Forecast data provides the most appropriate forecast of costs for this program.
16 Refer to the Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Ken Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40).
17 The three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a
18 closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs.
19 Additionally, the current customer forecast shows a positive trend more closely aligned with
20 what was seen in the last three versus five years.

21 **c. Cost Drivers**

22 The underlying cost driver for this program is non-residential customer growth. The non-
23 residential industry continues to recover, and SDG&E forecasts the requests for non-residential
24 line extension work to increase due to Rule 15 as all new non-residential developments are
25 required to be served by underground electric systems.

26 **7. 219 – New Business Infrastructure**

27 **a. Description**

28 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the New Business Infrastructure
29 program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$3.954 million, \$3.988 million, and \$4.022 million,
30 respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

1 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
2 associated with the installation of facilities for new electric customers to be served from both the
3 overhead and underground distribution system and facilitates various future development needs.
4 This project is in accordance with the “Rules for the Sale of Electric Energy” filed with and
5 approved by the CPUC, as electric facilities must be provided to qualified applicants.

6 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
7 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

8 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
9 *section 002190 – New Business Infrastructure.*

10 **b. Forecast Method**

11 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
12 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
13 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
14 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
15 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

16 Projects under this program provide infrastructure support consistent with activities in the
17 other line extension categories, including overhead and underground, residential and non-
18 residential as needed. Some projects in this program can be very large and can take a long time
19 to complete, which makes the timing of customer payments inconsistent with the timing of the
20 work. As such, the net expenditures vary from year to year, sometimes significantly, therefore a
21 historical average coupled with Customer Forecast data provides the most appropriate forecast of
22 costs for this program. Refer to the Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Kenneth E.
23 Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40). The three-year historical average is being used as the costs
24 reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in
25 labor and material costs. Additionally, the current customer forecast shows a positive trend more
26 closely aligned with what was seen in the last three versus five years.

27 **c. Cost Drivers**

28 The underlying cost driver for this program is new business customer growth.

1 **8. 224 – New Service Installations**

2 **a. Description**

3 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the New Service Installations
4 program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$6.566 million, \$6.620 million, and \$6.675 million,
5 respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

6 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
7 associated with delivering electric service to new customers from new or existing electric
8 distribution systems and facilitates the installation of new overhead and underground electric
9 services for new customers. The installation of distribution facilities is to be installed on
10 Budgets Codes 215, 216, 217, 218, or 219. This program is in accordance with the “Rules 18 for
11 the Sale of Electric Energy,” filed with and approved by the CPUC, as electric facilities must be
12 provided to qualified applicants.

13 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
14 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

15 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at
16 section 002240 – New Service Installations.

17 **b. Forecast Method**

18 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
19 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
20 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
21 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
22 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

23 The three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years
24 are a closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs.
25 Additionally, the current customer forecast shows a positive trend more closely aligned with
26 what was seen in the last three versus five years. Refer to the Electric Customer Forecast
27 testimony by Kenneth E. Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40).

28 **c. Cost Drivers**

29 The underlying cost driver for this program is the customer growth. Despite 2020 being
30 an anomaly year due to COVID-19, the volume of electric service work (services only, no
31 distribution) has been increasing steadily associated with a growing construction industry.

1 **9. 225 – Customer Requested Upgrades & Services**

2 **a. Description**

3 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Customer Requested Upgrades
4 and Services program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$9.906 million, \$9.988 million, and \$10.071
5 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test
6 year.

7 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
8 to replace, relocate, rearrange, or remove existing electric distribution and service facilities as
9 requested by customers. This program is in accordance with the rules for the sale of electric
10 energy filed with and approved by the CPUC, as modifications to existing electric facilities may
11 be required due to customer requests and in conjunction with new business projects.

12 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
13 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

14 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at
15 section 002250 – Customer Requested Upgrades and Services.

16 **b. Forecast Method**

17 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
18 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
19 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
20 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
21 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

22 Net expenditures for customer requested relocation, rearrangements, and removals have
23 varied significantly over the past several years, therefore a historical average coupled with
24 Customer Forecast data provides the most appropriate forecast of costs for this program. Refer
25 to the Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Kenneth E. Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40).
26 The three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a
27 closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs.
28 Additionally, the current customer forecast shows a positive trend more closely aligned with
29 what was seen in the last three versus five years.

30 **c. Cost Drivers**

31 The underlying cost driver for this program is the customer growth.

1 **10. 235 – Transformer & Meter Installations**

2 **a. Description**

3 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for Transformer and Meter Installations
4 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$8.896 million, \$8.981 million, and \$9.066 million, respectively.
5 This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

6 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
7 associated with new or existing customer installations and the handling and salvage of scrapped
8 distribution line equipment, specifically involving the installation and/or removal of transformers
9 and meters. SDG&E Electric Rule 16 provides that modification to existing electric facilities
10 may be required in conjunction with new business projects and due to customer request.

11 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
12 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

13 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
14 *section 002350 – Transformers & Meter Installations.*

15 **b. Forecast Method**

16 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
17 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
18 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
19 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
20 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

21 A historical average coupled with Customer Forecast data provides the most appropriate
22 forecast of costs for this program. Refer to the Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Kenneth
23 E. Schiermeyer (Exhibit SDG&E-40). The three-year historical average is being used as the
24 costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing
25 increases in labor and material costs. Additionally, the current customer forecast shows a
26 positive trend more closely aligned with what was seen in the last three versus five years.

27 **c. Cost Drivers**

28 The underlying cost driver for this program is the customer growth.

1 **11. 18143 – 3 ROOTS TL6906, TL677 & TL668 Customer Relocation**

2 **a. Description**

3 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for 3 Roots TL6906, TL677 & TL668
4 Customer Relocation for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0, \$0, and \$0, respectively, as the costs of
5 this project are borne by the requestor.

6 3 Roots is a developer-initiated project within the Mira Mesa community consisting of
7 1,800 residential units including single family detached homes, attached and detached
8 townhomes, apartments and over 156,000 square feet of commercial/multi use space. To
9 accommodate the new development, SDG&E is required to relocate approximately 5,700 feet of
10 three 69kV transmission lines. The realignment of TL6906, TL677, and TL668 will consist of
11 400 feet of overhead lines and 5,700 feet of underground lines. SDG&E will also decommission
12 an existing substation that is not feeding any customers.

13 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
14 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

15 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
16 *CWP at section 181430 – 3 Roots TL6906 TL677 TL668 Customer Relocation.*

17 **b. Forecast Method**

18 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
19 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
20 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
21 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
22 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
23 applicable. This method is most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this
24 project.

25 **c. Cost Drivers**

26 The underlying cost drivers for this project relate to labor and non-labor components
27 (material and construction) and the need to relocate electric facilities to accommodate the
28 customer’s project. Documentation of these cost drivers are included in the supplemental
29 workpapers.

1 **12. 18242 – Pure Water Electric**

2 **a. Description**

3 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Pure Water Electric project for
4 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0, \$0, and \$0, respectively, as the costs of this project are borne by
5 the requestor.

6 The Pure Water San Diego program is the City of San Diego’s (“City”) phased, multi-
7 year program that will provide more than 40% of San Diego’s water supply locally by the end of
8 2035. The Pure Water San Diego Program will use proven water purification technology to
9 clean recycled water to produce safe, high-quality drinking water. Phase 1 of the City’s Pure
10 Water San Diego Program includes 11 different projects that will clean recycled water to
11 produce 30 million gallons per day of high-quality purified water, reducing the City’s
12 dependence on imported water. The City’s eleven Phase 1 projects include installation of two
13 pump stations, multiple underground pipelines, and the expansion of the reclamation facility.
14 SDG&E must relocate infrastructure (electric distribution, electric transmission, and gas
15 distribution lines) so the City can install their Phase 1 projects. Work will be phased in
16 accordance with the City’s priority work schedule. SDG&E shall perform the work in
17 accordance with SDG&E’s standard operating procedures and methods, pursuant to the
18 relocation design for the work approved by both the City and SDG&E. For additional details
19 related to this project, please go to the City of San Diego’s website.¹⁶

20 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
21 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

22 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-
23 CWP at section 182420 – Pure Water Electric.

24 **b. Forecast Method**

25 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
26 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
27 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
28 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction

¹⁶ SanDiego.gov, Pure Water San Diego, available at <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/pure-water-sd>.

1 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
2 applicable. This method is most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this
3 project. Over the course of the project, actual SDG&E relocation costs are deducted from the
4 deposit provided by the City.

5 **c. Cost Drivers**

6 The underlying cost drivers of this project relate to labor and non-labor components
7 (materials and construction) and the need to relocate gas and electric facilities to accommodate
8 the customer’s project. Documentation of these cost drivers are included as supplemental capital
9 workpapers.

10 **13. 20256 – Camp Pendleton Stuart Mesa Housing – Electric**

11 **a. Description**

12 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Camp Pendleton Stuart Mesa
13 Housing project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0, \$0, and \$0, respectively, as the costs of this
14 project are borne by the requestor.

15 The Stuart Mesa Housing Community includes 1,498 residential units, an elementary
16 school, community recreation center, administration housing offices, convenience store and
17 various maintenance buildings. SDG&E currently provides Stuart Mesa Housing Community
18 with electric and gas services via master meters. This project will replace the existing base-
19 owned underground electrical and gas distribution system that provides electrical power and gas
20 service to the Stuart Mesa Housing Area. All expenses associated with this project will be
21 prepaid by the Federal Government. No net capital or O&M expenditures are anticipated.

22 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
23 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

24 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
25 *section 202560 – Camp Pendleton Stuart Mesa Housing – Electric.*

26 **b. Forecast Method**

27 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
28 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
29 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
30 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
31 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as

1 applicable. This method is most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this
2 project.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The primary cost driver for this project was the Federal Government’s request to convert
5 the Stuart Mesa Housing Community from primary metering to individual meters.

6 **14. 21252 – Conversion from Overhead to Underground Rule 20B**

7 **a. Description**

8 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Conversion from Overhead to
9 Underground Rule 20B program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.634 million, \$1.648 million,
10 and \$1.663 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue
11 through the test year.

12 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
13 to convert existing electric overhead distribution lines to underground distribution lines upon
14 customer request. This program reflects SDG&E’s portion of the costs for installing new
15 underground facilities to replace existing overhead facilities for projects meeting the criteria for
16 Rule 20B (not associated with Franchise). SDG&E is responsible for a portion of the costs
17 associated with converting overhead distribution lines to underground distribution lines to
18 comply with the “Rules for the Sale of Electric Energy.”

19 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
20 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

21 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
22 *section 212520 – Conversion from OH-UG Rule 20B New Business.*

23 **b. Forecast Method**

24 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
25 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
26 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
27 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
28 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

29 Various aspects of new business, such as permits mandating conversions for developers
30 or a customer seeking to have overhead lines in their neighborhood removed, make it
31 challenging to predict the volume of future conversion work, therefore a historical average

1 coupled with Customer Forecast data provides the most appropriate forecast of costs for this
2 program. Refer to the Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Kenneth E. Schiermeyer
3 (Exhibit SDG&E-40). The three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in
4 more recent years are a closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and
5 material costs. Additionally, the current customer forecast shows a positive trend more closely
6 aligned with what was seen in the last three versus five years.

7 **c. Cost Drivers**

8 The underlying cost driver for this budget code is based on the amount of conversion
9 work currently awaiting construction, changing trends toward the use of 20B conversions by
10 municipalities and the forecasted level of new customer growth.

11 **15. 21253 – Conversion from Overhead to Underground Rule 20C**

12 **a. Description**

13 The ratepayer-funded (Non-Collectible) forecasts for the Conversion from Overhead to
14 Underground Rule 20C program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.502 million, \$1.515 million,
15 and \$1.528 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue
16 through the test year.

17 This budget code provides funding for the portion of expenses to be borne by ratepayers
18 to convert existing electric overhead distribution lines to underground distribution lines upon
19 customer request. This program reflects SDG&E’s portion of the costs for installing new
20 underground facilities to replace existing overhead facilities for projects meeting the criteria for
21 Rule 20C. SDG&E is responsible for a portion of the costs associated with converting overhead
22 distribution lines to underground distribution lines to comply with the “Rules for the Sale of
23 Electric Energy.”

24 For this cost category, SDG&E’s proposed LPCMA, discussed above, would apply if
25 associated costs are later deemed to be non-collectible.

26 Additional information can be found in capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at*
27 *section 212530 – Conversion from OH-UG Rule 20C.*

28 **b. Forecast Method**

29 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
30 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
31 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an

1 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
2 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

3 Various aspects of new business, such as permits mandating conversions for developers
4 or a customer seeking to have overhead lines in their neighborhood removed, make it
5 challenging to predict the volume of future conversion work, therefore a historical average
6 coupled with Customer Forecast data provides the most appropriate forecast of costs for this
7 program. Refer to the Electric Customer Forecast testimony by Kenneth E. Schiermeyer
8 (Exhibit SDG&E-40). The three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in
9 more recent years are a closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and
10 material costs. Additionally, the current customer forecast shows a positive trend more closely
11 aligned with what was seen in the last three versus five years.

12 **c. Cost Drivers**

13 The underlying cost driver for this budget code is based on the amount of conversion
14 work currently awaiting construction, changing trends toward the use of 20C conversions by
15 municipalities and the forecasted level of new customer growth.

16 **G. OVERHEAD POOLS**

17 **TABLE OR-16**
18 **Summary of Overhead Pool Forecasts**

G. OVERHEAD POOLS (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
Total CAPITAL	169,428	196,603	152,003

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20 **1. Introduction**

21 Overhead Pools (OH Pools) reflect the costs that originate from central activities, which
22 are allocated to different capital projects such as costs for engineering capacity studies, reliability
23 analysis, and preliminary design work (among others). Many of these costs cannot be attributed
24 to a single capital project and are therefore spread to projects that are ultimately constructed and
25 placed into service. These central activity costs are referred to as “pooled costs.” There are four
26 workgroups that make up OH Pools within my testimony: (a) Local Engineering – Electric
27 Distribution Pool; (b) Local Engineering – Substation Pool; (c) Department Overhead Pool –

1 Electric; and (d) Contract Administration (CA) Pool – Electric.¹⁷ These four pools perform
2 various functions and are comprised of planners, designers, engineers, support personnel,
3 managers, supervisors, dispatchers, field employees, clerical employees, and contract
4 administrators.¹⁸

5 In the TY 2019 GRC, the Commission approved SDG&E’s OH Pools procedure for
6 charging costs to capital projects.¹⁹ Although the Commission found SDG&E’s forecast
7 methodology to be reasonable, it concluded that SDG&E should reduce its forecast of OH Pools
8 based on the amount of capital projects that are being authorized in the TY 2019 GRC Decision
9 as opposed to its forecasts.²⁰ For example, if 80 percent of SDG&E’s capital projects requested
10 were authorized, then the forecast for Overhead Pools should also be reduced to 80 percent of the
11 original forecast.²¹ In addition, the Commission found it reasonable to apply a one-way
12 balancing account treatment to the funding authorized for OH Pools (Overhead Pools Balancing
13 Account, OPBA) to ensure that funds associated with engineering, reliability analysis,
14 preliminary design work, etc. relating to specific capital projects that are cancelled or postponed
15 are not reassigned to other areas.²²

16 In the TY 2024 proceeding, SDG&E requests that the Commission again authorize its
17 OH Pools forecasts as reasonable, but *without* one-way balancing treatment. SDG&E is
18 requesting that the OPBA be closed, please see the Regulatory Accounts testimony of Jason
19 Kupfersmid (Exhibit SDG&E-43). The Commission has already determined in the prior GRC
20 that SDG&E’s use of the OH Pools accounting treatment is reasonable. However, as detailed
21 below, the one-way balancing treatment for the OH Pools should be removed for the following
22 reasons: (a) One-way balancing treatment of OH Pool funding for engineering activities at the
23 conceptual and beginning stages of a project is constraining and counterproductive; (b)
24 SDG&E’s ED Capital project teams have effective cost oversight and forecasting processes and

¹⁷ D.19-09-051 at 286.

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ *Id.* at 287.

²⁰ *Id.*

²¹ *Id.*

²² *Id.*

1 procedures in place eliminating the need for one-way balancing account treatment; and (c) The
2 data shows that SDG&E's OH Pool costs are managed in proportion to its capital expenditures
3 during the year; capping OH Pool costs with one-way balancing treatment does not take into
4 account the growth in the capital projects and is therefore unwarranted.

5 **a. One-Way Balancing Treatment of OH Pools is Constraining**
6 **and Counterproductive**

7 It is imperative to have efficient planning at the conceptual and beginning stages of a
8 construction project. When a project is in its preliminary phase, it is important to encourage
9 engineers and designers to be creative in order to enable them to develop projects that are more
10 beneficial and less costly to implement. One-way balancing treatment of OH Pools constrains
11 the planning and design process as it limits the amount of time engineers and designers can
12 dedicate to developing project improvements and efficiencies prior to the construction phase.

13 In SDG&E's 2019 GRC Decision, the Commission reduced its forecast for OH Pools
14 based on the amount of capital projects being authorized: "For example, if 80 percent of
15 SDG&E's capital projects requested are authorized, then the forecast for Overhead Pools should
16 also be reduced to 80 percent of the original forecast."²³ Putting such a constraint on the OH
17 Pools that include engineering and design activities is counterproductive. To continue to look
18 for ways to reduce the ultimate costs of capital projects, spending more time in the engineering
19 and design phase can lead to a more efficient and well-planned construction phase that helps
20 reduce the overall cost of a project. The one-way balancing treatment has the unintended
21 consequence of discouraging or restricting SDG&E by limiting the expenditure that can be
22 attributed to this critical planning phase of the project, only to then to spend more during the
23 construction phase.

24 SDG&E notes that it has moved to more direct charging of electric distribution projects
25 that are of a larger scale. However, the remaining smaller dollar and higher volume of electric
26 distribution projects will continue to have the engineering (*i.e.*, capacity studies, reliability
27 analysis, and preliminary design work) charged into OH Pools, which are then loaded out to
28 projects as they are being constructed. Using overhead pools in these situations is an efficient
29 business practice that is supported by the Code of Federal Regulations, as recognized by the

²³ *Id.*

1 Commission.²⁴ When a preliminary engineering project is cancelled that has been recording
2 costs to FERC Account 183 (Preliminary Survey & Engineering) the direct and indirect costs are
3 written off to expense and the indirect costs are not recirculated back into a pool to be loaded on
4 other projects.²⁵

5 **b. SDG&E’s ED Capital Project Teams Have Effective Cost**
6 **Oversight and Forecasting Processes That Obviate the Need**
7 **for One-Way Balancing Account Treatment**

8 The stated reason why the Commission imposed one-way balancing account treatment on
9 OH Pools was to ensure that central activities costs related to specific capital projects that might
10 be cancelled or postponed are not reassigned to other areas.²⁶ SDG&E has since instituted and/or
11 improved several oversight and control measures to address this concern.

12 Throughout the TY2019 GRC cycle, SDG&E has continued to refine and enhance its
13 capital cost tracking, reporting and forecasting models, processes and methodologies.
14 Significant improvements have been achieved in all of these areas, which have resulted in tighter
15 cost controls, increased transparency, and accountability across the Electric Distribution Capital
16 portfolio. This includes the OH Pools, which are a function of the direct capital costs they
17 support.

18 The Electric distribution Capital project Teams, whose projects receive allocations from
19 the pools, have the following cost oversight and monitoring controls in place:

- 20 ○ Routine cost/invoice reviews by Managers and Team Leads
- 21 ○ Focus on irregular spend as well as random spot checks
- 22 ○ Distribution of monthly vendor spend and internal labor reports to Managers and
23 Directors
- 24 ○ Monthly review of actual results against a budget/plan and a rolling forecast

25 All of these factors have improved SDG&E’s oversight and forecasting process, which in
26 turn have eliminated the need for the OPBA.

²⁴ *Id.* (“SDG&E applies the Overhead Pools procedure as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations and based on the evidence submitted, we find that ORA does not provide compelling reason to prohibit the use of SDG&E’s proposed procedure.”) (citation omitted).

²⁵ *See* 18 CFR § 367.1830 – Account 183.

²⁶ *Id.*

c. SDG&E's OH Pool Costs are Managed in Proportion to its Capital Expenditures During the Year

The data shows that SDG&E's OH Pool costs are managed in proportion to its capital expenditures during the year. Capping OH Pool costs with one-way balancing treatment does not take into account the growth in the capital projects and is therefore unwarranted.

The table below shows an annual summary of the four Electric Distribution pools that are subject to the one-way balancing account treatment as authorized in the 2019 GRC. This table indicates that although the average annual loading rate for each of the individual pool has moved up and down on a short-term basis, it has nonetheless remained fairly constant over time. If the costs were not being properly managed in proportion to the capital expenditures during the year, then the rate would be increasing, which has not been the case.

Year	Pool	Pool Expense	Capital Base	Loaded out	Average Loading Rate
2018	CA	7,718,345	74,014,792	(7,024,625)	9%
2019	CA	16,489,681	97,866,941	(12,867,870)	13%
2020	CA	13,297,829	129,128,020	(20,906,216)	16%
2021	CA	14,809,150	158,682,110	(14,783,834)	9%
2018	DOH	11,176,895	86,361,546	(10,290,276)	12%
2019	DOH	10,923,922	94,274,520	(11,327,466)	12%
2020	DOH	11,906,336	87,148,972	(11,036,056)	13%
2021	DOH	15,973,719	91,098,842	(16,050,842)	18%
2018	LE ED	125,291,068	170,638,714	(110,867,060)	65%
2019	LE ED	96,373,521	155,001,190	(125,945,817)	81%
2020	LE ED	115,307,689	204,511,996	(91,145,410)	45%
2021	LE ED	137,801,292	234,688,008	(116,741,780)	50%
2018	LE SUB	3,752,497	14,178,652	(2,713,962)	19%
2019	LE SUB	2,328,465	8,313,698	(2,786,361)	34%
2020	LE SUB	3,645,000	13,210,800	(4,342,944)	33%
2021	LE SUB	3,084,317	12,941,784	(3,009,608)	23%

Again, this demonstrates that SDG&E is managing its OH Pool costs in proportion to its capital expenditures during the year, and thus, making the OPBA unnecessary moving forward.

1 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers for each OH
2 pool can be found below.

3 **2. 901 – Local Engineering Pool – ED Pool**

4 **a. Description**

5 The forecasts for the Local Engineering – ED Pool for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
6 \$120.972 million, \$123.304 million, and \$82.749 million, respectively. This is an ongoing
7 program that is expected to continue through the test year.

8 This budget code provides funding for the Local Engineering – ED Pool, which consists
9 of planners, designers, and engineers, and support personnel who research, analyze, and design
10 the facilities needed to serve customers. These persons address the engineering needs for new
11 services, facilities relocations, overhead-to-underground conversions, capacity, and reliability
12 projects. These persons also address the interaction with internal and external customers in
13 preparing a work order package for construction. This pool includes the costs that will be
14 allocated to electric distribution capital activities. Typical activities included in this account are:

- 15 • Communicating with internal and external customers to collect information
16 necessary to prepare a work order package for construction;
- 17 • Performing load and sizing studies to determine the design characteristics to apply
18 to a construction project;
- 19 • Developing a design for the construction project that meets the customer needs for
20 service and the overall system design requirements. This design identifies the
21 material, labor and equipment requirements necessary to complete the
22 construction project;
- 23 • Coordination of the permitting and rights of way requirements;
- 24 • Preparing cost estimates per the line extension rules and presenting these
25 estimates to the internal or external customer for their approval;
- 26 • Preparing contracts and processing fees for new business construction projects;
27 and
- 28 • Preparing work order packages and transmitting them to the internal and external
29 groups.

30 Local Engineering activities see a project from inception to completion. Due to the
31 volume of capital work that takes place on the distribution system, the most effective and

1 efficient way to allocate the planning and engineering activities is using the overhead pools. It is
2 not feasible to charge directly for each electric distribution job due to the tremendous volume of
3 work orders.

4 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-
5 CWP-R at section E09010 – Local Engineering Pool – ED Pool.

6 **b. Forecast Method**

7 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
8 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
9 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast for this pool is a function of its eligible
10 capital base. Historically, as the capital base has expanded or contracted, the pool activity has
11 followed accordingly. A seven-year historical study was performed to determine, on average,
12 how much the pool shifts in relation to its eligible base. In other words, for each percent increase
13 in the base, the corresponding percent increase in the pool was calculated. This factor was then
14 multiplied by the projected Year-Over-Year percent change of the capital base and then by the
15 previous year’s pool forecast to arrive at the projected pool balance for each year.

16 This is the most appropriate forecasting methodology as it aligns the pool activity with
17 the direct costs that drive it. By utilizing direct costs as the forecast base, timing and undulation
18 of spending should coincide with project spending schedules.

19 **c. Cost Drivers**

20 The underlying cost driver in the growth of expenditures for this pool is due to industry
21 trends increasing the use of detailed engineering studies or designs, instead of relying solely on
22 standards.

23 **3. 904 – Local Engineering Pool – Substation Pool**

24 **a. Description**

25 The forecasts for the Local Engineering – Substation Pool for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
26 \$5.147 million, \$5.074 million, and \$4.077 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
27 that is expected to continue through the test year.

28 This budget code provides funding for the Local Engineering – Substation Pool. This
29 pool consists of planners, designers, engineers and support personnel who research, analyze, and
30 design the facilities needed to serve customers. These persons address the engineering needs for
31 substation projects. These persons also address the interaction with internal and external

1 customers in preparing a work order package for construction. This pool includes the costs that
2 will be allocated to electric distribution and transmission substation capital activities. Typical
3 activities included in this account are:

- 4 • Communicating with internal and external customers to collect information
5 necessary to prepare a work order package for construction;
- 6 • Performing load and sizing studies to determine the design characteristics to apply
7 to a construction project;
- 8 • Developing a design for the construction project that meets the customer needs for
9 service and the overall system design requirements. This design identifies the
10 material, labor and equipment requirements necessary to complete the
11 construction project;
- 12 • Coordination of the permitting and rights of way requirements;
- 13 • Preparing cost estimates according to the line extension rules and presenting these
14 estimates to the internal or external customer for their approval;
- 15 • Preparing contracts and processing fees for new business construction projects;
16 and
- 17 • Preparing work order packages and transmitting them to the internal and external
18 groups.

19 Local Engineering activities are required to see a project from inception to completion.
20 Due to the volume of capital work that takes place on the distribution system, the most effective
21 and efficient way to allocate the planning and engineering activities is using the overhead pools.
22 It is not feasible to charge directly for each electric distribution/substation job due to the
23 tremendous volume of work orders. In the case of the Local Engineering – Substation Pool, only
24 the related substation activities are charged to this project.

25 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-
26 CWP-R at section E09040 – Local Engineering Pool – Substation Pool Elec.

27 **b. Forecast Method**

28 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
29 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
30 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast for this pool is a function of its eligible
31 capital base. Historically, as the capital base has expanded or contracted, the pool activity has

1 followed accordingly. A seven-year historical study was performed to determine, on average,
2 how much the pool shifts in relation to its eligible base. In other words, for each percent increase
3 in the base, the corresponding percent increase in the pool was calculated. This factor was then
4 multiplied by the projected year-over-year percent change of the capital base and then by the
5 previous year's pool forecast to arrive at the projected pool balance for each year.

6 This is the most appropriate forecasting methodology as it aligns the pool activity with
7 the direct costs that drive it. By utilizing direct costs as the forecast base, timing and undulation
8 of spending should coincide with project spending schedules.

9 **c. Cost Drivers**

10 The underlying cost driver for this pool is capital substation work.

11 **4. 905 – Department Overhead Pool – Electric**

12 **a. Description**

13 The forecasts for the Department Overhead Pool – Electric for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
14 \$19.030 million, \$20.738 million, \$21.271 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
15 that is expected to continue through the test year.

16 This budget code provides funding for Department Overheads. Costs included in this
17 budget code are for supervision and administration of crews in the SDG&E Construction and
18 Operation (C&O) districts. Department Overhead is charged for expenses that are not
19 attributable to one project, but benefit many projects, or the C&O districts. C&O managers,
20 construction managers, construction supervisors, dispatchers, operations assistants and other
21 clerical C&O employees charge to this account. Construction field employees charge this
22 account when meeting on multiple projects. The non-labor piece consists of administrative
23 expenses such as: office supplies, telephone expenses, mileage, employee uniforms and
24 professional dues. This pool includes the costs that will be allocated to distribution electric
25 capital activities. Typical activities included in this account are:

- 26 • Management and supervision of construction personnel; and
- 27 • Scheduling, material ordering, and dispatching for construction personnel.

28 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
29 *CWP-R at section E09050 – Department Overhead Pool – Elec.*

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b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast for this pool is a function of its eligible capital base. Historically, as the capital base has expanded or contracted, the pool activity has followed accordingly. A seven-year historical study was performed to determine, on average, how much the pool shifts in relation to its eligible base. In other words, for each percent increase in the base, the corresponding percent increase in the pool was calculated. This factor was then multiplied by the projected Year-Over-Year percent change of the capital base and then by the previous year’s pool forecast to arrive at the projected pool balance for each year.

This is the most appropriate forecasting methodology as it aligns the pool activity with the direct costs that drive it. By utilizing direct costs as the forecast base, timing and undulation of spending should coincide with project spending schedules.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost drivers in the Department Overhead Pool align with the costs in the other capital categories.

5. 906 – Contract Administration Pool – Electric

a. Description

The forecasts for the Contract Administration (CA) Pool – Electric for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$24.279 million, \$47.487 million, \$43.906 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

This budget code provides funding for the CA Pool and consists of those expenses necessary for the administration of projects that are performed by contractors at SDG&E. The expenses to this pool consist of labor for CA, Field Construction Advisors and support personnel, as well as the associated non-labor support costs such as office and field supplies. This pool includes the costs that will be allocated to contracted work. Typical activities included in this account are:

- Working with contractors to develop fixed price bids for construction projects;
- Overseeing the contractor work to remove obstacles and verify work is completed and complies with company standards;
- Approving contractor invoices for completed work; and

- Developing and administering contract units for unit priced contracts.

The CA Pool consists of those expenses necessary for the administration of projects that are performed by contractors for SDG&E. Due to the volume of capital work that takes place on the electric distribution system, the most effective and efficient way to allocate the contract administration costs is using the CA Pool. It is not feasible to charge directly for each electric distribution job due to the tremendous volume of work orders.

Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP-R at section E09060 – Contract Administration Pool.

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast for this pool is a function of its eligible capital base. Historically, as the capital base has expanded or contracted, the pool activity has followed accordingly. A seven-year historical study was performed to determine, on average, how much the pool shifts in relation to its eligible base. In other words, for each percent increase in the base, the corresponding percent increase in the pool was calculated. This factor was then multiplied by the projected Year-Over-Year percent change of the capital base and then by the previous year’s pool forecast to arrive at the projected pool balance for each year.

This is the most appropriate forecasting methodology as it aligns the pool activity with the direct costs that drive it. By utilizing direct costs as the forecast base, timing and undulation of spending should coincide with project spending schedules.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost drivers for this pool align with the cost drivers described in all other capital categories.

H. RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENTS

**TABLE OR-17
Summary of Reliability/Improvement Forecasts**

H. RELIABILITY/IMPROVEMENTS (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
Total CAPITAL	77,681	130,398	68,343

1 **1. Introduction**

2 Customer expectations about the availability of service continues to increase. SDG&E
3 has been proactive in trying to address this increased expectation and aging infrastructure.
4 SDG&E has been recognized for having a very reliable electric system. From 2005 through
5 2021, SDG&E has been ranked “Best in the West” in reliability by PA Consulting Group,
6 earning their regional ReliabilityOne award sixteen consecutive years.²⁷ Delaying responsive
7 action could ultimately result in a decline in reliability and an increased number of customer
8 complaints, regulatory fines, and higher long-term repair costs.

9 Cable failures remain a large contributor to the System Average Interruption Duration
10 Index (SAIDI) and System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI), and SDG&E
11 continues to experience and forecast polymeric cable failures. The cable failure rate is primarily
12 due to the remaining 1,003 circuit miles of high-failure rate unjacketed cable. Over the last five
13 years, cable failure has caused approximately 20% of all distribution outage minutes, and this
14 continues to burden the workforce and impact customers. SDG&E is beginning to see a rise in
15 the number of failures of jacketed cable as well, as the various types of jacketed cable approach
16 their manufacturer-recommended service life. SDG&E predicts a steady uptrend of jacketed
17 cable failures over the next five-years.

18 SDG&E continues with its effort to improve reliability through the proactive replacement
19 of end-of-life substation distribution circuit breakers, along with the installation of additional
20 Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) devices and other advanced technologies.
21 With modern circuit breakers, additional fault indicating, sectionalizing, and circuit automation
22 devices, the ability to restore customers’ service improves and outage times can be reduced.

23 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
24 in each budget code below.

²⁷ MarketScreener.com, Sempra Operating Company SDG&E Wins National Award for Electric Reliability in the U.S. (November 19, 2021) available at <https://www.marketscreener.com/quote/stock/SEMPRA-ENERGY-14471/news/Sempra-Operating-Company-SDG-E-Wins-National-Award-for-Electric-Reliability-in-the-U-S-37084247/>.

1 **2. 203 – Distribution Substation Reliability Projects**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecast for Distribution Substation Reliability Projects for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
4 \$1.376 million, \$1.376 million, and \$1.376 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
5 that is expected to continue through the test year.

6 This program provides funding for reactive improvements to electrical distribution
7 substation facilities. General project categories include safety related improvements,
8 replacement of failed/obsolete equipment, and capital additions typically under \$500,000. This
9 program is required to maintain the reliability and integrity of distribution substations. The
10 specific work required to meet safety requirements, replace obsolete or failed equipment, and
11 make necessary small capital additions is based on requests from engineering, planning,
12 operations, and maintenance groups.

13 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
14 at section 002030 – RAMP – Distribution Substation Reliability.

15 The Distribution Substation Reliability Projects mitigate safety risks identified in the
16 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C19 Distribution Substation
17 Reliability Projects. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

18 For the Distribution Substation Reliability Projects mitigation, Table OR-18 below shows
19 the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

20 **TABLE OR-18: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
21 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
002030.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C19	Distribution Substation Reliability Projects	1,376	1,376	1,376	0

22 * An RSE was not calculated for this activity

23 **b. Forecast Method**

24 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a 3-year average based on
25 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
26 year. The 3-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
27 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within

1 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. As aging infrastructure
2 continues to be replaced, the need for this emergency program has decreased in recent years.
3 Due to this downward trend, the three-year average was selected as the most appropriate
4 reflection of need for this program.

5 **c. Cost Drivers**

6 The underlying cost driver for this program is the need to address safety issues and
7 replace failed equipment in SDG&E's substations.

8 **3. 226 – Management of Overhead Distribution Service**

9 **a. Description**

10 The forecast for Management of Overhead Distribution Service for 2022, 2023, and 2024
11 is \$8.117 million, \$8.117 million, and \$8.117 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
12 that is expected to continue through the test year.

13 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company's goals of reliability by
14 reinforcing the electric overhead distribution system infrastructure with real-time responsive
15 action to system damages, deterioration, and unsafe conditions. The most notable construction
16 activity associated with this responsive work is overhead transformer replacements under
17 emergency protocols following an equipment failure. The overall objective is to maintain
18 continuity of safe and reliable customer service.

19 This program also supports the reconstruction of existing overhead distribution facilities
20 as necessary to mitigate public and personnel safety hazards, correct improper voltage
21 conditions, and facilitate small-scale reliability enhancements, typically affecting 1-2 structures
22 per job. These construction activities are urgent in nature, targeting engineering, design, and
23 construction within one year and include:

- 24 • Replacing [structurally] overloaded overhead facilities (i.e., same-day
25 emergencies).
- 26 • Replacing [thermally] overloaded overhead facilities (e.g., wires, transformers
27 exceeding emergency ratings).
- 28 • Making emergency repairs not associated with ongoing outages.
- 29 • Repairing or replacing deteriorated or unsafe equipment not found through the
30 Corrective Maintenance Program.
- 31 • Installing protective equipment such as fusing and switches.

1 The most notable construction activities associated with this program are the replacement
2 of poles, wires, switches, and/or transformers.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
4 at section 002260 – RAMP – Management of OH Dist. Service.

5 The Management of OH Distribution Service mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021
6 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C05 Management of Overhead
7 Distribution Service (Non-CMP). Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a
8 RAMP activity.

9 For the Management of Overhead Distribution Service mitigation, Table OR-19 below
10 shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP
11 Report.

12 **TABLE OR-19: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
13 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
002260.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C05	Management of Overhead Distribution Service	\$ 8,177	\$ 8,177	\$ 8,177	0

14 * An RSE was not calculated for this activity

15 **b. Forecast Method**

16 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
17 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
18 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over a
19 longer period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within this
20 budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

21 The forecast method has shifted from a five-year average used in the 2019 GRC to 3-year
22 average based on historical data. This change is driven by the need to capture activities in recent
23 years, where increased amounts of locally managed (engineered, designed, and constructed)
24 work have occurred due to an increased focus on expeditiously mitigating imminent safety,
25 reliability, and compliance risks. These findings are generally the result of forced outages that
26 are restored under emergency protocols, however, require planned follow-up work to mitigate
27 outstanding risks. These mitigations are expected to be implemented as soon as practical and

1 generally not to exceed one year from the original incident. As these activities are implemented
2 as short-term responsive actions, there are notable year-over-year volatilities in work scope and
3 volume which are also subject to the initial input of first responders.

4 **c. Cost Drivers**

5 The underlying cost drivers for this program is the responsive need to make overhead
6 equipment repairs and upgrades necessary to maintain continuity of safe and reliable electric
7 service to SDG&E customers.

8 **4. 227 – Management of Underground Distribution Service**

9 **a. Description**

10 The forecast for Management of Underground Distribution Service for 2022, 2023, and
11 2024 is \$3.353 million, \$3.353 million, and \$3.353 million, respectively. This is an ongoing
12 program that is expected to continue through the test year.

13 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company’s goals of reliability by
14 reinforcing the electric underground distribution system infrastructure with real-time responsive
15 action to system damages, deterioration, and unsafe conditions. The most notable construction
16 activity associated with this responsive work is underground transformer replacements under
17 emergency protocols following an equipment failure. The overall objective is to maintain
18 continuity of safe and reliable customer service.

19 This program also provides for the responsive reconstruction of existing overhead
20 distribution facilities as necessary to mitigate public and personnel safety hazards, correct
21 improper voltage conditions, and facilitate small-scale reliability enhancements, typically
22 affecting 1-2 structures per job. These construction activities are urgent in nature, targeting
23 engineering, design, and construction within one year and include:

- 24 • Replacing [thermally] overloaded underground facilities (e.g., cables,
25 transformers exceeding emergency ratings);
- 26 • Making emergency repairs not associated with ongoing outages;
- 27 • Replacing damaged sectionalizing devices;
- 28 • Repairing or replacing deteriorated or unsafe equipment not found through the
29 Corrective Maintenance Program; and
- 30 • Installing protective equipment such as fusing and switches.

1 The most notable construction activities associated with this responsive work are the
2 replacement of cables, switches, terminators, and/or transformers.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
4 at section 002270 – RAMP – Management of UG Dist. Service.

5 The Management of Underground Distribution Service mitigates safety risks identified in
6 the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C17 Management of
7 Underground Distribution Service. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a
8 RAMP activity.

9 For the Management of Underground Distribution Service mitigation, Table OR-20
10 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021
11 RAMP Report.

12 **TABLE OR-20: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
13 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
002270.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C17	Management of Underground Distribution Service	3,353	3,353	3,353	0

14 * An RSE was not calculated for this activity

15 **b. Forecast Method**

16 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a base-year approach. The
17 expenditures for 2021 reflect recent changes in this program and is the best representation of the
18 starting point for 2022-2024 forecasted costs.

19 The forecast method has shifted from a 5-year average based on historical data, to a base-
20 year approach. This change is driven by the need to capture activities in the most recent year,
21 where increased amounts of locally managed (engineered, designed, and constructed) work have
22 occurred due to an increased focus on expeditiously mitigating imminent safety, reliability, and
23 compliance risks. These findings are generally the result of forced outages that are restored
24 under emergency protocols, however, require planned follow-up work to mitigate outstanding
25 risks. These mitigations are expected to be implemented as soon as practical and generally not to
26 exceed one year from the original incident. As these activities are implemented as short-term

1 responsive actions, there are notable year-over-year volatilities in work scope and volume which
2 are also subject to the initial input of first responders.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost driver for this program is the responsive need to make underground
5 equipment repairs and upgrades necessary to maintain continuity of safe and reliable electric
6 service to customers.

7 **5. 230 – Replacement of Underground Cables**

8 **a. Description**

9 The forecast for Replacement of Underground Cables for 2022, 2023, and 2024 is \$5.799
10 million, \$5.799 million, and \$5.799 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is
11 expected to continue through the test year.

12 The scope of work is primarily focused on replacing failed cables; however, it may also
13 require other coincident infrastructure replacements such as racks, elbows, tees, transformers,
14 lids, etc. The overall objective is to maintain continuity of safe and reliable customer service. In
15 prior rate cases there was one budget code to account for both planned and reactive cable
16 replacement activities; however, beginning with the TY 2024 GRC a separate budget code is
17 being used for proactive cable replacement to allow for improved and more granular work
18 management and cost tracking (*See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at section 002380 – RAMP – Planned*
19 *Cable Replacements*).

20 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
21 *at section 002300 – RAMP – Replacement of Underground Cables*.

22 The Replacement of Underground Cable mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021
23 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C09 Underground Cable Replacement
24 Program – Reactive. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

25 For the Replacement of Underground Cable mitigation, Table OR-21 below shows the
26 TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-21: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
002300.001	SDG&E- Risk-2	C09	Replacement of Underground Cable - Reactive	\$ 5,799	\$ 5,799	\$ 5,799	0

* An RSE was not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over a longer period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

The three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years are a closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost driver for this program is the responsive need to provide quality customer service and reliability to existing customers by reactively replacing cable in the underground cable system.

6. 236 – Capital Restoration of Service

a. Description

The forecast for Capital Restoration of Service for 2022, 2023, and 2024 is \$9.522 million, \$9.522 million, and \$9.522 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

These forecasted capital expenditures provide funds to restore electric service due to system interruptions caused by severe inclement weather conditions, fires, extensive equipment failures (e.g., in excess of a single transformer), vandalism, and damages caused by a third party. It also provides for the reconstruction of existing overhead and underground distribution facilities as necessary to restore electric service to customers. The funds within this program cover all costs associated with the following factors:

- Storm damage (e.g., rain/wind/fire);

- Damage to electric distribution facilities by others (e.g., car/equipment contacts);²⁸ and
- Emergency replacements of major units of property that are required for service restoration (e.g., poles, wires, cables, switches, tees, and/or other equipment failures).

The program provides reactive repairs to SDG&E’s distribution facilities as necessary to restore electric service to customers in a timely manner and in compliance with the CPUC General Orders.

Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP-R at section 002360 – RAMP – Capital Restoration of Service.

The Capital Restoration of Service mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C07 Restoration of Service. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

For the Capital Restoration of Service mitigation, Table OR-22 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-22: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
002360.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C07	Restoration of Service	9,522	9,522	9,522	0

* An RSE was not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over a longer period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

²⁸ These are billable to the appropriate responsible parties and therefore carry no capital risks.

1 The three-year historical average is being used as the costs reflected in more recent years
2 are a closer reflection of future costs due to ongoing increases in labor and material costs.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost driver for this program relates to storm activity or extreme weather
5 events.

6 **7. 238 – Planned Cable Replacements**

7 **a. Description**

8 The forecast for the Planned Cable Replacements program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
9 \$4.260 million, \$3.485 million, and \$3.431 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
10 that is expected to continue through the test year.

11 This program takes a proactive approach by replacing underground cable that has been
12 identified to have a high failure rate or consequence based on electric reliability circuit analysis
13 and cable failure data. It also provides quality customer service and reliability to existing
14 customers by proactively replacing cable in the underground system before it fails and an outage
15 occurs. In addition, this proactive control will assist in mitigating future outages caused by the
16 failure of cable to major customers. In prior rate cases there was one budget code to account for
17 both planned and reactive cable replacement activities; however, beginning with the TY 2024
18 GRC a separate budget code is being used for reactive cable replacement to allow for improved
19 and more granular work management and cost tracking (*See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at section*
20 *002300 – RAMP – Replacement of Underground Cables*).

21 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
22 *at section 002380 – RAMP – Planned Cable Replacements*.

23 The Planned Cable Replacements mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
24 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C10-T1: Underground Cable Replacement
25 Program – Proactive – UG Feeder, and C10-T2: Underground Cable Replacement Program –
26 Proactive – UG Branch. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP
27 activity.

28 For the Planned Cable Replacements mitigation, Table OR-23 below shows the TY 2024
29 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-23: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
002380.001	SDG&E- Risk-2	C10-T1 & T2	Underground Cable Replacements Program - Proactive	\$ 4,260	\$ 3,485	\$ 3,431	2082

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. This program selects specific projects to be addressed each year. Historical data is used for applicable unit costs along with the specific scope of the projects selected to develop forecasts.

c. Cost Drivers

Increases have been observed in the price of commodities (steel, copper, aluminum) that impact transformers, cable, and steel poles. These are likely to lead to increased project cost. In the past funds were shifted to emergent and/or higher priority projects and the forecasts account for that reduced historical work done as well as ensuring SDG&E can meet future targets/demands.

8. 290 – Do Not Operate Energized (DOE) Switch Replacement

a. Description

The forecasts for the “Do Not Operate Energized” (DOE) Switch Replacement program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$3.898 million, \$9.327 million, and \$5.782 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

SDG&E’s DOE Switch Replacement Program aims to systematically replace underground and overhead switches that are deemed unsafe for energized operation of the internal mechanical units. SDG&E utilizes inspection programs to identify these switches. These inspections include visual inspections, infrared (IR) inspection to detect points of potential

1 overheating, measurement of switch lubrication, and physical exercising. Upon inspection, if a
 2 switch is found to not be safe for continued operation, field experts will make the determination
 3 to replace the switch with an appropriately superior or equivalent asset, depending on field
 4 conditions and reliability impact. This program also improves worker safety while operating
 5 these switches and prevents premature failures of these assets, avoiding potential for injuries and
 6 damages to adjacent facilities. In addition, replacement of these switches allows for a reduced
 7 customer impact when isolation devices are needed during planned and unplanned outages.

8 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
 9 at section 002900 – RAMP – DOE Switch Replacement.

10 The DOE Switch Replacement program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021
 11 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C14: DOE Switch Replacement –
 12 Underground. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

13 For the DOE Switch Replacement program mitigation, Table OR-24 below shows the TY
 14 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

15 **TABLE OR-24: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 16 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
002900.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C14	DOE Switch Replacement - Underground	\$ 3,898	\$ 9,327	\$ 5,782	162

17 **b. Forecast Method**

18 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 19 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 20 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 21 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
 22 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
 23 applicable. This program selects specific projects to be addressed each year. Historical data is
 24 used for applicable unit costs along with the specific scope of the projects selected to develop
 25 forecasts.

1 **c. Cost Drivers**

2 Increases observed in the price of commodities (steel, copper, aluminum) that impact
3 transformers, cable, and steel poles are likely to lead to increased project cost.

4 **9. 6254 – Emergency Equipment Purchase**

5 **a. Description**

6 The forecast for Emergency Equipment Purchases for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$3.275
7 million, \$334 thousand, and \$334 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is
8 expected to continue through the test year.

9 This program provides funding to support the restoration of service to the Company’s
10 distribution customers following outages caused by substation equipment failures by purchasing
11 additional emergency spare and mobile equipment. The number of aging transformers on
12 SDG&E’s system is at a level that additional failures are expected despite efforts to replace the
13 equipment before failure. Lead times for replacement units continue to be extended farther out
14 every year. This project will provide two additional 69/12kV transformer for this purpose.
15 SDG&E’s existing mobile transformers are frequently utilized for routine maintenance and
16 construction activities due to the high loading of its substations. This project will refurbish and
17 replace major equipment on an aging 12/4kV mobile transformer to allow the rapid restoration of
18 service. A failure of an existing 12kV circuit breaker could result in a lengthy outage. This
19 project will a that with the purchase of three mobile 12kV circuit breakers which can quickly be
20 deployed to a substation to restore electric service to customers in the event of a circuit breaker
21 failure.

22 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
23 at section 062540 – RAMP – Emergency Transformer & Switchgear.

24 The Emergency Transformer and Switchgear mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021
25 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C22: Emergency Transformer and
26 Switchgear. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

27 For the Emergency Transformer and Switchgear mitigation, Table OR-25 below shows
28 the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-25: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
062540.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C22	Emergency Transformer and Switchgear	3,275	334	334	0

* An RSE was not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. Forecasted costs are based on anticipated emergency spare and mobile equipment needs each year. In 2022, increased forecasted costs are due to the type and quantity of equipment that will be procured, including the 12/4 kV portable transformer, two 69/12kV transformers and three portable circuit breakers.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost driver associated with this program is the safe and rapid restoration of service following an outage caused by equipment failures.

10. 11249 – SCADA Capacitors

a. Description

The forecast for the SCADA Capacitors program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$983 thousand, \$984 thousand, and \$984 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

The SCADA capacitors program will replace existing non-SCADA capacitors with more modern SCADA switchable capacitors. The current non-SCADA capacitors are designed to provide voltage and power factor correction for the distribution system. During a failure of a capacitor from either mechanical, electrical, or environmental overstress, an internal fault is created resulting in internal pressure and the potential to rupture the casing, which could create a potential safety hazard to employees and the public.

1 The modernization of these capacitors will introduce a monitoring system to check for
 2 imbalances and internal faults and to open based on the protection settings. In addition, the
 3 SCADA capacitor will provide a method for remote isolation and monitoring of the system,
 4 providing additional situational awareness during extreme weather conditions. The program first
 5 prioritizes replacing fixed capacitors within the system and then addressing capacitors with
 6 switches. Both types of capacitors will be modernized to a SCADA switchable capacitor.
 7 SDG&E expects that system faults and ignitions associated with capacitor failures would
 8 decrease over time as a result of this program.

9 The project also supports SDG&E’s grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid
 10 Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
 11 testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

12 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
 13 at section 112490 – RAMP – Install SCADA On Line Capacitors.

14 The SCADA Capacitors program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
 15 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C29 SCADA Capacitors program. Accordingly,
 16 this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

17 For the SCADA Capacitors program mitigation, Table OR-26 below shows the TY 2024
 18 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

19 **TABLE OR-26: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 20 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
112490.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C29	SCADA Capacitors	\$ 983	\$ 984	\$ 984	-

21 * Tranche level RSEs and additional details are available in SDG&E-11-CWP 11249.

22 **b. Forecast Method**

23 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 24 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 25 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 26 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
 27 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as

1 applicable. This program selects specific projects to be addressed each year. Historical data is
2 used for applicable unit costs along with the specific scope of the projects selected to develop
3 forecasts.

4 **c. Cost Drivers**

5 The underlying cost driver for this capital project is to enhance system capacity and
6 circuit reliability on the system by increasing the operating capabilities of the Company's
7 distribution capacitors. Increases observed in the price of commodities (steel, copper,
8 aluminum) that impact transformers, cable, and steel poles are likely to lead to increased project
9 cost. Additionally, in the past funds were shifted to emergent and/or higher priority projects and
10 the forecasts account for that reduced historical work done as well as ensuring SDG&E can meet
11 future targets/demands.

12 **11. 13244 – Streamview 69/12 kV Substation Rebuild**

13 **a. Description**

14 The forecast for Streamview 69/12 kV Substation Rebuild for 2022, 2023, and 2024 is
15 \$6.013 million, \$18.613 million, and \$159 thousand, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and
16 place this project in-service by 2024.

17 These forecasted capital expenditures provide funding for the distribution component of
18 this reliability-driven project related to expansion of the substation yard and rebuilding the
19 existing substation on an expanded parcel of property. The scope of work entails the
20 replacement of the 69kV & 12kV bays and the control shelter to bolster future reliability for the
21 community of Streamview Substation and the surrounding area while also updating all systems
22 to meet current substation design standards. Existing major substation equipment to be replaced
23 include: Two 69/12kV transformer banks, one switchgear, three 69kV breakers, seven 12kV
24 breakers, two 12kV cap banks, and one 69/12 control shelter. The existing equipment is non-
25 standard. There currently is no bus tie for either the 69kV or 12kV bus, and there is no way to fit
26 a bus tie in the current substation configuration. The reconfiguration to include a bus tie as part
27 of this project will significantly reduce the impact of an outage.

28 These improvements were deemed necessary after an animal contact incident on the
29 69kV bus that resulted in an entire bus outage at the station. The lack of bus tie or bank breaker
30 exacerbated the outage and resulted in a high SAIDI event. This substation is more prone to
31 animal contacts due to the fact the bus spacing is relatively small compared to modern standards.

1 Streamview Substation also does not have SCADA devices, limiting the ability to
2 perform remote operations and contributing to increased outage response times.

3 In addition to the reliability benefit, this rebuild will provide the substation with
4 additional capacity to serve existing area load and future customer-driven electrical load growth
5 and enhance the distribution and power network to minimize the potential for service disruptions
6 to existing customers. Rebuilding Streamview Substation will allow Operations to offload
7 customers from an adjacent substation (Station F) as well as account for the future load growth
8 from San Diego universities. Station F is forecasted to be loaded at 86% capacity and currently
9 serves the highest number of customers in the SDG&E service territory at approximately 43,000
10 customers.

11 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
12 *at section 132440 – Streamview 69/12kV Sub Rebuild.*

13 **b. Forecast Method**

14 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
15 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
16 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
17 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
18 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
19 applicable. A historical average or base year approach was not selected as the forecast method
20 because there were no applicable historical costs given the infancy of this project.

21 **c. Cost Drivers**

22 The primary underlying cost drivers for this capital project relate to land acquisition
23 required to safely and reliably expand the existing 69/12kV substation.

24 **12. 14128 – Artesian 230kV Substation Expansion**

25 **a. Description**

26 The forecast for Artesian 230kV Substation Expansion for 2022, 2023, and 2024 is \$36
27 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project into service by
28 2024.

29 These forecasted capital expenditures provide funding for the distribution component of
30 this reliability-driven project related to the remaining information technology (IT) scope which
31 entails wiring, testing, and post-configuration work to complete communication to the substation

1 and have it remotely controlled and monitored. This follows the core project in which the
2 objectives are listed below:

- 3 • Meet mandatory North American Electric Reliability Criteria (NERC) reliability
4 criteria and mitigate existing NERC thermal violation identified in the Poway
5 Area Load Pocket. The project would result in the Artesian Substation being
6 expanded into a 230/69Kv substation and includes upgrades to the existing 69kV
7 system, that combined with the 230kV expansion at the Artesian Substation, will
8 provide an additional 230kV source sufficient to supply power to the Poway Area
9 Load Pocket.
- 10 • Alleviate ongoing 69kV congestion at the Sycamore Canyon 230/138/69kV
11 Substation.
- 12 • Locate proposed facilities within existing transmission corridors, SDG&E ROW,
13 and utility owned property

14 The IT network at Artesian Ranch follows the Substation External Routable
15 Connectivity-Hybrid design. Newer remote terminal units (RTUs) and phasor data concentrators
16 (PDCs) are deployed with redundant communications to the IT network as a means to eliminate
17 the single point of failure inside the control house. Also, the external communications from the
18 RTUs and PDCs are internet protocol (IP) based, which will increase the network capacity and
19 availability to these circuits. Protection for the 230kV and 69kV relays was designed to the
20 Transmission Communication Reliability Improvements standard of using fully diverse paths
21 with no single points of failure across the IT network. Improved IT architecture and functionality
22 has a direct impact on the network with direct results on reliability of the system and greatly
23 improved communication and protection of the grid.

24 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
25 *at section 141280 – Artesian 230kV Expansion.*

26 **b. Forecast Method**

27 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
28 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
29 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
30 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
31 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as

1 applicable. A historical average or base year approach was not selected as the forecast method
2 because only limited and specialized scope of work remains.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost drivers for this capital project relate to the union labor and vendor
5 services required for phase II cutover support.

6 **13. 14143 – Poway 69kV Substation Rebuild**

7 **a. Description**

8 The forecasts for Poway 69kV Substation Rebuild for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.517
9 million, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the
10 test year.

11 These forecasted capital expenditures provide funding for the distribution component of
12 this project. The purpose of the rebuild at Poway Substation is to improve reliability by
13 replacing aging infrastructure and increasing capacity by building a new and upgraded 69kV bus
14 that can accept four 69kV transmission lines and four 69kV/12kV 28MVA transformers
15 (previous 69kV bus could only accept three 69kV transmission lines and two 69/12kV 28MVA
16 transformers), replacing the older 69kV circuit breakers (69kV infrastructure was replaced in
17 2017 as part of this project) and disconnect switches with new 69kV circuit breakers and
18 disconnect switches, building a new control shelter with new and upgraded relays and
19 communications devices, upgrading the older Alternating Current (AC) and Direct Current (DC)
20 sources with new standardized sources, replacing two 69/12kV 28MVA transformers with two
21 new 69/12kV 28MVA transformers (one of these is a Wye-Delta Zig-Zag transformer needed to
22 improve protection), and by replacing the older 12kV bus and 12kV circuit breakers with the
23 latest 12kV metal-clad enclosed switchgear technology. Circuit breaker scope consists of the
24 replacement of six 12kV oil circuit breakers with an average age of 45 years as well as two 12kV
25 vacuum circuit breakers with an average age of 44 years. Based on manufacturer
26 recommendations and SDG&E equipment failure history, the average age of these breakers is
27 within five years of the end-of-life expectancy for these circuit breakers which is 50 years for oil,
28 and 30 years for vacuum.

29 Remaining work in 2022 includes energizing the two (2) new 69/12kV transformers, two
30 (2) 12kV metal clad switchgear, two (2) 12kV 7200MVAR cap banks, and cutting over all 12kV
31 circuits to the new switchgear sections. Finally, demolition and removal of the older 12kV and

1 69kV racks in addition to removal of all older 12kV yard equipment. All work is scheduled to be
2 completed in 2022.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
4 at section 141430 – RAMP – Poway Substation Rebuild.

5 The Poway 69kV Substation Rebuild project is a mitigation measure supporting safety
6 risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific project was not included in the
7 filing. *See* Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report within this testimony for additional
8 details.

9 For the Poway 12kV Substation Rebuild project, Table OR-27 below shows the TY 2024
10 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

11 **TABLE OR-27: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
12 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
141430.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	New 04	Poway 69kV Substation Rebuild	1,517	0	0	0

13 * An RSE is not calculated for this activity

14 **b. Forecast Method**

15 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
16 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
17 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
18 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
19 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
20 applicable.

21 **c. Cost Drivers**

22 The underlying cost driver for this capital project is to improve reliability by replacing
23 aging infrastructure and adding SCADA to the substation.

1 **14. 15243 – Substation SCADA Expansion – Distribution**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for Substation SCADA Expansion – Distribution for 2022, 2023, and 2024
4 are \$1.201 million, \$2.527 million, and \$1.776 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
5 that is expected to continue through the test year.

6 This program will provide funding for the engineering, design, equipment procurement
7 and installation of both protective relay and SCADA equipment within SDG&E’s distribution
8 substations as a means of replacing aging infrastructure which has reached its end of useful life.
9 Aging infrastructure installed and/or replaced as a part of this program includes protective relays,
10 controllers, RTUs, auxiliary equipment, and associated substation communication systems.
11 Obsolete electro-mechanical relays and controls along with early-microprocessor equipment
12 comprises the majority of infrastructure replaced, as vintages in these categories are either end-
13 of-life, have antiquated protective capabilities, or have little to no SCADA functionality.

14 Expected useful relay life depends on the type of relay and has been based on SDG&E’s
15 experiences and information on failure rates available in industry. Numerous electromechanical
16 relays have served reliably for more than 50 years but offer limited features, have settings that
17 can drift, and can fail silently without alarm notification to system control operators. Solid-state
18 relays, referred to as “lost generation” relays, have a 20-year expected useful life and are being
19 phased out at most electrical utilities. Solid-state relays have high failure rates and are known to
20 experience false trips. Microprocessor relays are the currently preferred type of relay to install,
21 but these potentially have a shorter (20 years) expected life than electromechanical relays and
22 early generations have known operational issues.

23 The benefits of installing/upgrading SCADA equipment include faster faulted circuit
24 identification, faster isolation of faulted electric distribution circuits, faster load restoration after
25 system disturbances and improved system performance by mitigating electric system
26 deficiencies. These SCADA system upgrades, including replacement of protective relays, result
27 in reduced risk of unplanned failures, interruptions, and outages along with minimizing the
28 number of customers impacted by loss of electric service.

29 The project also supports SDG&E’s grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid
30 Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
31 testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

1 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
2 at section 152430 – RAMP – Substation SCADA Expansion – Distribution.

3 This program is designated as RAMP. The Substation SCADA Expansion – Distribution
4 program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure
5 Integrity (EII) – C27 Distribution Substation SCADA Expansion. Accordingly, this budget code
6 in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

7 For the Substation SCADA Expansion – Distribution program mitigation, Table OR-28
8 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021
9 RAMP Report.

10 **TABLE OR-28: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
11 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
152430.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C27	Distribution Substation SCADA Expansion	\$ 1,201	\$ 2,527	\$ 1,776	0

12 * An RSE is not calculated for this activity

13 **b. Forecast Method**

14 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
15 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
16 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
17 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
18 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
19 applicable. A historical average or base year approach was not selected as the forecast method
20 because those actuals do not accurately depict the program’s trajectory.

21 **c. Cost Drivers**

22 The underlying cost drivers for this program relate to the relays and relay panels required
23 to perform this scope of work. In the past, funds were shifted to emergent and/or higher priority
24 projects and the forecasted spend represents a higher production level to ensure SDG&E’s future
25 targets/demands.

1 **15. 17160 – San Marcos Substation 69kV Rebuild & 12kV Switchgear**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for the San Marcos Substation 69kV Rebuild & 12kV Switchgear project
4 for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$93 thousand, \$3.755 million, and \$101 thousand, respectively.
5 SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by 2024.

6 These forecasted capital expenditures provide funding for the distribution component of
7 this project. This project will provide funding to rebuild the San Marcos substation and bring it
8 to current standards in order to improve reliability by upgrading the structures and increasing the
9 phase spacing. The substation was originally constructed in 1968. Currently, the 69kV bus is
10 undersized and consists of non-seismic rated pin and cap insulators and disconnects. The
11 existing control shelter is too small for future additions of 69kV tieline positions and associated
12 telecommunications upgrades. The control shelter will also undergo various upgrades to the
13 existing relay and protection to support the infrastructure upgrades. In addition, four 69kV oil-
14 filled breakers (installed in 1977,1977,1978, and 1980) and Bank 32 12kV switchgear (installed
15 in 1989, breakers are air metal clad and were installed between 1988-1990) have reached the
16 end-of-life expectancy. Based on manufacturer recommendations and SDG&E equipment
17 failure history, these breakers are approaching their end-of-life expectancy of 40 years. The
18 current condition can lead to equipment failure and subsequent safety and reliability concerns.
19 The main driver of this project is aging infrastructure, and the proactive replacements are critical
20 to maintain the reliability of the system.

21 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
22 at section 171600 – RAMP – San Marcos Sub Rebuild 69kV & 12kV.

23 The San Marcos Substation 69kV Rebuild & 12kV Switchgear project is a mitigation
24 measure supporting safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific
25 project was not included in the filing. *See* Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report within
26 this testimony for additional details.

27 For the San Marcos Substation 69kV Rebuild and 12kV Switchgear project, Table OR-29
28 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021
29 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-29: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
171600.001	SDG&E- Risk-2	New 05	San Marcos Substation 69kV Rebuild and 12kV Switchgear	93	3,755	101	6

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost driver for this capital project is to improve reliability by replacing aging infrastructure.

16. 17243 – Substation Modification to Support FLISR

a. Description

The forecasts for the Substation Modification to Support Fault Location, Isolation, and Service Restoration (FLISR) project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$887 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

This project will modernize substation equipment that will help provide safe, reliable, and quality customer service by enabling the deployment of FLISR technology. With FLISR technology, fault location, fault isolation, and customer restoration on a distribution circuit occurs automatically without the intervention of a distribution system operator. This results in safely improving the distribution circuit impact on system reliability. This project will deploy FLISR technology to improve distribution system reliability when an outage occurs on a distribution circuit by allowing for:

1. Faster faulted circuit identifications

2. Faster isolation of faulted electric distribution circuits
3. Faster load restoration when system disturbances occur
4. Better system performance by mitigating electric system deficiencies

The conclusion of this project will help SDG&E continue to provide safe, reliable, and quality customer service by enabling the deployment of FLISR technology at San Ysidro substation.

Remaining work in 2022 will include replacing 12kV breakers, installing two new 12kV bus tie disconnects, installation of 50kV station light and power transformer, replacing two 12kV capacitor banks, and demolition/removal of de-energized 12kV bus, equipment, and below grade infrastructure.

The project also supports SDG&E’s grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M) testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12)

Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at section 172430 – RAMP – Substation Mod to Support FLISR.

The Substation Modification to Support FLISR project is a mitigation measure supporting safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific project was not included in the filing. *See* Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report within this testimony for additional details.

For the Substation Modification to Support FLISR project, Table OR-30 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-30: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
172430.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	New 06	Substation Modification to Support FLISR	887	0	0	0

* An RSE is not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total

1 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
2 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
3 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
4 applicable.

5 **c. Cost Drivers**

6 The underlying cost driver for this capital project is to improve reliability by modernizing
7 substation equipment at San Ysidro substation.

8 **17. 17261 – High Risk Switch Replacement**

9 **a. Description**

10 The forecasts for the High Risk Switch Replacement program for 2022, 2023, and 2024
11 are \$873 thousand, \$832 thousand, and \$832 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program
12 that is expected to continue through the test year.

13 SDG&E’s distribution High Risk Switch Replacement program aims to replace overhead
14 distribution switches that have shown signs of severe or quickly emerging corrosion that may
15 lead to catastrophic switch failure. SDG&E has identified various data attributes that
16 characterize high-risk switches and has prioritized several switches that can be removed in the
17 near term to avoid failure. For example, SDG&E’s engineering analyses of failed overhead
18 switches have determined that various switches, such as hook-sticks, often fail due to excessive
19 corrosion of major components. Switches have failed in as little as eight years of operation
20 along the dense salt fog coast.

21 Distribution switches have a higher propensity for failure and/or inoperability in high
22 corrosion areas, for example, in the area SDG&E identifies as “Contamination District One”
23 (which includes assets within two miles of the coast). While switches within Contamination
24 District One experience the highest rate of failure, failures can and do occur across the service
25 territory. Distribution switch inoperability during an outage can extend the impact of an outage
26 to the next upstream protection device, causing a prolonged forced outage when crews are
27 required to install additional jumpers or other workarounds. Switches that are not consistently
28 operated are at increased risk of being inoperable when needed. The inoperable state of the
29 switch poses safety risks to field operating personnel due to potential flash from the switch or
30 overexertion by the employee. Antiquated single phase disconnect switches are targeted to be
31 replaced with newer model disconnects with superior material specifications, three-phase gang-

operated switches (mitigating ferroresonance²⁹ over-voltages and flashovers, both SCADA and Non-SCADA), as well as remote operable SCADA tie switches, for improved reliability. Switch replacements may also require simultaneous or subsequent upgrades to relevant equipment such as poles, crossarms, wires, guys, and other hardware.

Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at section 172610 – RAMP – High Risk Switch Replacement Project.

The High Risk Switch Replacement program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C04-T1: Distribution Overhead Switch Replacement Program – SCADA, C04-T2: Distribution Overhead Switch Replacement Program – Gang, and C04-T3: Distribution Overhead Switch Replacement Program – Hook.

Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

For the High Risk Switch Replacement program, Table OR-31 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-31: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
172610.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C04	Distribution Overhead Switch Replacement Program	873	832	832	276

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. This program selects specific projects to be addressed each year. Historical data is

²⁹ Ferroresonance is a type of resonance in electric circuits which occurs when a circuit containing a nonlinear inductance is fed from a source that has series capacitance, and the circuit is subjected to a disturbance such as opening of a switch.

1 used for applicable unit costs along with the specific scope of the projects selected to develop
2 forecasts.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost drivers for this program are the reduction of employee safety risk
5 and the improvement of overall operational reliability. Increases have been observed in the price
6 of commodities (steel, copper, aluminum) that are likely to lead to increased project cost.
7 Additionally, in the past funds were shifted to emergent and/or higher priority projects and the
8 forecasts account for that reduced historical work done as well as enabling SDG&E to meet
9 future targets/demands.

10 **18. 17264 – North Harbor**

11 **a. Description**

12 The forecast for North Harbor for 2022, 2023, and 2024 is \$0, \$23.281 million, and
13 \$7.761 million, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test
14 year.

15 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company’s goals of reliability by
16 replacing aging infrastructure supporting the San Diego Regional Airport. This project will
17 install approximately 15,000 feet of new trench and 50,000 feet of cable along North Harbor
18 Drive near the San Diego Regional Airport. The circuits impacted are C124, C367, C468, C405.

19 In the worst-case failure event, the restoration time would be prolonged due to the
20 amount of spare conduit that could be predominately collapsed, and the limited internal
21 knowledge for splicing lead cable.

22 The new circuit will replace mixed cable types (which includes paper insulated, lead
23 covered, vintage unjacketed, and jacketed cables), install new SCADA sectionalizing switches,
24 and eliminate lead-poly cable splices. These improvements bolster each circuit’s reliability by
25 minimizing the restoration time to critical customers fed by this circuit and improves operational
26 flexibility. Employee safety is also anticipated to improve by installing infrastructure that meets
27 the latest engineering standards. The existing conduit contains asbestos and many of the existing
28 manholes and handholes do not have sufficient space to safely work in or expand.

29 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
30 at section 17264A – RAMP – North Harbor.

The North Harbor project mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C10-T3: Underground Cable Replacement Program – Proactive – North Harbor Project. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

For the North Harbor project, Table OR-32 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-32: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
17264A.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C10-T3	Underground Cable Replacement Program – Proactive – North Harbor	\$ 0	\$ 23,281	\$ 7,761	1

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. A historical average or base year approach was not selected as the forecast method as there were no applicable historical costs given the infancy of this project.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost drivers for this capital project relates to challenges with airport traffic, groundwater, and contaminated soil.

19. 17269 – 4kV Modernization

a. Description

The forecasts for the 4kV Modernization program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$4.179 million, \$6.632 million, and \$6.542 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

The purpose of SDG&E’s 4kV Modernization program is to systematically remove the 4kV distribution system from service and replace it or upgrade to modern 12kV standards. The

1 4kV system comprises over 20% of SDG&E’s distribution circuits by circuit count, supplies
2 approximately 5% of SDG&E’s system load, and constitutes 5% of overall distribution system
3 length. Half of the 4kV substations are more than 50 years old, which has resulted in
4 replacement components no longer being available. The operation of 4kV substations poses
5 safety concerns, for example, because the Company is facing a shortage of qualified crews and
6 electricians who are familiar with and knowledgeable about design and operation of those aging
7 and obsolete substations. The maintenance cost for the 4kV substations is unusually high and
8 continues to increase. The 4kV substations also present reliability and safety risks for customers
9 due to higher failure rates, and limited options to transfer load to adjacent circuits. All of these
10 factors create the potential for more frequent and extended duration outages.

11 In addition, 4kV overhead circuits are more likely to experience a wire-down event
12 compared to 12kV circuits due to a higher percentage of small, *i.e.*, more fragile wire (*e.g.*, #6
13 Copper and #4 Copper), aging conductors, and smaller conductor spacing clearances. SDG&E’s
14 4kV modernization plan addresses all areas of 4kV substation and distribution infrastructure
15 removals and upgrades.

16 Many of the 4kV substations are old “package units” in which the transformer and circuit
17 breakers are enclosed by an entire metal-clad structure for which there are no replacement parts,
18 especially for the circuit breakers. In the event of any component failure, the entire enclosure
19 must be de-energized, resulting in an outage to all customers supplied from the substation versus
20 independently located transformer and circuit breakers which can be isolated and replaced
21 independently resulting in fewer customers out of service. Another issue is that most of the 4kV
22 circuits do not have tying circuits that can partially offload an isolated number of customers from
23 the failed circuit to an adjacent circuit unlike 12kV circuits which have many more adjacent
24 tying circuits that can be offloaded and reduce the number of customers affected by an outage.

25 The scope of the program includes removing the 4kV package unit substations,
26 modernizing other aging substation infrastructure as needed, cutting over existing 4kV assets to
27 12kV assets, replacing small and aging wire, and completely rebuilding, if deemed necessary,
28 based on the asset.

29 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
30 at section 172690 – RAMP – 4kV Modernization.

1 The 4kV Modernization program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
 2 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C03 4kV Modernization Program – Distribution.
 3 Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

4 For the 4kV Modernization program, Table OR-33 below shows the TY 2024 forecast
 5 dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

6 **TABLE OR-33: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 7 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
172690.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C03	4kV Modernization - Distribution	\$ 4,179	\$ 6,632	\$ 6,542	27

8 **b. Forecast Method**

9 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 10 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 11 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 12 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
 13 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
 14 applicable. This program selects specific projects to be addressed each year. Historical data is
 15 used for applicable unit costs along with the specific scope of the projects selected to develop
 16 forecasts.

17 **c. Cost Drivers**

18 The underlying cost driver for this program is to increase reliability, improve overall
 19 operational flexibility, safety risk reductions, environmental benefits, and strategic drivers
 20 including reduced long-term operational and maintenance costs, added capacity for distributed
 21 energy resources, reduced energy losses (improved energy efficiency), and opportunities to
 22 repurpose land. Historical spend for this project was related to a ramp up of the program and the
 23 forecasted spend represents a higher production level. Increases have also been observed in the
 24 price of commodities (steel, copper, aluminum) that impact transformers, cable and steel poles.
 25 These are likely to lead to increased project cost.

1 **20. 19252 – Urban Substation Rebuild**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecast for Urban Substation Rebuild for 2022, 2023, and 2024 is \$5.570 million,
4 \$16.018 million, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by
5 the test year.

6 This rebuild will replace aging infrastructure at Urban Substation and modernize existing
7 controls and protections. The driver behind this rebuild was a high SAIDI event in 2018 that
8 significantly damaged the condition of the switchgear. The unit currently has temporary repairs
9 to the roof, which crews must inspect prior to every rainfall event. Furthermore, during
10 maintenance on the switchgear extra care must be taken as several employees have indicated that
11 due to the violent flashover, some equipment maybe friable, such as test switches, insulators, and
12 control wires.

13 This project will replace the existing 12kV switchgear, capacitors, and associated electric
14 distribution circuits getaways and manholes. In order to accomplish this, the existing substation
15 footprint will be expanded to the property line. The increased substation land area provides
16 room to safely and reliably continue energizing the fourteen existing 12kV circuits while
17 building the new 12kV switchgear.

18 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
19 *at section 192520 – RAMP – Urban Substation Rebuild.*

20 This project is designated as RAMP. The Urban Substation Rebuild program mitigates
21 safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C24
22 Urban Substation Rebuild. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP
23 activity.

24 For the Urban Substation Rebuild program, Table OR-34 below shows the TY 2024
25 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-34: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
192520.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C24	Urban Substation Rebuild	5,570	16,018	0	0

* An RSE is not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. A historical average or base year approach was not selected as the forecast method because there were no applicable historical costs given the infancy of this project.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost drivers for this project relate to expanding the substation fence line to the property line and replacing the existing switchgear, capacitors, and associated electric distribution circuits getaways and manholes to safely and reliably replace aging infrastructure serving the San Diego downtown area.

21. 20242 – Torrey Pines 12kV Breaker Replacements

a. Description

The forecasts for the Torrey Pines 12kV Breaker Replacements project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.169 million, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

This project will provide funding for the replacement of fourteen 12kV distribution breakers at Torrey Pines substation. This project will improve substation reliability by primarily replacing outdated oil-filled breakers with a modern vacuum switch model and the associated control and protection from electromechanical to microprocessor based. These upgrades reduce the Company’s risk of safety incidents and environmental concerns.

1 The driver behind the replacements is aging infrastructure. The oldest oil breaker being
2 replaced was installed in 1964 and the average install year is 1978. The oldest vacuum breaker
3 being replaced was installed in 1974 and the average install year is 1981. The oldest breakers are
4 past their life expectancy, while the average breakers are also either past their life expectancy of
5 50 years for oil and 30 years for vacuum or nearing their end of life. Based on manufacturer
6 recommendations and SDG&E equipment failure history, these breakers were identified for
7 replacement.

8 These proactive replacements are critical as it takes careful planning to perform this
9 scope of work. Foundation modifications are required due to the increase in circuit breaker size
10 and seismic requirements throughout the years. Trenching is required to bring new cables to
11 each asset. The cable runs at legacy substations are often direct buried, so it is not feasible to
12 utilize an existing conduit package to pull new cable to each asset. Control shelter modifications
13 are also required to support this degree of infrastructure upgrades. Like circuit breakers, the
14 associated control and protection have seen an increase in footprint over the past half century.
15 The original control shelter constructed in 1968 is not able to accommodate modern size relay
16 panels. The accumulation of this work performed reactively would result in a prolonged
17 equipment restoration time.

18 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
19 *at section 202420 – RAMP – Torrey Pines 12kV Breaker Replacement.*

20 The Torrey Pines 12kV Breaker Replacements project is a mitigation measure supporting
21 safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific project was not included
22 in the filing. *See Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report within this testimony for additional*
23 *details.*

24 For the Torrey Pines 12kV Breaker Replacements project, Table OR-35 below shows the
25 TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-35: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
202420.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	New 07	Torrey Pines 12kV Breaker Replacements	1,169	0	0	0

* An RSE was not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost driver for this project is to improve reliability by replacing existing aging distribution infrastructure at Torrey Pines substation.

22. 20245 – El Cajon 12kV Breaker Replacements

a. Description

The forecasts for the El Cajon 12kV Breaker Replacements project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$821 thousand, \$880 thousand, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

This project will provide funding for the replacement of ten 12kV oil circuit breakers with an average age of 48 years as well as four 12kV vacuum circuit breakers with an average age of 24 years. Based on manufacturer recommendations and SDG&E equipment failure history, the average age of these breakers will be within five years of the end-of-life expectancy for these circuit breakers which is 50 years for oil and 30 years for vacuum by the time this work commences. The current condition can lead to equipment failure and subsequent safety & reliability concerns. The main driver of this project is aging infrastructure, and the proactive replacements will add 12kV system reliability as well as environmental benefits by replacing the

oil-filled breakers with a vacuum switch model. In addition, the manufacturer is no longer used, which creates concerns with spare stock item availability.

This project will also address non-standard and aged AC panels and safety switches. In addition, the scope will address multiple site development concerns as well as upgrades to two station light and power transformers to support increased station load. The site has been identified as having deficient site drainage which has resulted in puddles leading to potential grounding concerns. Scope will include drainage swales and new combined oil containment for two 69/12kV banks in order to be compliant with Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure regulations. This project will increase the safety of the substation and reduce environmental concerns.

Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at section 202450 – RAMP – El Cajon 12kV Beaker Replacements.*

The El Cajon 12kV Breaker Replacements project is a mitigation measure supporting safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific project was not included in the filing. *See Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report within this testimony for additional details.*

For the El Cajon 12kV Breaker Replacements project, Table OR-36 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-36: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
202410.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	New 08	El Cajon 12kV Breaker Replacements	821	880	0	0

* An RSE was not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction

1 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
2 applicable.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost driver for this project is to improve reliability of existing
5 infrastructure.

6 **23. 20251 – Kettner Substation 69/12kV Rebuild Project**

7 **a. Description**

8 The forecast for Kettner Substation 69/12kV Rebuild Project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 is
9 \$1.376 million, \$619 thousand, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this
10 project in service by the test year.

11 Kettner Substation has aging infrastructure requiring equipment upgrades to improve the
12 safety, reliability of operational limitations, and environmental concerns to meet current
13 standards.

14 The purpose of this project is to replace two 69kV oil circuit breakers, three 69kV single
15 phase potential transformer, six 12kV oil circuit breakers, and replace the container shelter with a
16 Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) Control shelter. The Substation will become an ultimate single
17 bank substation with four 12kV circuits.

18 The six 12kV oil circuit breakers are an average 56 years old and have past their end-of-
19 life expectancy of 50 years based on manufacturer recommendations and SDG&E equipment
20 failure history. The 69kV bus potential transformers model is also no longer manufactured.
21 There are no spare parts in storage or manufacturer support for the equipment to be replaced.

22 The control shelter is a retrofitted shipping container which had temporary repairs
23 completed due to rusting and leaking. The replacement of the control shelter is needed to bring
24 the facility up to SDG&E standards for system protection, safety, and grid reliability. The
25 implications of a control shelter failure would impact approximately 4,100 customers in
26 downtown San Diego, consisting of eight essential customers, one urgent customer and 19
27 sensitive customers, for an indefinite period of time.

28 A grounding study was conducted during the engineering phase of the project and it was
29 determined that the current fence and grounding does not adequately meet Institute of Electrical
30 and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and internal standards. The current condition of the fence

1 poses a potential safety hazard to employees and the public. The new fence and CMU wall will
2 be built to current SDG&E safety standards to eliminate unsafe conditions.

3 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company's goals of reliability by
4 providing funds for the replacement of the control shelter and the aging infrastructure.

5 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
6 at section 202510 – Kettner Rebuild.

7 **b. Forecast Method**

8 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
9 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
10 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
11 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
12 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
13 applicable. A historical average or base year approach was not selected as the forecast method
14 because there were no applicable historical costs given the infancy of this project.

15 **c. Cost Drivers**

16 The underlying cost drivers for this project relate to the replacement of aged 69kV oil
17 circuit breakers, aged 12kV oil circuit breakers, and a 69kV bus potential transformer. The
18 control shelter is a retrofitted shipping container which recently had temporary repairs completed
19 to address rusting and leaking issues. This project will remove 12kV bus sections that are no
20 longer in use and install a new concrete block control shelter, replacing the current shipping
21 container control shelter. This will also allow SDG&E to modernize the current controls and
22 modernize its protection schemes.

23 **24. 20263 – Bernardo 12kV Breakers and Transformer Replacements**

24 **a. Description**

25 The forecasts for the Bernardo 12kV Breaker project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0, \$0,
26 and \$927 thousand, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the
27 test year.

28 This project will provide funding for the replacement of fifteen 12kV distribution
29 breakers at Bernardo substation. The breakers in scope have reached the end-of-life expectancy.
30 This condition can lead to equipment failure and subsequent safety & reliability concerns.

1 The driver behind the replacements is aging infrastructure. The oldest 12kV oil circuit
2 breaker being replaced was installed in 1967 with the average age being 48 years. The oldest
3 12kV vacuum circuit breaker being replaced was installed in 1974 with the average age being 30
4 years. The oldest breakers are past their life expectancy, while the average breakers are either at
5 or near their life expectancy of 50 years for oil and 30 years for vacuum. Based on manufacturer
6 recommendations and SDG&E equipment failure history, these breakers were identified for
7 replacement.

8 This project will improve substation reliability by primarily replacing outdated oil-filled
9 breakers with a modern vacuum switch model and the associated control and protection from
10 electromechanical to microprocessor based. These upgrades reduce the Company's risk of safety
11 incidents and environmental concerns.

12 These proactive replacements are critical as it takes careful planning to perform this
13 scope of work. Foundation modifications are required due to the increase in circuit breaker size
14 and seismic requirements throughout the years. The cable runs at legacy substations are often
15 direct-buried so it is not feasible to utilize an existing conduit package to pull new cable to each
16 asset, thus necessitating trenching to bring new cables to each asset. Control shelter
17 modifications are also required to support this degree of infrastructure upgrades. Like circuit
18 breakers, the associated control and protection equipment have seen an increase in footprint over
19 the past half century resulting in the original control shelter not being able to accommodate
20 modern size relay panels. The accumulation of this work performed reactively would result in a
21 prolonged equipment restoration time.

22 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
23 *at section 20263A – RAMP – Bernardo 12kV Breakers and Transformer.*

24 The Bernardo 12kV Breaker project mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
25 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C20-T2 Substation Reliability for Distribution
26 Components – Bernardo 12kV Breakers Replacements. Accordingly, this project in its entirety,
27 aligns with a RAMP activity.

28 For the Bernardo 12kV Breaker project, Table OR-37 below shows the TY 2024 forecast
29 dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-37: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
20263A.001	SDG&E- Risk-2	C20- T2	Bernardo 12kV Breaker Replacements	0	\$ 0	927	4

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost driver for this project is to improve reliability by replacing existing aging infrastructure at Bernardo substation.

25. 20267 – Miramar 12kV Replacements

a. Description

The forecasts for the Miramar 12kV Replacements project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$72 thousand, \$1.218 million, and \$99 thousand, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

This project will provide funding to replace and upgrade distribution infrastructure located at Miramar substation. Circuit breaker scope includes the replacement of ten 12kV oil circuit breakers. The oldest of these circuit breakers was manufactured in 1972, with an average age of 44 years, as well as six 12kV vacuum circuit breakers with an average age of 34 years. Based on manufacturer recommendations and SDG&E equipment failure history, all sixteen 12kV breakers will be near or past the five-year range of their end-of-life expectancy of 30 years for vacuum and 50 years for oil circuit breakers. The replacement of the aging circuit breakers will lead to providing safe, reliable power for homes and businesses.

1 This project will also address non-standard and aged AC panels and safety switches. In
 2 addition, the scope will address multiple site development concerns. The site has been identified
 3 as having insufficient class two base compaction which has resulted in forming puddles and
 4 leading to potential grounding concerns. This project will increase the safety of the substation
 5 and reduce environmental concerns.

6 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
 7 at section 20267A – RAMP – Miramar 12kV Replacements.

8 The Miramar 12kV Replacements project mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021
 9 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C20-T5 Substation Reliability for
 10 Distribution Components – Miramar 12kV Replacements. Accordingly, this budget code in its
 11 entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

12 For the Miramar 12kV Replacements project, Table OR-38 below shows the TY 2024
 13 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

14 **TABLE OR-38: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 15 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
20267A.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C20-T5	Miramar 12kV Replacements	72	1,218	99	40

16
 17 **b. Forecast Method**

18 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 19 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 20 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 21 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
 22 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
 23 applicable.

24 **c. Cost Drivers**

25 The underlying cost driver for this project is to improve reliability of existing
 26 infrastructure.

1 **26. 20268 – Mission 12kV Replacements**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for the Mission 12kV Replacements project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
4 \$2.066 million, \$556 thousand, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this
5 project in service by 2023.

6 Circuit breaker scope consists of the replacement of seven 12kV oil circuit breakers with
7 an average age of 55 years as well as nine 12kV vacuum circuit breakers with an average age of
8 38 years. Based on manufacturer recommendations and SDG&E equipment failure history, all
9 sixteen 12kV breakers are within five years of their end-of-life expectancy of 50 years for oil,
10 and 30 years for vacuum. The replacement of the aging circuit breakers will lead to providing
11 safe, reliable power for homes and businesses. This is the last station to use distribution
12 protection unit (DPU) relays that have recently failed raising future reliability concerns as this
13 site feeds nearly 30,000 customers, the fifth largest customer base in the SDG&E service
14 territory. This replacement will add 12kV system reliability, as well as environmental benefits
15 by replacing the oil-filled breakers with a vacuum switch model.

16 Project scope will also include the replacement of several 12kV disconnects with known
17 mechanical issues causing operational limitations along with aged brown-glass insulators that
18 have been known to fail. Additionally, scope will address non-standard and aged AC panels and
19 safety switches. In addition, the scope will address upgrades to 2 ea. Station light and power
20 transformers to support increased station load.

21 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
22 *at section 202680 – RAMP – Mission 12kV Replacements.*

23 The Mission 12kV Replacements project is a mitigation measure supporting safety risks
24 identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific project was not included in the filing.
25 *See Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report within this testimony for additional details.*

26 For the Mission 12kV Replacements project, Table OR-39 below shows the TY 2024
27 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

28

**TABLE OR-39: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
202680.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	New 01	Mission 12kV Replacements	2,066	566	0	0

* An RSE was not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost driver for this project is to improve reliability of existing infrastructure.

27. 20270 – Stuart 12kV Transformer Replacements

a. Description

The forecasts for the Stuart 12kV Transformer Replacement project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$0, \$657 thousand, and \$870 thousand, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by 2024.

This project will provide funding for the replacement of a 69/12kV distribution transformer that was installed at the Stuart substation in 1954. Based on manufacturer recommendation and failure history, distribution transformers have an estimated life span of 40-60 years. The current transformer is seven years past its life expectancy. This proactive replacement will add 12kV system reliability as it will be replacing aging infrastructure.

Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at section 20270A – RAMP – Stuart 12kV Transformer Replacement.

The Stuart 12kV Transformer Replacements project is a mitigation measure supporting safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific project was not included

1 in the filing. See Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report within this testimony for additional
2 details.

3 For the Stuart 12kV Transformer Replacements project, Table OR-40 below shows the
4 TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

5 **TABLE OR-40: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
6 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
20270A.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	New 02	Stuart 12kV Transformer Replacement	0	657	870	1

7
8 **b. Forecast Method**

9 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
10 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
11 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
12 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
13 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
14 applicable.

15 **c. Cost Drivers**

16 The underlying cost driver for this project is to improve reliability of existing
17 infrastructure.

18 **28. 20274 – Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacement**

19 **a. Description**

20 The forecasts for the Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacement project for 2022,
21 2023, and 2024 are \$526 thousand, \$976 thousand, and \$695 thousand, respectively. SDG&E
22 plans to build and place this project in service by 2024.

23 This project will provide funding for the replacement of a 69/12kV distribution
24 transformer bank located at Coronado substation. The existing transformer was manufactured in
25 1981, making the bank 40 years old. This bank is currently on the transformer watch list,
26 showing failing insulating material, overheating in the load tap changer (LTC), increased oil
27 gassing, and degrading winding and bushing power factors. This substation feeds over 11,000

1 customers, with approximately 20% coming from this particular transformer bank. Scope will
 2 also include a modified pad foundation as well as a new secondary oil containment. This
 3 transformer was also selected for replacement because it is within five years of its expected life
 4 span per manufacturer recommendations. This replacement will add 69/12kV system reliability,
 5 as well as provide environmental benefits by fixing the gassing concerns and adding secondary
 6 oil containment.

7 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
 8 at section 202740 – RAMP – Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacement.

9 The Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacement project mitigates safety risks
 10 identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C20-T8 Substation
 11 Reliability for Distribution Components – Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacements.
 12 Accordingly, this project in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

13 For the Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacement project, Table OR-41 below shows
 14 the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

15 **TABLE OR-41: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 16 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
202740.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C20-T8	Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacements	526	976	695	3

17 **b. Forecast Method**

18 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 19 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 20 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 21 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
 22 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
 23 applicable.
 24

25 **c. Cost Drivers**

26 The underlying cost driver for this project is to improve reliability of existing
 27 infrastructure.

1 **29. 20275 – La Jolla 69/12kV Transformer Replacement**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for the La Jolla 69/12kV Transformer Replacement project for 2022, 2023,
4 and 2024 are \$1.258 million, \$1.763 million, and \$108 thousand, respectively. SDG&E plans to
5 build and place this project in service by 2024.

6 This project will provide funding for the replacement of a 69/12kV distribution
7 transformer, capacitor banks, disconnects, and station light and power banks located at La Jolla
8 substation. Transformer Bank 31 has exceeded its life expectancy with a high asset health index
9 with an age of 48 years which is past the life expectancy of 40 years. This station has a limited
10 footprint and would benefit from a zig-zag transformer; an economical and space saving
11 alternative compared to a standard 69/12kV transformer with a grounding bank. There is also a
12 potential of breakdown of insulation for single line-to-ground faults due to the rise in voltage on
13 un-faulted phases.

14 The capacitor banks were installed in 1973 and have since corroded requiring immediate
15 replacement. Additionally, several 69kV disconnects have had mechanical issues with two
16 disconnects having repeated repairs and no spare parts which will be replaced on this project.

17 La Jolla is a two-terminal substation feeding the La Jolla community requiring these
18 immediate upgrades to improve system reliability to local customers and businesses, where
19 unplanned outages could impact tourism to the area. The manufacturer of the transformer is also
20 no longer utilized by SDG&E which can create issues with spare part availability. Due to the
21 challenges associated with the location and proximity to the main thoroughfare, emergency
22 replacement of this transformer would result in permitting delays. Proactive planning is required
23 for the replacement of this equipment.

24 Additionally, the scope will address non-standard and aged AC panels and safety
25 switches, and address upgrades to two station light and power transformers to support increased
26 station load.

27 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
28 *at section 202750 – RAMP – La Jolla 69/12kV Transformer Replacement.*

29 The La Jolla 69/12kV Transformer Replacement project is a mitigation measure
30 supporting safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific project was

1 not included in the filing. See Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report within this testimony
2 for additional details.

3 **TABLE OR-42: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
4 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
202750.001	SDG&E-Risk-8	New -03	La Jolla 69/12kV Transformer Replacement	1,258	1,763	108	10

5
6 **b. Forecast Method**

7 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
8 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
9 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
10 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
11 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
12 applicable.

13 **c. Cost Drivers**

14 The underlying cost driver for this project is to improve reliability of existing
15 infrastructure.

16 **30. 20283 – CBM - 4.2 Firmware Upgrade for Transformers**

17 **a. Description**

18 The forecasts for CBM – 4.2 Firmware Upgrade for Transformers for 2022, 2023, and
19 2024 are \$571 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project
20 in service by the test year.

21 This project provides funding to replace the firmware within the condition-based
22 monitoring (CBM) system on all power transformers at various substations. This monitoring
23 system is the nucleus of all the data being collected at each transformer. The system includes the
24 dissolved gas analysis (DGA) monitor and the bushing health monitoring (BHM) system. DGA
25 monitoring provides information on the gases forming inside the main tank oil & the LTC tank
26 oil. Awareness of dissolved gases provides advance warning on transformer issues, such as
27 paper degradation and leaks, that would ultimately lead to a transformer's failure if not

1 addressed. The BHM systems installed on all 69kV and above bushings provides information
2 such as capacitance and percent imbalance that would be a precursor to failure. In addition to the
3 DGA and BHM data into the CBM monitor, additional diagnostic information is also being
4 computed within this monitor such as temperatures, fans, current & power readings. Assessing
5 these data points individually and in totality allows the CBM monitor to issue real-time alerts on
6 the Company's transformers, allowing personnel to address any critical alarms prior to a
7 catastrophic failure.

8 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
9 *CWP at section 202830 – CBM – 4.2 Firmware Upgrade for Transformer.*

10 **b. Forecast Method**

11 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
12 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
13 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
14 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
15 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
16 applicable. A historical average or base year approach was not selected as the forecast method
17 because there were no applicable historical costs given the infancy of this project.

18 **c. Cost Drivers**

19 The underlying cost driver for this project relates to the number of power transformers
20 requiring the firmware upgrade and the cost to replace and reprogram each unit. The key
21 benefits for the firmware upgrade are improved user interface with the unit and performance of
22 the unit, compatibility of communication and speed of downloads of log files, improved alarm
23 and error reporting, and faster ability to fix bugs and troubleshoot remotely.

24 **31. 20288 – Non-HFTD Wireless Fault Indicators**

25 **a. Description**

26 The forecasts for the Non-HFTD Wireless Fault Indicators (WFI) program for 2022,
27 2023, and 2024 are \$23 thousand, \$1.243 million, and \$1.243 million, respectively. This is an
28 ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

29 This program installs wireless fault indicators and necessary network devices and
30 software to strengthen and modernize the low power communication network coverage and
31 reliability on SDG&E's electric distribution system outside of the High Fire-Threat District

(HFTD). This sensing capability is foundational to SDG&E’s ability to monitor and sense faults and normal loading on its system, providing enhanced situational awareness. These installations may also require simultaneous or subsequent upgrades to relevant equipment such as poles and other hardware to conform to existing construction standards. Wireless fault indicators are a proven technology that help narrow the search area to determine where a system failure has occurred, enabling SDG&E to quickly identify a search area and dispatch crews to find system failures. In instances where large areas are de-energized due to protective relay settings, wireless fault indicators are used to concentrate focus on a much smaller portion of the electric circuit, which allows for a faster response to the site; and a greater chance of determining and correcting a fault cause (when damage on the overhead electric system is not immediately obvious).

The project also supports SDG&E’s grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M) testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at section 202880 – RAMP – Non-HFTD Wireless Fault Indicators.

The Non-HFTD WFI program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – M01 Non-HFTD Wireless Fault Indicator. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

For the Non-HFTD WFI program, Table OR-43 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

**TABLE OR-43: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
202880.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	M01	Non-HFTD WFI	\$ 23	1,243	1,243	0

* An RSE was not calculated for this activity

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction

1 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
2 applicable. This program selects specific projects to be addressed each year. Historical data is
3 used for applicable unit costs along with the specific scope of the projects selected to develop
4 forecasts.

5 **c. Cost Drivers**

6 The underlying cost driver for this program is the need to enhance system restoration
7 times and overall system reliability by employing wireless communication technologies to
8 remotely monitor line faults. Historical spend for this project was related to a ramp up of the
9 program and the forecasted spend represents a higher production level.

10 **32. 21275 – Cristianitos Substation Remove From Service (RFS)**

11 **a. Description**

12 The forecasts for Cristianitos Substation RFS for 2022, 2023 and 2024 are \$986
13 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by
14 the test year.

15 The forecasted costs provide funding for the distribution component of this project. The
16 project will remove from service aging infrastructure at the Cristianitos substation including
17 ancillary work involving distribution and transmission assets. The current load at Cristianitos
18 substation is relatively low, servicing approximately 23 customers, and transferring the load to
19 the Pico substation will support the reliability of service to customers.

20 This project will transfer all distribution load from C204, C338 & C339 at Cristianitos
21 substation to Pico Sub C991. This will allow substation engineering to RFS Cristianitos
22 substation and transmission engineering to RFS Tie Line 695 (69 kV). Four pole structures will
23 be topped above distribution and one structure will be replaced with a distribution steel pole
24 within HFTD Tier 2. Three locations are being topped above distribution and reframed from
25 armless construction to crossarm construction. All facilities being transferred from C204, C338
26 and C339 to C991 will be retagged. Approximately 0.20 miles of remaining distribution
27 conductor and equipment for C338 & C339 will be removed from Cristianitos substation. Once
28 the circuits are connected, the Cristianitos substation and TL695 from Talega substation to
29 Cristianitos substation will be removed from service.

30 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company's goals of safety and
31 reliability by removing from service the aging infrastructure at Cristianitos substation and

1 transferring the existing load to the Pico substation. This will support the reliability of service to
2 customers currently fed from the Cristianitos substation.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
4 at section 212750 – Cristianitos RFS.

5 **b. Forecast Methodology**

6 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
7 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
8 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
9 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
10 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
11 applicable. A historical average or base year approach was not selected as the forecast method
12 because there were no applicable historical costs given the infancy of this project.

13 **c. Cost Drivers**

14 The underlying cost drivers for this capital project relate to the removal of aging
15 structures and conductors and installation of distribution underground and overhead
16 infrastructure.

17 **33. 93240 – Distribution Circuit Reliability**

18 **a. Description**

19 The forecasts for the Distribution Circuit Reliability program for 2022, 2023, and 2024
20 are \$3.454 million, \$4.124 million, and \$4.124 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program
21 that is expected to continue through the test year.

22 This program provides funding for the addition of equipment necessary to improve
23 service reliability of electric customers and maintain corporate reliability standards. The electric
24 service reliability will deteriorate in the absence of comprehensive remedial solutions offered by
25 these projects, and electric reliability performance is negatively impacted by system deficiencies
26 and an aging infrastructure. This program funds projects identified through consistent review of
27 distribution circuits that mitigate existing electric system deficiencies and improve system
28 performance.

29 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
30 at section 932400 – RAMP – Distribution Circuit Reliability Construction.

1 The Distribution Circuit Reliability program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021
 2 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C18 Distribution Circuit Reliability.
 3 Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

4 For the Distribution Circuit Reliability program, Table OR-44 below shows the TY 2024
 5 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

6 **TABLE OR-44: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 7 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
932400	SDG&E-Risk-2	C18	Distribution Circuit Reliability	3,454	4,124	4,124	-

8 * Tranche level RSEs and additional details are available in SDG&E-11-CWP 93240.

9 **b. Forecast Method**

10 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 11 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 12 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 13 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
 14 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
 15 applicable. This program selects specific projects to be addressed each year. Historical data is
 16 used for applicable unit costs along with the specific scope of the projects selected to develop
 17 forecasts.

18 **c. Cost Drivers**

19 The underlying cost drivers for this program are mitigating existing electric system
 20 deficiencies and projects for system performance improvements. In the past funds were shifted
 21 to emergent and/or higher priority projects and the forecasts account for that reduced historical
 22 work done as well as ensuring SDG&E can meet future targets/demands.

1 **34. 94241 – Power Quality Program**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for Power Quality (PQ) Program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$2.300
4 million, \$2.300 million, and \$2.300 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is
5 expected to continue through the test year.

6 The forecasted costs provide funding for the distribution component of this program,
7 which provides funding for the expansion of the substation PQ monitoring systems (PQ Nodes),
8 field & customer PQ monitoring, associated communication systems, and for the replacement of
9 aging and failed PQ devices. The replacement strategy identifies condition and performance by
10 providing a health index, probability of failure, and prioritization score for each PQ monitoring
11 device. Expected useful life of early PQ devices is 15 years and newer PQ devices is 20 years.

12 System improvements that PQ monitors provide:

- 13 • Distribution system health information. System parameters including RMS
14 voltage, voltage & current transient events, system harmonics (including spectra),
15 real & reactive power flow, power factor, flicker, etc.
- 16 • Event logging and notification for events occurring on transmission, distribution
17 and customer systems that are perceptible at the distribution substation.
- 18 • Advanced analytics processes, system monitoring and notification for pre-
19 established conditions, pre-fault analytics and location of existing or incipient
20 faults, and anticipation and advanced fault locating.
- 21 • A data source with analytics for historical events and steady state trends.
- 22 • An increase of data collected which results in a more effective grid reliability
23 assessment.

24 The benefit of using PQ monitors connected to the network is so SDG&E engineers,
25 technicians and maintenance personnel can obtain real-time data, view the analysis, and make
26 timely decisions to protect equipment assets from premature failure and extend the life of the
27 asset. The PQ monitoring system also provides system monitoring and notification for pre-
28 established conditions, pre-fault analytics and location of existing or incipient faults. SDG&E's
29 objective is to connect all monitors to the network to eliminate the need to visit substation sites
30 to download this information.

1 The project also supports SDG&E’s grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid
 2 Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
 3 testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12)

4 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-
 5 CWP at section 942410 – RAMP – Power Quality Program.

6 The Power Quality Program - Distribution program mitigates safety risks identified in the
 7 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C26 Power Quality Monitor
 8 Deployment and Replacement. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a
 9 RAMP activity.

10 For the Power Quality Program - Distribution program, Table OR-45 below shows the
 11 TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

12 **TABLE OR-45: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 13 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
942410	SDG&E-Risk-2	C26	Power Quality Program - Distribution	2,300	2,300	2,300	0

14 * An RSE is not calculated for this activity.

15 **b. Forecast Method**

16 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
 17 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
 18 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over a
 19 longer period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within this
 20 budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program.

21 **c. Cost Drivers**

22 The underlying cost drivers for this program relate to services required to replace aging
 23 infrastructure, improve system reliability, improve system restoration, and mitigate distribution
 24 system deficiencies.

1 **35. 99282 – Replace Substation Obsolete Equipment (Distribution)**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for the Replace Substation Obsolete Equipment (Distribution) program for
4 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$2.107 million, \$2.107 million, and \$2.107 million, respectively. This
5 is an ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

6 This program provides funding to improve safety and reliability related to the
7 replacement of obsolete and problematic substation equipment. SDG&E will focus primarily on
8 distribution substation bank transformers and circuit breaker replacements. The SEA Team will
9 develop alternatives to replace or remove obsolete and problematic equipment. A condition
10 assessment process and evaluation criteria have been created using probability and risk analysis,
11 financial impacts, and present value analysis to evaluate projects. Equipment that is truly
12 obsolete, such as equipment that cannot be maintained (due to no available spare parts) or that
13 poses a safety risk will be replaced. Each year, the average age of all substation equipment
14 increases, with the oldest transformer currently over 80 years old. The ranking of substation
15 equipment is an ongoing process and involves identifying equipment that presents a significant
16 risk to the system. Based on the cost and availability of raw materials from the manufacturer and
17 global demand, lead times for major substation equipment has increased to six months for circuit
18 breakers and to approximately one year for transformers.

19 Substations are essential to the operation of the electric system and must be kept in
20 reliable condition. The sum of all substations with distribution equipment contains a total of 648
21 transformers with an average age of approximately 20 years and 1,557 circuit breakers, with an
22 average age of 20 years. All work under this program is below a certain threshold to address the
23 need to replace identified obsolete equipment, whereas those exceeding the threshold have a
24 specific budget code opened and are managed as a separate project for improved visibility, work
25 management, and cost tracking.

26 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
27 *at section 992820 – RAMP – Replace Obsolete Substation Equipment.*

28 The Replace Substation Obsolete Equipment (Distribution) program mitigates safety
29 risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C21
30 Distribution Substation Obsolete Equipment. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns
31 with a RAMP activity.

1 For the Replace Substation Obsolete Equipment (Distribution) program, Table OR-46
 2 below shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021
 3 RAMP Report.

4 **TABLE OR-46: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 5 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
992820.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C21	Replace Substation Obsolete Equipment (Distribution)	2,107	2,107	2,107	1

6
 7 **b. Forecast Method**

8 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a three-year average based on
 9 historical spend. This is the most appropriate methodology, as workload can vary from year to
 10 year. The three-year average levels out the peaks and valleys in this blanket budget code over an
 11 appropriate period of time to forecast the necessary level of funding for the work that falls within
 12 this budget code while accounting for recent changes in the program. Many projects over the
 13 past three years were carved out into their own budget codes as their scope increased. The
 14 remaining smaller projects that were left under this budget are more aligned with the three-year
 15 average rather than the five-year average based on that change.

16 **c. Cost Drivers**

17 The underlying cost drivers for this program are the need to replace obsolete equipment
 18 and/or to add new equipment to enhance substation reliability.

19 **I. SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT**

20 **TABLE OR-47**
 21 **Summary of Safety & Risk Management Costs**

I. SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
Total CAPITAL	22,310	32,343	33,025

1 **1. Introduction**

2 The capital investments requested in this category address the mitigation of safety and
3 physical system security risks. For example, a large percentage of the capital programs in this
4 category are focused on increasing safety by replacing aging infrastructure which is prone to
5 failure. There are also programs within this category that aim to upgrade SDG&E facilities
6 which either facilitate field personnel training or directly impact the safe operation of the electric
7 system. In general, the programs and projects in this category reduce safety risk by performing
8 capital upgrades to SDG&E infrastructure and facilities.

9 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
10 in each budget code below.

11 **2. 6247 – Replacement of Live Front Equipment**

12 **a. Description**

13 The forecasts for Replacement of Live Front Equipment for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
14 \$365 thousand, \$365 thousand, and \$365 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program
15 that is expected to continue through the test year.

16 This program provides funding to replace live front padmounted distribution equipment
17 with dead front padmounted distribution equipment when these facilities are encountered during
18 normal SDG&E work. Live front equipment contains electrical components enclosed in a
19 protective (usually steel) cabinet that does not have additional protective barriers. Live electrical
20 connections are exposed when live-front equipment cabinets are opened, an action that is
21 supposed to only be performed by qualified electric personnel. Replacing live front equipment
22 with dead front equipment that has additional safety barriers such as removable fiberglass or
23 composite plates, protective covers or additional compartmentalization will improve operational
24 flexibility, reliability, and safety for SDG&E field personnel and the general public.

25 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
26 at section 062470 – RAMP – Replacement of Live Front Equipment.

27 The Replacement of Live Front Equipment Program mitigates safety risks identified in
28 the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C12 Replacement of Live Front
29 Equipment - Reactive. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP
30 activity.

1 For the Replacement of Live Front Equipment mitigation, Table OR-48 below shows the
 2 TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

3 **TABLE OR-48: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 4 In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
062470.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C12	Replacement of Live Front Equipment - Reactive	365	365	365	0

5 * An RSE is not provided for this activity

6 **b. Forecast Method**

7 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 8 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 9 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 10 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
 11 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
 12 applicable. This program selects specific projects to be addressed each year. Historical data is
 13 used for applicable unit costs but new forecasts are developed based on the specific scope of the
 14 projects selected.

15 **c. Cost Drivers**

16 The underlying cost driver for this budget relates to the forecasted number of
 17 replacements of live-front pad-mounted distribution equipment with dead-front pad-mounted
 18 distribution equipment from year to year.

19 **3. 14249 – SF6 Switch Replacement**

20 **a. Description**

21 The forecasts for SF6 Switch Replacement for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$3.631 million,
 22 \$7.598 million, and \$6.282 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to
 23 continue through the test year.

24 This budget code will provide funding to proactively remove or replace sulfur
 25 hexafluoride (SF6) gas insulated distribution switchgear. SF6 switches were primarily installed
 26 on SDG&E’s electric distribution system during the 1980s and through the 2000s, as SF6 was

1 the best insulation medium available at that time. Since then, SF6 has been recognized by
2 federal and state legislatures as a large contributor to elevated greenhouse gas levels, leading to
3 the increased regulatory oversight in utility procedures involving SF6 switchgear. Due to the
4 increase in regulation and requirements to reduce the use of SF6 gas, alternative insulation
5 mediums must be adopted. This project will reduce environmental risks associated with the
6 potential for emissions.

7 All switches removed or replaced as a part of this program are pad-mounted or sub-
8 surface installed apparatus. With new technologies, many of the units can be replaced with
9 similar, non-gas insulated switches; however, some switches will simply be removed, while
10 others may require a more involved switch change-out and potential circuit reconfiguration. The
11 primary objective of this program is to reduce environmental risks associated with the potential
12 for SF6 emissions. Sulfur hexafluoride is now known to have a global warming potential of
13 23,900 times that of carbon dioxide, and associated emission rate regulations are becoming more
14 restrictive each year. Both the Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air
15 Resources Board require utilities to track the “life” of a gas switch from “cradle-to-grave,” as
16 well as gas cylinder inventory and gas transfers in and out of switches. Removal and
17 replacement of SF6 switches in SDG&E’s distribution system will reduce the likelihood of SF6
18 emissions from leaking switches, thus reducing emission rates. The switch change-outs will also
19 reduce the amount of recordkeeping required, therefore reducing errors and increasing accuracy.
20 Other efforts at SDG&E are underway to reduce SF6 emissions risks, including leak detection
21 and monitoring of substation gas circuit breakers.

22 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
23 *at section 142490 - SF6 Switch Replacement.*

24 **b. Forecast Method**

25 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
26 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
27 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
28 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
29 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
30 applicable.

1 **c. Cost Drivers**

2 The underlying cost driver for this capital program relates to reducing greenhouse gas
3 emissions, reducing reliability risks, and staying in compliance with regulatory requirements.

4 **4. 16276 – SCADA Head-End Replacement**

5 **a. Description**

6 The forecasts for SCADA Head-End Replacement for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.085
7 million, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the
8 test year.

9 The first phase of the SCADA Head-End Replacement project resolved technical
10 constraints and issues with the previous SDG&E SCADA head-end system from vendor
11 Advanced Control Systems, as the new SCADA head-end system allows SDG&E to address
12 issues and move away from unsupported legacy communication protocol. The new system also
13 allows for a more transparent view to the distribution grid, enhancing reliability and security of
14 the distribution system.

15 Remaining work to be completed in 2022 will create a full duplicate of the system at the
16 back-up control center from operations to maintenance, provide simulation to allow testing and
17 training capability, and prepare for SCADA system growth by adding additional RTU licenses
18 and SCADA data points. Additionally, the remaining work will migrate outdated field serial
19 communication protocol with new and more reliable distributed network protocol (DNP) 3.0
20 internet protocol (IP) communications, and balance SCADA communication mountaintops.

21 The project also supports SDG&E’s grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid
22 Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
23 testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

24 The SCADA Head-end Replacement will 1) add both a SCADA Program Development
25 System (PDS) and Quality Assurance System (QAS) to the backup control center; 2) migrate all
26 serial communication to DNP 3.0 internet protocol; 3) segment data acquisition control server
27 processes from front end processor processes; 4) add a network management system integration
28 server; 5) purchase additional RTU licenses and SCADA points for future SCADA system
29 growth, applicable licensing for the for PDS, QAS, and integration servers, additional channel
30 licenses for migration from serial to DNP 3.0 internet protocol, and a secure DNP license to meet
31 the new secure DNP 3.0 standard; 6) add a simulator environment for EDOT development

1 testing and training; and 7) add a SCADA simulator environment for electric distribution
2 operations technology (EDOT) development testing and training.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
4 at section 162760 – SCADA Head-End Replacement.

5 **b. Forecast Method**

6 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
7 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
8 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
9 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
10 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
11 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for the SCADA Head-end Replacement program
12 largely because it does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating
13 current and future costs. Forecasting for much of this program relies on specific scopes of work
14 and estimates originating from vendor / contractor quotations and would not benefit from
15 historical cost analysis.

16 **c. Cost Drivers**

17 At post go-live of the new SCADA Head-End system, all maintenance of the SCADA
18 system will need to be performed in the production environment if the primary control center is
19 unavailable, as only the SCADA production system, and none of the maintenance system is
20 available at the backup control center. Phase 2 of the SCADA Headend Replacement will add
21 the necessary components to the SCADA system located at the Distribution Operations back-up
22 control center, thus allowing maintenance and SCADA testing to resume in the event the primary
23 control center is unavailable for an extended period of time. Converting SCADA serial
24 communication to DNP 3.0 internet protocol will allow more secure messaging and monitoring
25 capabilities, improving system performance and reliability.

26 **5. 16277 – Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) Modernization**

27 **a. Description**

28 The forecasts for the Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) Modernization program for 2022,
29 2023, and 2024 are \$1.118 million, \$622 thousand, and \$632 thousand, respectively. This is an
30 ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

1 This project will: Retrofit legacy RTUs which are past or towards the end of their life
 2 cycle and are no longer supported by the vendor; Retrofit existing RTUs with updated
 3 technology at prioritized PME SCADA Cabinets; Re-establish communications with SCADA
 4 master; Re-commission SCADA cabinets and place them into operation with upgraded
 5 functionality.

6 The project also supports SDG&E’s grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid
 7 Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
 8 testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

9 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
 10 at section 162770 – RAMP – RTU Modernization.

11 The RTU Modernization project mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
 12 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C28 Field SCADA RTU Replacement.
 13 Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

14 For the RTU Modernization project, Table OR-49 below shows the TY 2024 forecast
 15 dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

16 **TABLE OR-49: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 17 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
162770.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C28	Field SCADARTU Replacement	1,118	622	632	1137

18 **b. Forecast Method**

19 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 20 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 21 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 22 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
 23 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
 24 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for the RTU Modernization program because it does
 25 not have significant or consistent historical costs which would otherwise provide reliable
 26 certainty in generating a forecast based on program spend over previous years. However, the
 27

1 unit cost estimate provided in work papers does consist of cost components derived from
2 historical experience on the program over previous years.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost driver for this capital program relates to the need to replace end of
5 life RTUs on the electric distribution system to enable adequate situational awareness for
6 SDG&E's Electric Distribution Operations.

7 **6. 17255 – Tee Modernization Program**

8 **a. Description**

9 The forecasts for the Tee Modernization Program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$3.734
10 million, \$3.585 million, and \$3.535 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is
11 expected to continue through the test year.

12 The main purpose of this program is to remove and replace at-risk 600A Tee connectors
13 with upgraded devices. The upgraded and replacement devices may also be deployed in strategic
14 areas to improve reliability.

15 This program will replace at-risk 600A Tees with a new connector that will allow for
16 quicker restorations and increased sectionalizing capabilities during outages. The 600A Tees
17 have been failing at an accelerated rate and have become a safety and reliability concern. These
18 Tees are located on cable on the main feeder and when they fail, the circuit breaker is often the
19 isolating device, taking all or many customers on the circuit out for a sustained outage.

20 Tee connector failures have become one of the largest contributors to system SAIDI and
21 SAIFI over the last few years. One of the most frequently failed components of Tees are the
22 double-ended plug, which is not used with the modern replacement tee connector. This new
23 design will improve reliability by removing the known common point of failure and provide
24 additional sectionalizing capabilities for overall circuit operation.

25 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
26 at section 172550 – RAMP – Tee Modernization Program.

27 The Tee Modernization program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
28 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C11 Tee Modernization Program - Underground.
29 Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

30 For the Tee Modernization program, Table OR-50 below shows the TY 2024 forecast
31 dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

TABLE OR-50: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper
 In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
172550.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C11	Tee Modernization Program	3,734	3,585	3,535	1406

b. Forecast Method

The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for the Tee Modernization program because it does not have significant or consistent historical costs which would otherwise provide reliable certainty in generating a forecast based on program spend over previous years. However, the unit cost estimate provided in work papers does consist of cost components derived from historical experience on the program over previous years.

c. Cost Drivers

The underlying cost driver for this capital program relates to the need to replace aging underground electric tee infrastructure to reduce SAIDI and SAIFI impacts to customers.

7. 17259 – Energized Test Yard

a. Description

The forecasts for the Energized Test Yard for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$808 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

This project establishes the initial required systems (including equipment, structures, site development) to test and evaluate all equipment related to the Electric Distribution System prior to field installation. These collaborative efforts with Skills Training Center, Electric Regional Operations, System Protection, Kearny Maintenance & Operations, and Distribution Planning aim to provide enhancements to training, engineering/design, and quality control processes, which are expected to result in improved safety, operational efficiencies, and long-term cost

1 savings. This Energized Test Yard will provide an enhanced controlled environment for
 2 SDG&E to safely energize new equipment and train staff appropriately on operations of the
 3 equipment.

4 In collaboration with the Skills Training Center and Facilities personnel, a site has been
 5 identified to accommodate the development of the Energized Test Yard. The site will contain
 6 overhead and undergrounding primary electric facilities to be energized. For underground, this
 7 would allow the capability of utilizing existing conduit where present, new conduit, packages,
 8 and cable trays with handholes, manholes, and pad-mounted equipment. The overhead capability
 9 would allow the installation of different classes of poles and incorporate different equipment
 10 challenges. The site will also include equipment evaluation test beds to be used for analysis of
 11 failed distribution equipment. Additional equipment (*i.e.*, relays, communication equipment, etc.)
 12 may be purchased for testing at other SDG&E facilities when necessary to be incorporated at this
 13 yard at a later time.

14 Remaining work in 2022 includes the commissioning of pad mount switchgear, SDR
 15 recloser, and primary metered switchgear are the main scope. There are also plans to remove an
 16 abandoned gas transmission line that is encroaching on the proposed construction site at the
 17 Skills Training Yard.

18 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
 19 *at section 172590 – RAMP – Energized Test Yard.*

20 The Energized Test Yard project mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
 21 Report: Incident Involving an Employee – C16 Energized Skills Training and Testing Yard.
 22 Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

23 For the Energized Test Yard project, Table OR-51 below shows the TY 2024 forecast
 24 dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

25 **TABLE OR-51: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 26 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE*
172590.001	SDG&E-Risk-8	C16	Energized Test Yard	808	0	0	0

27 * An RSE is not calculated for this activity

1 **b. Forecast Method**

2 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
3 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
4 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
5 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
6 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
7 applicable.

8 A zero-based forecast was used for the Energized Test Yard largely because it does not
9 have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current and future costs.
10 Forecasting for much of this program relies on specific scopes of work and estimates originating
11 from vendor / contractor quotations and would not benefit from historical cost analysis.
12 Historical unit costs may be applied within the forecast depicted in work papers where
13 applicable.

14 **c. Cost Drivers**

15 With an increase in retirements, reliability and personnel safety are at risk due to lack of
16 sufficient training facilities and an effective means of transferring field knowledge. Modeled
17 after other California IOUs who already have such facilities, the proposed site aims to enhance
18 the simulated field environment at Skills Training Center, providing a world-class hands-on
19 training environment for apprentices and journeymen alike. With improved effectiveness in
20 training and development, Standards, Practices and Work Methods can be improved reducing
21 risks in reliability and safety.

22 **8. 19241 – Proactive Dead Front Terminator Deployment**

23 **a. Description**

24 The forecasts for Proactive Dead Front Terminator Deployment for 2022, 2023, and 2024
25 are \$706 thousand, \$706 thousand, and \$706 thousand, respectively. This is an ongoing program
26 that is expected to continue through the test year.

27 The Proactive Dead Front Terminator Deployment program strategically deploys dead
28 front terminators for increased safety and reliability. This program encompasses system-wide
29 proactive deployments of dead front terminator devices to improve reliability by increasing
30 sectionalizing capabilities on both 600A and 200A distribution systems and reducing safety risks

1 associated with existing live front terminator devices through proactive replacement where
2 applicable.

3 New dead front terminators are deployed in strategic locations to improve distribution
4 circuit reliability, such as where large customer segments can be further sectionalized in small
5 padmount applications. Sectionalizing to reduce the number of customers by segment allows for
6 swifter restoration of service during system outages and results in fewer sustained customer
7 outages during troubleshooting. Forecasts provided for this program target 15 locations where
8 live front terminators currently exist. Limited cable replacements will be included in this work
9 as directly related to making up new cable terminations. This program differs from secondary
10 budget 6247, which is currently utilized to replace live front infrastructure when encountered
11 while performing other work such as cable replacements.

12 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
13 at section 192410 – RAMP – Proactive Dead Front Terminator Deployment.

14 The Proactive Dead Front Terminator Deployment program mitigates safety risks
15 identified in the 2021 RAMP Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C13 Replacement
16 of Live Front Equipment - Proactive. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a
17 RAMP activity.

18 For the Proactive Dead Front Terminator Deployment program, Table OR-52 below
19 shows the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP
20 Report.

21 **TABLE OR-52: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
22 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
192410.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C13	Replacement of Live Front Equipment - Proactive	\$ 706	\$ 706	\$ 706	19

23
24 **b. Forecast Method**

25 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
26 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
27 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed

1 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
2 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
3 applicable.

4 A zero-based forecast was used for the Proactive Dead Front Terminator Deployment
5 program because it does not have significant or consistent historical costs which would otherwise
6 provide reliable certainty in generating a forecast based on program spend over previous years.
7 However, the unit cost estimate provided in work papers does consist of cost components
8 derived from historical experience on the program over previous years.

9 **c. Cost Drivers**

10 The underlying cost driver for this capital program relates to the need to provide better
11 sectionalizing on 600A and 200A segments of the distribution system through the installation of
12 new dead front terminators in padmount applications.

13 **9. 20241 – Overhead Public Safety (OPS)**

14 **a. Description**

15 The forecasts for Overhead Public Safety for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$5.259 million,
16 \$6.160 million, and \$6.752 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is expected to
17 continue through the test year.

18 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company’s safety goals. This program
19 aims to proactively replace high risk overhead conductors prone to wire down events that are in
20 proximity to the public (*e.g.*, schools, freeways, high profile areas) that could put the public at
21 risk of energized contact. This program will also evaluate overhead distribution lines that cross
22 major or high traffic freeways.

23 The main scope of this program is to replace remaining small wire with conductor that is
24 known to be statistically less prone to failure, such as #2 5/2 AWAC conductor and depending
25 on vegetation in the area covered conductor. In other areas, where small wire may not feasibly
26 be replaced, at-risk connectors, sleeves, and single-phase spans of small wire (*i.e.*, commonly
27 known failure points) will be replaced as needed.

28 Preceding and subsequent engineering analyses of historic wire down events show aged
29 small wire conductors present the largest wire down risk and can remain energized after touching
30 an unapproved surface due to high ground impedances. Removing long spans, antiquated wire,

1 poor connectors and increasing detection methods can reduce likelihood of future wire down
2 events that could remain energized.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
4 at section 202410 – RAMP – Overhead Public Safety (OPS).

5 The Overhead Public Safety program mitigates safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP
6 Report: Electric Infrastructure Integrity (EII) – C01 Overhead Public Safety Program.
7 Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP activity.

8 For the Overhead Public Safety program, Table OR-53 below shows the TY 2024
9 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

10 **TABLE OR-53: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
11 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
202410.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	C01	Overhead Public Safety Program	\$ 5,259	\$ 6,160	\$ 6,752	30

12
13 **b. Forecast Method**

14 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
15 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
16 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
17 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
18 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
19 applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for the Overhead Public Safety program because it
20 does not have significant or consistent historical costs reflective of the latest work done in this
21 area which would otherwise provide reliable certainty in generating a forecast based on program
22 spend over previous years. However, the unit cost estimate provided in work papers does consist
23 of cost components derived from historical experience on the program over previous years.

24 **c. Cost Drivers**

25 The underlying cost drivers for this capital project relate to the need to replace conductors
26 that are prone to wire down events, as well as associated upgrades to support this new conductor,
27 such as pole replacements.

1 **10. 20287 – Rebuilding of Skills Training Yard**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for the Rebuilding of Skills Training Yard for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
4 \$4.860 million, \$2.950 million, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this
5 project in service by the test year.

6 This project is to rebuild and modernize SDG&E’s Skills Training Center outdoor yards
7 with upgraded equipment in order to bring them in alignment with the latest equipment and
8 standards that are being utilized in the field in support of programs such as WMP and other
9 safety, reliability, and strategic initiatives. This project also enables SDG&E to continue its
10 efforts toward achieving Target Zero to reduce injuries within its workforce, reduce attrition due
11 to injury or poor physical readiness for apprentice classes, and support the long-term
12 sustainability of its workforce. This project also includes the addition of an outdoor physical
13 fitness area to support strength and resistance training.

14 In support of underground electric system training needs, this project includes expanding
15 the Fault-Finding Specialist training yard to better support fault location, isolation, and
16 restoration for unplanned outages. This means replacing the cable, transformers, switches, fuse
17 cabinets in the Fault-Finding Yards. In support of this, SDG&E will need the installation of new
18 hand holes and substructures.

19 In support of overhead electric system training needs, this project includes revamping the
20 Company’s entire overhead system and equipment to what is currently out in the field in support
21 of WMP and new SCADA technologies. SDG&E is rebuilding its tall yard with six 50-foot
22 class three poles and twelve 45-foot class three poles. The 50-foot poles will have 500 feet to
23 750 feet of 1000mcm UG cable run to simulate an OH to UG conversion. There will be sections
24 in excess of 500 feet of transmission underground cable installed at both 69kV and 230kV
25 voltage classes and will help transmission crews learn underground cable construction standards
26 as well as assist in training fault finding crews how to locate cable faults.

27 Additionally, SDG&E will outfit the yards with an overhead protection cover for its line
28 trucks to enable proper working condition and preservation of the dielectric properties. SDG&E
29 will also expand its field personnel awareness around electric vehicle integration by building out
30 an area dedicated to training its workforce with charging stations to simulate maintenance and
31 installation. SDG&E will install primary metering stations to expand and better train its electric

1 troubleshooters in support of commercial customers as well as integrating scenarios simulating
2 alternate power sources.

3 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
4 at section 202870 – Rebuilding of Skills Training Yard.

5 **b. Forecast Method**

6 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
7 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
8 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
9 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
10 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
11 applicable.

12 A zero-based forecast was used for the Rebuilding of Skills Training Yard because it
13 does not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current and future
14 costs. Forecasting for much of this program relies on specific scopes of work and estimates
15 originating from contractor quotations and would not benefit from historical cost analysis.
16 Historical unit costs may be applied within the forecast depicted in workpapers where applicable.

17 **c. Cost Drivers**

18 The underlying cost driver for this project is the need to replace aging overhead and
19 underground infrastructure contained within the existing training yard at Skills Training Center
20 which has not been updated since the 1990s and no longer supports long-term sustainability in
21 terms of adequately supporting and training SDG&E’s frontline responders to electric system
22 events.

23 **11. 21267 – Mission DCC Remodel Project**

24 **a. Description**

25 The forecasts for the Mission Distribution Control Center (DCC) Remodel for 2022,
26 2023, and 2024 are \$744 thousand, \$9.278 million, and \$8.760 million, respectively. SDG&E
27 plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

28 The Mission Distribution Control Center (DCC) Remodel will provide a state-of-the-art
29 distribution control center that will mirror SDG&E’s position as a leader in electric reliability
30 and safety. The modernized DCC will improve operator consoles and display technologies to
31 enhance and increase situational awareness of the electric distribution system.

1 The project scope includes construction of an approximate 12,000 square foot, two-story
2 structure that will adjoin and connect to SDG&E’s existing Mission Control Facility, and tenant
3 improvements to roughly 8,000 square feet of space within the Mission Control Facility. The
4 2nd story of the new structure will house the modernized DCC and include a state-of-the-art
5 direct view LED video wall, modern ergonomically adjustable operator consoles, as well as new
6 finishes, lighting, and supporting mechanical, plumbing, electrical and data support
7 infrastructure. The first story will be dedicated to parking, storage and other operational support
8 functions. Tenant improvements to existing space will include an expansion of open office area
9 to address Electric Distribution Operations staff growth, new finishes and ergonomically
10 adjustable furniture, wellness and rest rooms, and additional collaboration and conference areas.

11 These forecasted capital expenditures support the Company’s goals of ensuring the
12 reliability and safety of the electric distribution system through increased capability, flexibility,
13 and enhanced situational awareness. Considering the aging building infrastructure, end-of-life
14 equipment and support technologies, inefficient room and space positioning, and the inadequate
15 space for collaboration capabilities and unilateral situation awareness, the current DCC lacks the
16 amenities necessary to support 24/7 operations, and no longer provides “fit for Duty” essentials
17 for Operations Personnel. The Mission DCC Remodel project will provide an essential
18 workspace for Distribution System Operators and leaders to work, think, respond, and effectively
19 collaborate. The DCC remodel will update situational awareness screens and platforms to
20 display real-time information, departing from dependence on static data, and will allow operators
21 to visualize more detailed amounts of data on a larger and clearer platform. New technology will
22 allow monitoring capability and awareness of distributed energy resources and improve
23 situational awareness of system disturbances enabling quicker decision making when responding
24 to outage and storm management. This will lead to reducing SAIDI and SAIFI impacts and
25 safety risks to SDG&E field employees and customers. Overall, the new DCC will be purposely
26 built and provide a dynamic solution to situational awareness, reduce the man-hours required to
27 maintain changing system content through video and data source aggregation, and fit the overall
28 needs of the Distribution System Operators.

29 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
30 at section 212670 – Mission DCC Remodel Project.

1 **b. Forecast Method**

2 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
3 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
4 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
5 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
6 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
7 applicable.

8 A zero-based forecast was used for the Mission DCC Remodel Project because it does
9 not have historical costs or precedent to rely on in terms of estimating current and future costs.
10 Forecasting for much of this program relies on specific scopes of work and estimates originating
11 from vendor / contractor quotations and would not benefit from historical cost analysis.
12 Historical unit costs may be applied within the forecast depicted in work papers where
13 applicable.

14 **c. Cost Drivers**

15 The underlying cost drivers for this capital project depends on requirements for
16 equipment, code requirements, and vendor estimates including, but not limited to, those for
17 construction, audiovisual, security, information technology and furniture. Documentation of
18 these cost drivers is included in the capital work papers.

19 **12. 22241 – Strategic Pole Replacement Program (Non-HFTD)**

20 **a. Description**

21 The forecasts for the Strategic Pole Replacement Program for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are
22 \$0, \$1.079 million, and \$5.993 million, respectively. This is an ongoing program that is
23 expected to continue through the test year.

24 The forecasts include the material costs for the pole and associated equipment and
25 SDG&E or contractor labor to perform the work. These forecasted capital expenditures support
26 the Company's goal of safety, reliability, and the risk of failure by identifying high risk poles.

27 SDG&E is prioritizing replacement of gas-treated poles in combination with both steel
28 reinforcement and encased in concrete. Based on research, it has been determined that the gas-
29 treated poles are at a higher risk for deterioration due to the pole interaction with the moisture in
30 the soil. In addition to the properties of these poles, SDG&E plans to prioritize based on age. In

1 combination with identified rot and inspection limitations of poles being in concrete, SDG&E
 2 believes these are the highest risk group of poles to target for replacement.

3 Current inspection practices for wood poles set in native soil are to dig below ground to
 4 identify any rot. Another risk category that will be targeted is when a pole is embedded in
 5 concrete, it is often difficult to perform a below grade inspection to verify the integrity of the
 6 pole. SDG&E has nearly 2,500 wood poles set in concrete with steel reinforcement that will be
 7 prioritized and assessed for further action. As SDG&E investigates further, there may be other
 8 contributing factors that presents risks that are not necessarily found during the typical inspection
 9 cycle that need to be mitigated and/or prioritized. The program will replace 50 poles in 2023,
 10 increasing to 225 poles annually for the next eight years

11 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
 12 at section 222410 – RAMP – Strategic Pole Replacement Program (Non-HFTD).

13 The Strategic Pole Replacement Program (Non-HFTD) project is a mitigation measure
 14 supporting safety risks identified in the 2021 RAMP Report, however this specific project was
 15 not included in the filing. *See Section II.D – Changes from RAMP Report* within this testimony
 16 for additional details. Accordingly, this budget code in its entirety, aligns with a RAMP
 17 activity.

18 For the Strategic Pole Replacement Program (Non-HFTD), Table OR-54 below shows
 19 the TY 2024 forecast dollars and RSE associated with the activities in the 2021 RAMP Report.

20 **TABLE OR-54: RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper**
 21 **In 2021 Dollars (\$000s)**

Workpaper	Risk Chapter	ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total	2023 Estimated RAMP Total	2024 Estimated RAMP Total	GRC RSE
222410.001	SDG&E-Risk-2	New 09	Strategic Pole Replacement Program (Non-HFTD)	0	1,079	5,993	710

22
 23 **b. Forecast Method**

24 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
 25 data (e.g., an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
 26 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
 27 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction

labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. A zero-based forecast was used for the Strategic Pole Replacement Program Non-HFTD because it does not have significant or consistent historical costs which would otherwise provide reliable certainty in generating a forecast based on program spend over previous years. However, the unit cost estimate provided in work papers does consist of cost components derived from historical experience on the program over previous years.

c. Cost Drivers

The cost driver for this activity is driven by the number of pole replacements performed in a given year.

J. DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES (DER) INTEGRATION

**TABLE OR-55
Summary of DER Integration Forecasts**

J. DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES (DER) INTEGRATION (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
Total CAPITAL	0	0	0

1. Introduction

For 2022, 2023, and 2024 forecasts and additional details related to DER integration projects, please refer to the testimony of Fernando Valero (Exhibit SDG&E-15). Historical cost data for the projects within this category can be found in my capital workpapers. See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP.

K. TRANSMISSION/FERC-DRIVEN PROJECTS

**TABLE OR-56
Summary of Transmission/FERC-Driven Project Forecasts**

K. TRANSMISSION/FERC DRIVEN PROJECTS (In 2021 \$)			
	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
Total CAPITAL	12,689	12,331	11,185

1. Introduction

This category covers transmission projects with a distribution component. Many transmission lines have distribution underbuild facilities, such as a 69kV transmission line with a 12kV distribution circuit on a second level below or under the transmission infrastructure. When

1 transmission capital work is done on a transmission line, the distribution facilities often need to
2 be modified or replaced in conjunction with the transmission work. The same scenario applies to
3 substations containing distribution facilities. When a new transmission substation is being built,
4 or an existing transmission substation is being modified, there is often a distribution component
5 in the work.

6 The FERC costs for the transmission portion of the work are recovered through the FERC
7 ratemaking process. The distribution component of transmission projects is included in the
8 overall request within this GRC. For most of the FERC projects with CPUC components, the
9 percentage of CPUC costs is low.

10 Additional details including description, forecast method, and cost drivers can be found
11 in each budget code below.

12 **2. 6129 – South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE)**

13 **a. Description**

14 The forecasts for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) project for
15 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.501 million, \$341 thousand, and \$90 thousand, respectively.
16 SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

17 The forecasted costs provide funding for the distribution component of this
18 transmission/FERC driven project. The project will replace the existing 138/12kV Capistrano
19 Substation with a new 230/138/12kV Gas Insulated Substation and replace an existing 138kV
20 transmission line with two 230kV transmission lines. For 2022-2024, the remaining work
21 consists of distribution substation activities at San Juan Capistrano Substation, which will
22 complete this multi-year project.

23 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
24 *CWP at section 061290 – South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE).*

25 **b. Forecast Method**

26 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
27 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
28 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
29 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
30 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
31 applicable. This method is most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this

1 project, and the zero-based forecast methodology for SOCRE is in alignment with the 2019 GRC
2 submission.

3 **c. Cost Drivers**

4 The underlying cost driver of this project relate to labor and non-labor components
5 (materials and construction) needed to update and replace existing distribution equipment in
6 Capistrano substation to increase reliability in the South Orange County area. Documentation of
7 these cost drivers are included as supplemental workpapers.

8 **3. 7144 – Fiber Optic for Relay Protection & Telecommunications**

9 **a. Description**

10 The forecasts for the Fiber Optic for Relay Protection and Telecommunications for 2022,
11 2023, and 2024 are \$5.090 million, \$7.122 million, and \$7.122 million. This is an ongoing
12 program that is expected to continue through the test year.

13 The forecasted costs provide funding for the distribution component of this
14 transmission/FERC driven program. This funding is for the upgrade and expansion of SDG&E's
15 fiber optic communication system for system protection control and automation of transmission
16 and distribution lines. The fiber optic infrastructure build continues to increase quality of service
17 to support safety and reliability to all operational equipment in the non-HFTD specific areas.

18 The project also supports SDG&E's grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid
19 Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
20 testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

21 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
22 at section 071440 - Fiber Optic for Relay Protection & Telecom.

23 **b. Forecast Method**

24 The forecast method used is zero-based. While historic-based data (*e.g.*, an applicable
25 unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent (*e.g.*, five-
26 year average) is no longer applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates
27 developed from the scope of work for the planned projects in the overall program that varies year
28 to year. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs,
29 contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. This method is most
30 appropriate because of the unique scope of work each year in this program.

1 **c. Cost Drivers**

2 The underlying cost drivers of this program are associated labor and non-labor
3 components (materials and construction) to install all dielectric self-supporting fiber in order to
4 maintain and enhance reliability by installing critical highspeed communications infrastructure.
5 Documentation of these cost drivers are included as supplemental workpapers.

6 **4. 12156 – TL600 Reliability Pole Replacements**

7 **a. Description**

8 The forecasts for TL600 Reliability Pole Replacement for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$450
9 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by
10 the test year.

11 The forecasted costs provide funding for the distribution component of this
12 transmission/FERC driven project. This project includes remaining construction for replacing a
13 single wood pole with a new steel pole and restringing conductor across a highway.

14 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
15 *CWP at section 121560 - TL600 - Reliability Pole Replacements.*

16 **b. Forecast Method**

17 The forecast method used is zero-based. While historic-based data (*e.g.*, an applicable
18 unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not
19 applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of
20 work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material
21 costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as applicable. This method is
22 most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this project.

23 **c. Cost Drivers**

24 The underlying cost drivers of this project relate to labor and non-labor components
25 (materials and construction) to improve safety and reliability. Documentation of these cost
26 drivers are included as supplemental workpapers.

1 **5. 13130 – TL674A Del Mar Reconfigure/TL666D Remove From Service**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for the TL674A Del Mar Reconfigure/TL666D Remove From Service
4 (RFS) project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 are \$1.231 million, \$1.368 million, and \$0, respectively.
5 SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

6 The forecasted costs provide funding for the distribution component of this
7 transmission/FERC driven project, including distribution facilities that will need to be replaced
8 or modified as part of the reconfiguration work on TL674A. This is a CAISO-approved project
9 that also removes aging infrastructure in environmentally sensitive areas. The Del Mar
10 Reconfiguration project will remove approximately six miles of existing overhead 69kV
11 transmission line (TL666D) between the existing Del Mar Substation and an existing steel pole.
12 In order to remove TL666D from service, an existing 69kV transmission line (TL674A) will be
13 reconfigured, extended to the Del Mar Substation, and renamed as TL6973. In addition, two
14 portions of separate existing 12kV distribution lines will be converted from an overhead to
15 underground configuration.

16 Remaining work in 2022 and 2023 includes: 1 mile of underground 69kV transmission
17 line (TL6973), installation of one cable pole and one tangent pole, removal of one span of
18 overhead 69kV transmission line, and reconfiguration of the existing line will be converted to
19 underground to Del Mar Substation. Additionally, this project will convert two portions of
20 distribution circuits from overhead to underground. This will also include installation of cable
21 poles at either end of the circuits as well as new handholes for fiber. Moreover, approximately 6
22 miles of transmission lines and 35 transmission poles will be removed. For portions of the
23 transmission line that have distribution underbuild (approximately 50 poles), poles will either be
24 topped off or reconfigured.

25 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* SDG&E-11-CWP at
26 section 131300 – TL674A Del Mar Reconfigure/TL666D RFS.

27 **b. Forecast Method**

28 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
29 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
30 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
31 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction

1 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
2 applicable. This method is most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this
3 project, and the zero-based forecast methodology for TL674A Loop-in Del Mar is in alignment
4 with the 2019 GRC submission.

5 **c. Cost Drivers**

6 The underlying cost drivers of this capital project relate to labor and non-labor
7 components (materials and construction) to enhance reliability for Del Mar Substation and to
8 remove facilities that run through environmentally sensitive areas. Documentation of these cost
9 drivers are included as supplemental workpapers.

10 **6. 14137 – TL6975 Escondido - San Marcos**

11 **a. Description**

12 The forecasts for the TL6975 Escondido – San Marcos project for 2022, 2023, and 2024
13 are \$750 thousand, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in
14 service by the test year.

15 The forecasted costs provide funding for the distribution component of this
16 transmission/FERC driven project. The TL6975 project involves the construction and
17 reconductor of approximately 12 miles of new 69kV transmission lines between the existing San
18 Marcos and Escondido substations. The three main segments to be completed include:
19 upgrading and fire hardening approximately 1.8 miles of existing wood-pole single-circuit 69kV
20 transmission line to double-circuit steel-pole 69kV transmission lines, constructing
21 approximately 2.8 miles of new steel-pole single-circuit 69kV transmission lines within an
22 existing 150-foot wide 138kV transmission corridor, and reconductoring approximately 7.4 miles
23 of existing 138kV lattice structures with new larger and stronger conductor. Remaining work in
24 2022 includes reconductoring 0.4 miles of distribution underbuild.

25 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-*
26 *CWP at section 141370 – TL6975 Escondido – San Marcos.*

27 **b. Forecast Method**

28 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
29 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
30 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
31 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction

1 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
2 applicable. This method is most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this
3 project.

4 **c. Cost Drivers**

5 The underlying cost drivers of this capital project relate to labor and non-labor
6 components (materials and construction) needed to resolve NERC violations, eliminate
7 congestion, and improve reliability. This project was also identified in the CAISO planning
8 process. Documentation of these cost drivers are included as supplemental workpapers.

9 **7. 17125 – Granite Substation 69kV Loop-In**

10 **a. Description**

11 The forecasts for the Granite Substation 69kV Loop-In project for 2022, 2023, and 2024
12 are \$0, \$61 thousand, and \$141 thousand, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this
13 project in service by the test year.

14 The forecasted costs provide funding for the distribution component of this
15 transmission/FERC driven project. In an effort to mitigate NERC P1 thermal violations on
16 Granite Substation and connected transmission lines, the Granite Substation Loop-in Project will
17 replace the existing TL632 tap and provide a third source into Granite Substation. This also
18 provides operational flexibility for Granite Substation, as this substation is heavily loaded with
19 only two sources carrying 100MW of load, which includes critical facilities such as schools and
20 hospitals.

21 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP*
22 *at section 171250 - Granite Substation 69kV Loop-In.*

23 **b. Forecast Method**

24 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. While historic-based
25 data (*e.g.*, an applicable unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total
26 dollars spent is not applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed
27 from the scope of work for the project. SDG&E develops cost estimates based on construction
28 labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes, and other project specific details, as
29 applicable. This method is most appropriate because of the unique scope of work specific to this
30 project.

1 **c. Cost Drivers**

2 The underlying cost drivers of this capital project are labor and material, such as
3 communication and relay equipment associated with replacing an existing transmission tap with
4 a third transmission source. Documentation of these cost drivers are included as supplemental
5 workpapers.

6 **8. 20126 – Transmission Corrective Maintenance Program (Non-HFTD)**

7 **a. Description**

8 The forecasts for Transmission Corrective Maintenance Program (Non-HFTD) for 2022,
9 2023, and 2024 are \$3.007 million, \$3.007 million, and \$3.007 million, respectively. This is an
10 ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

11 This program provides funding for the forecasted distribution component of electric
12 transmission line compliance projects in the non-HFTD, complying with the safety and
13 reliability requirements of GO 95, AB 1890, AB 1017, NERC, and CAISO maintenance
14 requirements. This program provides funds for the replacement of poles, insulators, conductor,
15 and other electric infrastructure when compliance issues are identified.

16 Additional details can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP at
17 section 201260 - Transmission Corrective Maintenance Program (Non-HFTD).

18 **b. Forecast Method**

19 The forecast method used is base year. The expenditures for 2021 reflect recent changes
20 in this program and is the best representation of the starting point for 2022-2024 forecasted costs.
21 The work included in this program is in response to required compliance inspections, which
22 cannot be predicted and therefore does not readily allow for a zero-based method and detailed
23 scope of work for future years. These program costs were previously included in BC100 in the
24 TY 2019 GRC, which has since been split into several budget codes including BC20126 to
25 manage the work and costs at a more granular level.

26 **c. Cost Drivers**

27 The underlying cost drivers for this capital program relate to labor and non-labor
28 components (materials and construction) to replace transmission poles and associated
29 distribution underbuild in order to comply with SDG&E’s obligation to serve and to meet safety
30 requirements set by GOs and other regulations, as detailed above.

1 **9. 21135 – Electric Transmission Small Reliability Jobs (Non-HFTD)**

2 **a. Description**

3 The forecasts for Electric Transmission Small Reliability Jobs (Non-HFTD) for 2022,
4 2023, and 2024 are \$660 thousand, \$432 thousand, and \$825 thousand, respectively. This is an
5 ongoing program that is expected to continue through the test year.

6 This program provides funds for the replacement of poles, insulators, conductor, and
7 other electric infrastructure when reliability issues are identified.

8 Additional information can be found in the capital workpapers. *See* Ex. SDG&E-11-CWP
9 at section 211350 - Electric Transmission Small Reliability Jobs Non-HFTD.

10 **b. Forecast Method**

11 The forecast method used is zero-based. While historic-based data (*e.g.*, an applicable
12 unit cost) may be utilized to develop the forecast, use of historic total dollars spent is not
13 applicable for this item. The forecast is based on cost estimates developed from the scope of
14 work for the planned projects in the overall program that may vary year to year. SDG&E
15 develops cost estimates based on construction labor rates, material costs, contract pricing/quotes,
16 and other project specific details, as applicable. This method is most appropriate because of the
17 unique scope of work each year in this program. These program costs were previously included
18 in BC100 in the TY 2019 GRC, which has since been split into several budget codes including
19 21135.

20 **c. Cost Drivers**

21 The underlying cost driver of this program relate to labor and non-labor (material and
22 construction) to replace transmission poles and associated distribution underbuild to improve
23 system reliability. Documentation of these cost drivers are included as supplemental
24 workpapers.

25 **VI. IT PROJECTS SPONSORED BY ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION**

26 **TABLE OR-57**
27 **Summary of IT Capital Projects Sponsored by Elec Dist Capital**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (In 2021 \$)			
Electric Distribution - Capital	Estimated 2022 (000s)	Estimated 2023 (000s)	Estimated 2024 (000s)
Total IT CAPITAL	6,782	718	0

1 The following IT Capital projects are being sponsored by Electric Distribution Capital
2 with business justifications provided below. The summary cost of these IT projects is reflected
3 in William J. Exon’s Testimony (SDG&E-25, Chapter 2), and additional details can be found in
4 the IT capital workpapers. *See Ex. SDG&E-25-CWP.*

5 **A. 00908A – Electric Material Traceability**

6 The workpapers of William J. Exon WP # 00908A reflect the forecasts for the Electric
7 Material Traceability project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 as \$1.098 million, \$86 thousand, and \$0,
8 respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project into service by the test year.

9 **1. Justification**

10 The material traceability project for Electric Distribution will provide data capture and
11 storage of information related to the Electric Distribution’s high-risk assets and lay the
12 foundation of information required to support current initiatives, such as the Enterprise Asset
13 Management Platform project, and provide needed information to conduct more thorough
14 reporting, such as equipment failure tracking, in the future. Current complex manual data
15 collection processes and tools result in missing or incorrect data and increased cycle times
16 resulting in rework, additional construction costs and inability to perform asset health
17 performance related analytics. The use of barcodes will provide improved material traceability.
18 Allowing field crews to scan materials will provide more complete and accurate data resulting in
19 improved system analytics capabilities.

20 **B. 00920A – Microgrid Portal**

21 The workpapers of William J. Exon WP # 00920A reflect the forecasts for the Microgrid
22 Portal project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 as \$594, \$389, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to
23 build and place this project into service by the test year.

24 **1. Justification**

25 This project will allow compliance with the CPUC Order Instituting Rulemaking
26 Regarding Microgrids Pursuant to Senate Bill 1339 and Resiliency Strategies (Rulemaking 19-
27 09-009). This project supports local and tribal efforts to promote community resiliency.

28 The proposed solution is to develop a separate access-restricted data portal for sharing
29 information with local & tribal governments enabling the development of higher quality
30 interconnection applications that take less process cycle time for utilities to approve. The portal
31 will leverage data and other GIS Portal functionality where applicable to provide information

1 through the portal on (a) planned grid investments, (b) high fire threat districts, (c) electrical
2 infrastructure and (d) Weather-related factors that led to the decision to de-energize from each
3 prior Public Safety Power Shutoff events and resulting distribution and transmission line
4 outages.

5 The project also supports SDG&E's grid modernization efforts and is part of the Grid
6 Modernization Plan, Appendix C of the Electric Distribution Operation and Maintenance (O&M)
7 testimony by Tyson Swetek (Exhibit SDG&E-12).

8 **C. 00920AO – Builder Services Customer Portal - Phase 3**

9 The workpapers of William J. Exon WP # 00920AO reflect the forecasts for the Builder
10 Services Customer Portal - Phase 3 project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 as \$1.522 million, \$243
11 thousand, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the
12 test year.

13 **1. Justification**

14 SDG&E Builder Services plays a critical role in bringing new rate payers online through
15 nearly all major residential, commercial, retail, and industrial construction projects. Builder
16 services is responsible for new construction, while also providing service to current rate base
17 customers for requested infrastructure improvements that keep the Company's systems safe and
18 reliable. Demand on SDG&E continues to increase. However, the workload is unpredictable,
19 and in many cases complex, leading to unforeseen peaks and valleys and significant challenges
20 in cycles times and staffing levels.

21 To keep pace with customer demand for speed and transparency, this project implements
22 new self-service options that improve the customer experience and creates business efficiencies.
23 The portal provides user-authentication, a project and application dashboard, the ability for
24 customers to upload documents, scheduling and payments.

25 **D. 00921Y– Construction Management Software Integration with SAP**

26 The workpapers of William J. Exon WP # 00921Y reflect the forecasts for the
27 Construction Management Software Integration with SAP project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 as
28 \$972, \$0, and \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the
29 test year.

1 **1. Justification**

2 Procore is the preferred platform for management and tracking of work tasks performed
3 by external construction contractors and currently in use by multiple SDG&E departments within
4 the Electric Engineering and Construction Organizations. Currently, Procore is a stand-alone
5 solution with integration to source data solutions, including SAP/Construction Planning &
6 Design and SAP/Construction Contracting Management System. This project is to request key
7 system information to be passed between Procore and these source systems to reduce manual
8 entry, improve data accuracy and improve overall efficiency for SDG&E and construction
9 contractors.³⁰

10 **E. 00921Z– Automated Utility Design (AUD)**

11 The workpapers of William J. Exon WP # 00921Z reflect the forecasts for the SDG&E
12 Automated Utility Design (AUD) project for 2022, 2023, and 2024 as \$2.597 million, \$0, and
13 \$0, respectively. SDG&E plans to build and place this project in service by the test year.

14 **1. Justification**

15 This project implements a new AUD tool into the existing AutoCAD application to
16 expand the core capability of SDG&E’s construction designs while providing engineering tools,
17 automated standards validation and bill and material generation. The new software is designed
18 to streamline applications and enable design standardization to increase consistency and reduce
19 design lead times.

20 **VII. CONCLUSION**

21 The Electric Distribution Capital budget code forecasts represent a prudent level of
22 funding for the critical activities and capital projects to take place in the TY 2024 GRC cycle.
23 SDG&E continues to hold safety, reliability, and customer service as key tenets for day-to-day
24 operations while incorporating aspects of its Sustainability policy and Grid Modernization Plan.
25 The capital projects described above are scrutinized and prioritized by a cross-functional
26 committee to address the most important risk concerns. Forecasts were developed by using both
27 historical expenditures and specific project estimates, assessing upward pressures, and using
28 available information to develop reasonable forecasts.

³⁰ Building a Better Business is an ongoing business optimization and continuous improvement initiative at SDG&E, undertaken to support our mission to improve lives and communities by building the cleanest, safest and most reliable energy infrastructure company in America

1 Many of the core business activities remain the same as described in previous rate cases
2 with increases in most cases due to incremental cost drivers, but there are also areas of new and
3 expanded focus. SDG&E's established safety-first culture focuses on three primary areas –
4 public, customer, and employee safety – by integrating employee training, system operations and
5 maintenance, and safe and reliable service. Electric distribution capital investments are designed
6 to meet SDG&E safety, reliability, and customer service objectives by developing and
7 implementing capital investment mitigation efforts that aggressively address identified risks. My
8 testimony describes SDG&E's transparent focus on mitigation activities that address key safety
9 risks through the RAMP process, which has led to funding requests for RAMP-related capital
10 projects in this proceeding.

11 The compilation of capital projects described in this testimony are designed to meet
12 SDG&E's service obligation to its customers and provide the clean, safe and reliable energy
13 service that its customers have grown to expect and depend upon. I respectfully request the
14 Commission to authorize the funding necessary to complete the projects described in my
15 testimony.

16 This concludes my prepared direct testimony.

1 **VIII. WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS**

2 My name is Oliva Reyes, and my business address is 8315 Century Park Ct, San Diego,
3 CA 92123. I am employed by SDG&E as Director of Construction and Vegetation Management.
4 I have been employed by SDG&E for fifteen years, holding numerous positions within
5 distribution construction and operations.

6 My present responsibilities include providing leadership to a team of professionals that
7 provides safety management, construction management, project controls, technical management
8 and quality assurance services on electric and gas infrastructure projects with the SDG&E
9 service territory. As part of these duties, we provide oversight of financial project performance,
10 environmental stewardship, regulatory compliance and customer service for these projects.

11 I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering, and I am also a registered
12 Professional Engineer in the state of California in the field of Electrical Engineering. I sponsor
13 the TY 2024 General Rate Case Testimony for SDG&E's Electric Distribution Capital spending
14 plan, and I have not previously testified before the Commission.

APPENDIX A
GLOSSARY OF TERMS

AC	Alternating Current
AUD	Automated Utility Design
BC	Budget Code
BHM	Bushing Health Monitoring
BY	Base Year
C&O	Construction & Operation
CA	Contract Administrator/Contract Administration
CAISO	California Independent System Operator
CBD	Capital Budget Documentation
CBM	Condition Based Monitoring
CCA	Community Choice Aggregator
CEC	California Energy Commission
CIAC	Contribution in Aid of Construction
CMP	Corrective Maintenance Program
CMU	Concrete Masonry Unit
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CWP	Capital Work Paper
DC	Direct Current
DCC	Distribution Control Center
DER	Distributed Energy Resource
DGA	Dissolved Gas Analysis
DNP	Distribution Network Protocol
DOE	Do not Operate Energized
DPU	Distribution Protection Unit
ED	Electric Distribution
EDOT	Electric Distribution Operations Technology
EII	Electric Infrastructure Integrity
ERO	Electric Regional Operations
ESP	Energy Service Providers
ET&D	Electric Transmission & Distribution
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FLISR	Fault Location, Isolation, and Service Restoration
GO	General Order
GRC	General Rate Case
HFTD	High Fire-Threat District
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
IP	Internet Protocol
IR	Infrared
IT	Information Technology
kV	Kilovolt

LED	Light Emitting Diode
LTC	Load Tap Changer
MAVF	Multi-Attribute Value Framework
MVA	Mega-Volt Amperage
NEM	Net Energy Metering
NERC	North American Electric Reliability Corporation
OH	Overhead
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PDC	Phase Data Concentrators
PDS	Program Development System
PQ	Power Quality
QAS	Quality Assurance System
RAMP	Risk Assessment Mitigation Phase
RAT	Reliability Assessment Team
RFS	Remove From Service
RSE	Risk Spend Efficiency
RTU	Remote Terminal Unit
SAIDI	System Average Interruption Duration Index
SAIFI	System Average Interruption Frequency Index
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
SDG&E	San Diego Gas & Electric
SEA	Substation Equipment Assessment
SF6	Sulfur Hexafluoride
SoCalGas	Southern California Gas
SOCRE	South Orange County Reliability Enhancement
SPACE	System Protection Automation & Control Engineering
SPD	Safety Policy Division
SPM	System Protection & Maintenance
SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
TL	Transmission Line
TRC	Technical Review Council
UG	Underground

APPENDIX B

CAPITAL PROJECTS SUPPORTING RAMP RISKS SORTED BY WORKPAPER

Capital Projects Supporting RAMP Risks Sorted by Workpaper

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION						
RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper (In 2021 \$)						
Workpaper	RAMP ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	2023 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	2024 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	GRC RSE*†
002030.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C19	Minor Distribution Substation Reliability Projects	1,376	1,376	1,376	0
002260.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C05	Management of Overhead Distribution Service (Non- CMP)	8,117	8,117	8,117	0
002270.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C17	Management of Underground Distribution Service	3,353	3,353	3,353	0
002290.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C15	GO 165 Corrective Maintenance Program – Underground	11,225	11,225	11,225	3
002300.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C09	Underground Cable Replacement Program – Reactive	5,799	5,799	5,799	0
002360.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C07	Restoration of Service	9,522	9,522	9,522	0
002380.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C10- T1&T2	Underground Cable Replacement Program – Proactive	4,260	3,485	3,431	2082
002890.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C16	GO 165 Manhole, Vault Restoration Program	4,311	4,311	4,311	34
002900.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C14	DOE Switch Replacement – Underground	3,898	9,327	5,782	162
062470.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C12	Replacement of Live Front Equipment - Reactive	365	365	365	0
062540.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C22	Emergency Transformer and Switchgear	3,275	334	334	0
102650.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C08	Avian Protection Program	149	187	187	39
112490.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C29	SCADA Capacitors	983	984	984	-

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION
RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper (In 2021 \$)

Workpaper	RAMP ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	2023 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	2024 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	GRC RSE*†
141430.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - New04	Poway 69kV Substation Rebuild	1,517	0	0	0
152430.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C27	Distribution Substation SCADA Expansion	1,201	2,527	1,776	0
162770.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C28	Field SCADA RTU Replacement	1,118	622	632	1137
171600.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - NEW05	San Marcos Substation 69kV Rebuild & 12kV Switchgear	93	3,755	101	6
172430.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - NEW06	Substation Modification To Support FLISR	887	0	0	0
172550.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C11	Tee Modernization Program	3,734	3,585	3,535	1406
172590.001	SDG&E- Risk-8 - C16	Energized Skills Training and Testing Yard	808	0	0	0
172610.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C04- T1&T2&T 3	Distribution Overhead Switch Replacement Program	873	832	832	276
17264A.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C10-T3	Underground Cable Replacement Program – Proactive – North Harbor Project	0	23,281	7,761	1
172690.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C03	4kV Modernization Program – Distribution	4,179	6,632	6,542	27
192410.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C13	Replacement of Live Front Equipment - Proactive	706	706	706	19
192520.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C24	Urban Substation Rebuild	5,570	16,018	0	0
202410.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C01	Overhead Public Safety (OPS) Program	5,259	6,160	6,752	30

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RAMP Activity Capital Forecasts by Workpaper (In 2021 \$)

Workpaper	RAMP ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	2023 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	2024 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	GRC RSE*†
202420.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - NEW07	Torrey Pines 12kV Breaker Replacements	1,169	0	0	0
202450.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - NEW08	El Cajon 12kV Breaker Replacements	821	880	0	0
20263A.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C20-T2	Substation Reliability for Distribution Components – Bernardo 12kV Breakers Replacements	0	0	927	4
20267A.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C20-T5	Substation Reliability for Distribution Components – Miramar 12kV Replacements	72	1,218	99	40
202680.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - NEW01	Mission 12KV Replacements	2,066	556	0	0
20270A.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - NEW02	Stuart 12kV Transformer Replacement	0	657	870	1
202740.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C20-T8	Substation Reliability for Distribution Components - Coronado 69/12kV Transformer Replacements	526	976	695	3
202750.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - NEW03	La Jolla 69/12kV Transformer Replacement	1,258	1,763	108	10
202880.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - M1	Non-HFTD Wireless Fault Indicator	23	1,243	1,243	0
222410.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - NEW09	Strategic Pole Replacement Program (Non-HFTD)	0	1,079	5,993	710
872320.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C02	GO 165 Pole Replacement Reinforcement	12,709	12,709	12,709	0
932400.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C18	Distribution Circuit Reliability	2,867	3,422	3,422	-
932400.002	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C18	Distribution Circuit Reliability	587	702	702	-

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Workpaper	RAMP ID	Description	2022 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	2023 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	2024 Estimated RAMP Total (000s)	GRC RSE*†
942410.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C26	Power Quality Monitor Deployment and Replacement	602	602	602	0
942410.002	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C26	Power Quality Monitor Deployment and Replacement	198	198	198	0
942410.003	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C26	Power Quality Monitor Deployment and Replacement	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
992820.001	SDG&E- Risk-2 - C21	Distribution Substation Obsolete Equipment	2,107	2,107	2,107	1
E09010.002	SDG&E- CFF-1 - 3	AIMDAT (Data Analytics)	105	132	132	0
Total			109,188	152,247	114,730	

* An activity with a “0” RSE value did not have an RSE value calculated.

† Please refer to the workpapers for tranche level RSE values for activities with “-“.

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<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-xvi</i>	<i>Summary Table</i>	<p><i>Updated Non-Collectible to reflect changes:</i> <i>New (2022-2024): \$438,049, \$532,595, \$425,949</i> <i>Old (2022-2024): \$432,297, \$520,599, \$416,276</i> <i>Updated Totals to reflect changes:</i> <i>New (2022-2024): \$482,928, \$590,426, \$497,537</i> <i>Old (2022-2024): \$476,176, \$578,430, \$487,864</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-1</i>	<i>Table OR-1</i>	<p><i>Updated Non-Collectible to reflect changes:</i> <i>New (2022-2024): \$438,049, \$532,595, \$425,949</i> <i>Old (2022-2024): \$432,297, \$520,599, \$416,276</i> <i>Updated Totals to reflect changes:</i> <i>New (2022-2024): \$482,928, \$590,426, \$497,537</i> <i>Old (2022-2024): \$476,176, \$578,430, \$487,864</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-3</i>	<i>Figure OR-1</i>	<p><i>Updated table to changes:</i> <i>OH Pools: to 33% from 32%; Tools: to <1% from 1%</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-7</i>	<i>Table OR-2</i>	<p><i>Updated to reflect changes to BC 236</i> <i>EII dollars:</i> <i>New (2022-2024, Totals): \$108,275, \$152,115, \$114,598, \$374,988</i> <i>Old (2022-2024, Totals): \$106,697, \$150,564, \$113,047, \$370,308</i> <i>Total RAMP dollars:</i> <i>New (2022-2024, Totals): \$109,188, \$152,247, \$114,730, \$376,165</i> <i>Old (2022-2024, Totals): \$106,697, \$150,564, \$113,047, \$370,308</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-25</i>	<i>Table OR-5</i>	<p><i>Updated table to reflect changes</i> <i>Capacity/Expansion:</i> <i>New (2024): \$17,977</i> <i>Old (2024): \$21,062</i> <i>Overhead Pools:</i> <i>New (2022-2024): \$169,428, \$196,603, \$152,003</i> <i>Old (2022-2024): \$164,359, \$128,715, \$66,659</i> <i>Reliability/Improvements:</i> <i>New (2022-2024): \$77,681, \$130,398, \$68,343</i></p>

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				<p><i>Old (2022-2024): \$75,998, \$128,715, \$66,659</i></p> <p><i>Total Capital:</i></p> <p><i>New (2022-2024): \$482,928, \$590,426, \$497,537</i></p> <p><i>Old (2022-2024): \$476,176, \$578,430, \$487,864</i></p> <p><i>Non-Collectible:</i></p> <p><i>New (2022-2024): \$438,049, \$532,595, \$425,949</i></p> <p><i>Old (2022-2024): \$432,297, \$520,599, \$416,276</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-25</i>	<i>Table OR-6</i>	<p><i>Update to reflect removal of BC 21262</i></p> <p><i>Non-Collectible:</i></p> <p><i>New (2024): \$16,750</i></p> <p><i>Old (2024): \$19,835</i></p> <p><i>Total Capital:</i></p> <p><i>New (2024): \$17,977</i></p> <p><i>Old (2024): \$21,062</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-42 in Original Testimony</i>		<i>Removed BC 21262 – North City West: New 12kV Circuit C837</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-59</i>	<i>Table OR-12</i>	<i>Corrected RSE value for C08: Avian Protection Program. Changed from 328 to 39</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-82</i>	<i>Table OR-16</i>	<p><i>Update to reflect changes to Total Overhead Pools</i></p> <p><i>New (2022-2024): \$169,428, \$196,603, \$152,003</i></p> <p><i>Old (2022-2024): \$164,359, \$186,290, \$140,928</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-86</i>	<i>Table</i>	<i>Updated Pool Expense values table to reflect corrected OH Pool values</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-87</i>	<i>Line 6</i>	<p><i>Update to reflect changes to Overhead Pool - ED Pool</i></p> <p><i>New (2022-2024): \$120.972 million, \$123.304 million, \$82.749 million</i></p> <p><i>Old (2022-2024): \$120.184 million, \$122.610 million, \$80.397 million</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-88</i>	<i>Line 26</i>	<p><i>Update to reflect changes to Overhead Pool – Substation Pool</i></p> <p><i>New (2022-2024): \$5.147 million, \$5.074 million, \$4.077 million</i></p> <p><i>Old (2022-2024): \$4.903 million, \$4.832 million, \$3.862 million</i></p>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-90</i>	<i>Line 14</i>	<p><i>Update to reflect changes to Overhead Pool – Electric</i></p> <p><i>New (2022-2024): \$19.030 million, \$20.738 million, \$21.271 million</i></p> <p><i>Old (2022-2024): \$18.719 million, \$20.286 million, \$20.773 million</i></p>

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<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-91</i>	<i>Line 20</i>	<i>Update to reflect changes to Contract Administration Pool - Electric New (2022-2024): \$24.279 million, \$47.487 million, \$43.906 million Old (2022-2024): \$20.553 million, \$38.562 million, \$35.896 million</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-92</i>	<i>Table OR-17</i>	<i>Update to reflect changes to Total Reliability/Improvements associated with changes to BC236 New (2022-2024): \$77,681, \$130,398, \$68,343 Old (2022-2024): \$75,998, \$128,715, \$66,659</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-100</i>	<i>Lines 18-19</i>	<i>Update to reflect changes to Capital Restoration of Service (BC 236) New (2022-2024): \$9.522 million, \$9.522 million, \$9.522 million Old (2022-2024): \$7.839 million, \$7.839 million, \$7.839 million</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-101</i>	<i>Table OR-22</i>	<i>Update to reflect changes to SDG&E-Risk-2-07: Restoration of Service New (2022-2024): \$9,522, \$9,522, \$9,522 Old (2022-2024): \$7,839, \$7,839, \$7,839</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-103</i>	<i>Table OR-23</i>	<i>Corrected RSE value for C10-T1: UG Cable Replace (Proactive). Changed to 2082 from 2139</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-B-1</i>	<i>Appendix B</i>	<i>Updated dollars for SDG&E-Risk-2-C07: Restoration of Service New (2022-2024): \$9,522, \$9,522, \$9,522 Old (2022-2024): \$7,839, \$7,839, \$7,839</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-B-1</i>	<i>Appendix B</i>	<i>Corrected RSE value for C10-T1: UG Cable Replace (Proactive). Changed to 2082 from 2139</i>
<i>SDG&E-11</i>	<i>Oliva Reyes</i>	<i>OR-B-4</i>	<i>Appendix B</i>	<i>Updated total RAMP dollars New (2022-2024): \$109,188, \$152,247, \$114,730 Old (2022-2024): \$107,505, \$150,564, \$113,047</i>