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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of my direct testimony is to describe San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) Information Technology (IT) department budget request to support its demand response programs for 2024-2027.[1] [2]

II. SDG&E'S 2024-2027 IT BUDGET

SDG&E's request for the 2024-2027 IT budget supporting its utility-run portfolio of demand response programs and Electric Rule 32 is $5,871,147. The proposed budget is based on the expected scope and capabilities needed to integrate, manage, and operate SDG&E's utility portfolio of demand response programs effectively and centrally. The following table shows this budget for each year:

Table EK-1: Information Technology Budget Proposal 2024-2027

	2024	2025	2026	2027	TOTAL
IOU DR	$660,131	$633,102	$629,902	$629,902	$2,553,037
R32	$815,988	$825,121	$833,355	$843,645	$3,318,110
TOTAL	$1,476,119	$1,458,223	$1,463,257	$1,473,547	$5,871,147

SDG&E tracks costs separately for its demand response activities related to its DR portfolio and those costs that are directly related to SDG&E's support of Electric Rule 32. The latter costs were originally separated in different proceedings and SDG&E believes it is appropriate to continue to track these costs separately. Decisions, such as D. 16-03-008, granted

[1] Note that this chapter includes requests for budget and activity that are specifically under the IT department's scope and responsibility. This chapter does not include other systems support work that is carried out by other departments, which are under the purview of Mr. E Bradford Mantz and are found in his testimony, Chapter 1B.

[2] *See* Prepared Direct Testimony of Ellen Kutzler Chapter 2A for my direct testimony supporting SDG&E's IT department budget request for bridge funding for 2023.

funds that were separate from the IOU's DR portfolio. Further, Rule 32 work should not be included in the portfolio cost effectiveness calculations. Lastly, Rule 32 costs are recovered through its own memorandum account (DRPMA) which differs from the SDG&E's DR portfolio cost recovery.

The costs set forth in Table EK-1 take into consideration some fundamental and high-level assumptions based on the utility demand response program proposals contained in the testimony of E Bradford Mantz (Chapter 1B). The IT department, on behalf of SDG&E's Customer Programs department, performs tasks such as:

- Integration and maintenance between demand response applications and other SDG&E applications and CAISO applications;
- Application change requests as will be needed to support portfolio program changes as proposed in the testimony of E Bradford Mantz or remediation of problems reported to IT by Customer Programs;
- IT system outage support (planned & unplanned);
- Client communications & coordination;
- Collaboration with other IT departments (such as when other SDG&E enterprise-wide systems upon which the DR systems rely are changed, or otherwise require changes to the DR portfolio supporting systems);
- Small enhancements requested by Customer Programs; and
- Quality Assurance testing is associated with all these tasks.

III. CONCLUSION

This concludes my prepared direct testimony.

IV. WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS

My name is L. Ellen Kutzler, and my business address is 8690 Balboa Ave., Suite 10, San Diego, California 92123. I am the Group Product Owner for SDG&E Customer Support.

My current responsibilities include overall management of several applications, including those supporting Demand Response and the Customer Contact Center. These responsibilities include interacting with the Customer Programs and Customer Care departments to understand their needs to assist in supplying automated solutions, oversight of technical resources, collaboration with other IT departments, and prioritization of work.

I have been employed by SDG&E since 2002. I graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with emphasis in computer science and from San Diego State University with a Master's in Business Administration.

I have previously testified before the Commission.