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**REVISED UPDATED PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY**  
**OF ROSE MARIE PAYAN AND BRUCE WETZEL**  
**ON COST ALLOCATION OVERVIEW**  
**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**AND**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY**

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

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3 **I.       PURPOSE & OVERVIEW OF COST ALLOCATION**

4           The purpose of this testimony is to allocate the storage capacities settled in the 2009  
5 BCAP Settlement (Settlement) and adopted by the Commission in Decision (D.) 08-12-020  
6 between SoCalGas' and SDG&E's core customers and among the core customer classes in each  
7 utility based on the core demand forecasts sponsored by Ms. Payan in this proceeding. As stated  
8 by Ms. Musich in her direct testimony, SoCalGas and SDG&E propose a continuation of the  
9 storage proposals settled in Phase 1 of the 2009 BCAP for the duration of the TCAP period.  
10 This testimony also presents the gas prices used to forecast demand by customer segment, the  
11 Core Brokerage Fee, SDG&E's and SoCalGas' Unaccounted-For (UAF) gas percentages and  
12 their allocation to the core and noncore customer classes. Mr. Wetzel is sponsoring sections A  
13 and D below. Ms. Payan is sponsoring sections B and C.

14           **A.       Core Storage**

15           In the Settlement, the core was assigned the following storage capacities indicated in  
16 Section 5:

17                           5. The combined core customers of SDG&E/SoCalGas shall  
18                           initially be allocated 79 Bcf of storage inventory capacity and 369  
19                           MMcfd of storage injection capacity, with proportionate annual  
20                           increases to match the growth in inventory capacity addressed  
21                           below up to a total of 388 MMcfd of storage injection capacity,  
22                           and 2225 MMcfd of storage withdrawal capacity.

23           In addition, the core and the unbundled storage program were to receive the following  
24 additional capacities once they became available:

25                           7. 1.0 Bcf of the 7.0 Bcf expansion capacity shall be added to the  
26                           combined core's inventory capacity in each of the four years 2010-  
27                           2013.

1 Consistent with the provisions of D.08-12-020, the core currently has 81 Bcf of  
 2 inventory, 379 MMcfd of injection and 2,225 MMcfd of firm withdrawal capacities. Based on  
 3 the 2009 BCAP Phase I Settlement, the core will have 83 Bcf of inventory, 388 MMcfd of  
 4 injection, and 2,225 of firm withdrawal capacities assigned to it by April 1, 2013. Since the  
 5 2009 BCAP Settlement extends only through 2014, as Ms. Musich states, SoCalGas and SDG&E  
 6 propose that the 2014 capacity amounts be continued through 2015 to encompass the entire  
 7 TCAP period. This extension is reasonable because the core demand forecast sponsored by Ms.  
 8 Payan shows that core gas demand is not expected to grow over the TCAP period. Table 1  
 9 shows the allocation of the storage assets for SoCalGas' core customers by customer class and  
 10 Table 2 shows the resulting storage asset allocation by customer class for SDG&E's core  
 11 customers. These allocations are based on the monthly core demand forecasts presented in Ms.  
 12 Payan's testimony. These core storage capacity allocations are used by Mr. Mock and Mr.  
 13 Lenart in allocating storage costs to SoCalGas' and SDG&E's core customers respectively.

14 **Table 1**

**SoCalGas Core Storage Allocations by Customer Class**

SoCalGas	Residential	Nonresidential Core				Total SoCalGas Core
		G-10	G-AC	G-GE	G-NGV	
Inventory Allocation BCF	61.8	11.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	73.7
Injection MMcfd	289.1	53.1	0.0	0.0	2.1	344.3
Withdrawal MMcfd	1,287.7	680.0	0.0	0.0	22.3	1,990

15 **Table 2**

**SDG&E Core Storage Allocations by Customer Class**

SDG&E	Residential	Nonresidential Core		Total SDG&E Core	SoCalGas & SDG&E Core Totals
		GN-3	G-NGV		
Inventory Allocation BCF	7.6	1.8	0.0	9.3	83
Injection MMcfd	35.3	8.3	0.0	43.6	388
Withdrawal MMcfd	154.1	79.1	1.8	235.0	2,225

16 **B. Gas Price Forecast**

17 The natural gas price forecast used to develop the demand forecasts for SoCalGas and  
 18 SDG&E in this proceeding was prepared using New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX")-

1 based natural gas futures prices and other forecast sources. This forecast was prepared in  
2 February 2011. Consistent with the gas price forecast methodology used to develop demand  
3 forecasts used in the 2009 BCAP Settlement, SoCalGas and SDG&E used this methodology to  
4 forecast the cost of gas to be used for determining the cost of Company Use (CU) fuel and UAF.

5 In preparing this forecast, SoCalGas and SDG&E used the methodology approved by the  
6 Commission in Resolution E-4214 for establishing the Market Price Referent by forecasting the  
7 near term natural gas prices at the Southern California Border based on NYMEX Henry Hub  
8 ClearPort Basis Swap futures prices. The natural gas price forecast at Henry Hub from 2013  
9 through 2015 is based on the then most recent 22-day trading average of NYMEX futures prices  
10 from March 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011. Basis swaps trading contract settlements from NYMEX  
11 ClearPort<sup>1</sup> were then added to the Henry Hub futures prices to arrive at the natural gas price  
12 forecasts used to forecast gas demand for SoCalGas and SDG&E's customers, UAF and CU fuel.  
13 Consistent with the integration of the gas procurement function for both SoCalGas and SDG&E  
14 set forth in D.07-12-019, a combined core Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG) for both  
15 utilities was estimated using 2010 purchase weights by production basin and interstate pipeline  
16 receipt points. The final WACOG for purchase also includes the integrated interstate pipeline  
17 and Backbone Transmission Service (BTS) charges. The futures-based forecasted gas price used  
18 to forecast TCAP gas demand is \$5.48/MMBtu. The natural gas price used for pricing out  
19 LUAF and Company Use is based on the updated March 2012 Basis swaps trading contract  
20 settlements from NYMEX ClearPort<sup>2</sup> at the California Border to arrive at the natural gas price  
21 forecasts used to forecast LUAF and Company Use. That price is \$4.32/MMbtu. Since the

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<sup>1</sup> New York Mercantile Exchange. NYMEX ClearPort Clearing and NYMEX ClearPort Trading Contract Settlements <https://www.services.nymex.com/otcsettlement/OTCSettle.jsp>.

<sup>2</sup> New York Mercantile Exchange. NYMEX ClearPort Clearing and NYMEX Clearport Trading Contract Settlements <https://www.services.nymex.com/otcsettlement/OTCSettle.jsp>

1 LUAF and Company Use gas price forecast is adjusted using NYMEX California Border prices  
 2 each October for use in pricing out LUAF and Company Use in the subsequent year, using a  
 3 more recent California Border price is reasonable.

4 **Table 3**  
**SoCalGas and SDG&E Combined SoCalGas Citygate WACOG**  
**\$/MMBtu**

2013	4.94
2014	5.24
<u>2015</u>	<u>6.25</u>
Three-Year Average (2013-2015)	5.48

5 The actual cost of UAF gas purchases will be balanced through the appropriate regulatory  
 6 accounts. To minimize the likelihood of undercollections or overcollections over the TCAP  
 7 period, the underlying gas price will be updated through the annual October adjustment to  
 8 transportation rates using a forecast of Southern California Citygate gas prices for the next year  
 9 that is based on then current NYMEX ClearPort futures prices at the Southern California Border.

10 **C. Core Brokerage Fee**

11 The SoCalGas and SDG&E Core Brokerage Fee is currently 0.148 cents/therm. Based  
 12 on the updated Core Brokerage Fee study, the proposed updated TCAP Core Brokerage Fee is  
 13 0.157 cents/therm.

14 **Table 4**

<b>Brokerage Fee Summary</b>		
Current Brokerage Fee*	<b>0.148</b>	cents per therm
Proposed Brokerage Fee* (SoCalGas+SDG&E)	<b>0.157</b>	cents per therm

\*Before FF&U

15 This Brokerage Fee is based on a total cost of \$6,525,087 to provide core gas acquisition  
 16 services to SoCalGas and SDG&E's retail core class of customers. The costs of Gas

1 Acquisition, Demand Forecasting, Case Management, Tariffs, Human Resources, Commercial &  
 2 Industrial Sales, Information Technology Support and Legal Services are included in the total  
 3 cost to provide gas acquisition services. The breakdown of these costs is shown in Table 5  
 4 below. The complete study is shown in the accompanying workpapers.

5 **Table 5**

<b>Total Brokerage Fee Costs</b>						
	<b>Labor</b>	<b>NonLabor</b>	<b>Overheads</b>	<b>Direct Cost</b>	<b>Rent</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gas Acquisition	\$2,657,744	\$481,115	\$1,702,851	\$4,841,710	\$495,004	\$5,336,715
Demand Forecasting	\$67,283	\$8,989	\$64,115	\$140,387	\$8,353	\$148,740
Case Management	\$14,426	\$1,567	\$26,041	\$42,034	\$1,856	\$43,890
Regulatory Tariff	\$8,246	\$171	\$17,082	\$25,499	\$1,547	\$27,045
Human Resources	\$25,056	\$1,028	\$33,195	\$59,279	\$6,188	\$65,467
C&I Sales	\$9,116	\$1,216	\$38,378	\$48,710	\$1,083	\$49,793
IT	\$509,017	\$46,142	\$226,851	\$782,011	\$46,407	\$828,417
Law	\$14,126	\$1,319	\$9,050	\$24,495	\$524	\$25,019
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,305,013</b>	<b>\$541,546</b>	<b>\$2,117,565</b>	<b>\$5,964,125</b>	<b>\$560,962</b>	<b>\$6,525,087</b>

6 **D. UAF Gas**

7 The calculation of the volumes related to UAF gas is comprised of the following major  
 8 elements: accounting corrections and prior period adjustments; measurement adjustments;  
 9 leakage; theft; and other unexplained unaccounted-for volumes of gas. The recorded UAF gas,  
 10 as percentages of total gas receipts for the years' April through March production cycle in 2008-  
 11 2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 for SoCalGas and SDG&E are as shown in Table 6 below.

12 **Table 6**

**Southern California Gas Company  
 UAF WACOG Comparison  
 April 2008 - March 2011**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>UAF</u>	<u>UAF %</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Deliveries</u>	<u>(MMBtu)</u>	<u>of Receipts</u>	<u>Core</u>	<u>Non- Core</u>
<u>Apr 2008- Mar 2011</u>					<u>71%</u>	<u>29%</u>
<b>36 Months' Total</b>	<b>2,992,550,150</b>	<b>2,970,046,866</b>	<b>22,503,284</b>	<b>0.752%</b>	<b>0.534%</b>	<b>0.218%</b>

\* Core - noncore percentages per the 2009 BCAP Settlement

SoCalGas and SDG&E currently have a system-wide UAF gas factor of 0.892 % and 0.880 % respectively in rates for each utility. Of these UAF percentages, currently SoCalGas has a UAF gas allocation factor of 71% to the core and 29% to noncore usage, while SDG&E has a UAF gas allocation factor of 59% to the core and 41% to the noncore. SoCalGas and SDG&E propose that the UAF percentages for each utility be updated and based on the April 2008 to March 2011 three-year average of 0.752% for SoCalGas and 1.178% for SDG&E as shown in Table 7 and that the same percentage allocations between core and noncore, as were approved in D.08-12-020, be used for the TCAP period. The monthly total of deliveries, receipts, and UAF are shown in detail in the accompanying workpapers.

The resulting core UAF factor for SoCalGas is 0.534% ( $.752 \times .71 = .534\%$ ) and 0.218% for the noncore ( $.752 \times .29 = .218\%$ ). For SDG&E, the resulting factors are 0.665% ( $1.178 \times .59 = .695\%$ ) for the core and 0.483% ( $1.178 \times .41 = .483\%$ ) for the noncore. These percentage allocations to the core and noncore were approved in D.08-12-020 and since SoCalGas and SDG&E propose that the Settlement be extended for the duration of the TCAP period, SoCalGas and SDG&E propose that these percentage allocations be continued to be used to allocate UAF to the core and noncore classes of customers.

**Table 7**

**San Diego Gas and Electric  
UAF WACOG Comparison  
April 2008 - March 2011**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>UAF</u>	<u>UAF %</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<u>Apr 2008- Mar</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Deliveries</u>	<u>(MMBtu)</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>Core*</u>	<u>Non-</u>
<u>2011</u>				<u>Receipts</u>	<u>59%</u>	<u>Core*</u>
<b>36 Months' Total</b>	<b>351,969,919</b>	<b>347,760,700</b>	<b>4,147,836</b>	<b>1.178%</b>	<b>0.695%</b>	<b>0.483%</b>

*\* Core - Noncore percentages per the 2009 BCAP  
Settlement*

1           SoCalGas will use the SoCalGas Citygate price in determining the SoCalGas and  
2           SDG&E UAF fuel costs. Since UAF fuel costs include BTS charges, it makes more sense for  
3           the UAF fuel costs to be based upon the SoCalGas Citygate price instead of the Border price.

4           This concludes our revised updated prepared direct testimony.