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1 PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF 2 **SCOTT DRURY** 3 ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY 4 (SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS) 5 I. INTRODUCTION **Purpose of Testimony** 6 Α. 7 The purpose of this testimony is to describe the Emergency Preparedness and Safety functions 8 performed by the Safety organization and addresses operating expenses for safety programs and 9 emergency preparedness infrastructure on behalf of Southern California Gas Company (SCG). Emergency Preparedness and Safety is requesting additional resources for enhanced safety programs, 10 11 including the expansion of the company's Automated External Defibrillator (AED) infrastructure and 12 an increase in occupational health nurse (OHN) services. This testimony addresses the justification 13 for the reasonableness of the requested 2012 Test Year operating and maintenance (O&M) expenses. B. 14 **Overview of Operations** 15 The Emergency Preparedness and Safety function is primarily responsible for establishing and 16 managing the programs, policies and guidelines to ensure the safety of San Diego Gas & Electric 17 (SDG&E) and SCG employees. Safety Services activities help reduce injuries and provide a safe 18 work environment for all employees. 19 The SCG Emergency Preparedness and Safety organizations consist of the following two 20 major categories: 21 1. Safety Programs 22 Safety Compliance 23 b. Safety & Emergency Services Technology 24 **Operations** c. 25 d. Director 26 2. Emergency Services 27 All of the above activities are shared services except for a portion of Safety Services –SCG 28 field operations. The utility security service is paid via an SDG&E cost center and SCG's portion of 29 the costs is allocated via the shared service process. 30

C. **Summary of Request**

Table SDD -1 **Summary of TY2012 Change**

(Thousands of \$2009)

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Functional Area: EMERGENCY				
PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY				
Description	2009	TY2012	Change	Testimony
	Adjusted-	Estimated	_	Reference
	Recorded			
Total Non-Shared	777	1,375	598	Section II
Total Shared Services (Book	2,633	2,808	175	Section III
Expense)				
Total O&M	3,410	4,183	773	
Total Capital	223	850	627	Section IV

The following discussion provides a description of the forecasted cost changes for the 2009-

1. Transfers in and changes due to the reorganization of the Safety department employees

3. Increases in body mechanics, ergonomics and safety leadership training for frontline

4. Expansion of AED program (devices and maintenance) to cover facilities not currently

2012 time period for the Emergency Preparedness and Safety activities:

2. Increases in Occupational Health Nurse (OHN) services

and 2009 salary annualization.

equipped with these devices.

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II. NONSHARED SERVICES

employees

A. Introduction

The SCG non-shared services category comprises non-shared safety programs. The majority of activities in the safety programs category are concentrated on SCG field safety, as most programs, compliance activities, and performance monitoring and reporting are captured within the shared service category.

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Table SDD - 2 O&M Non-Shared Services (Thousands of 2009 dollars)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY			
Categories of Management	2009 Adjusted-	TY2012	Change
	Recorded	Estimated	
A. SCG Field Safety	777	1,375	598
Total	777	1,375	598

B. Discussion of O&M Activities

The Safety Programs function is primarily responsible for ensuring operational compliance with safety regulations, managing the programs, policies and guidelines to ensure the safety of SCG employees. Reducing injuries and providing a safe work environment for all employees is one of the most important goals of the company.

To reduce or eliminate incidents, Safety Services has developed training programs including (but not limited to) job observations, incident investigation and analysis, defensive driving, body mechanics, ergonomics, hearing conservation, respiratory protection, personal protective equipment and public safety programs.

The Safety Services function also provides important field operations support. This group interprets safety related rules and regulations and provides reviews of potential legislation that would impact field operations with the goal to maintain compliance with all Federal, State and local regulations.

This field activity also supports field safety compliance audits and acts as the company liaison to the CPUC and the Department of Transportation as well as Cal/OSHA.

Field Safety advisors serve a significant role to all areas of the company for:

- Incident investigation and prevention including self-audits;
- Motor vehicle incident corrective action;
- Support of field operations for safety training and compliance;
- Technical safety support for projects to help develop plans for design/permitting and cost impacts to engineers, contractors, and other technical specialists.

Requested increases in safety costs for the TY 2012 include: \$110,000 for ergonomist resources focused on prevention of repetitive motion and cumulative trauma injuries, \$125,000 to expand the AED program to locations not currently covered, and \$363,000 in Occupational Health Nursing Services intended to provide health and wellness expertise and first level of care to

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employees. Requests for funding to support body mechanics training designed help reduce sprains and strains, which are the company's highest frequency injuries, and safety leadership training for frontline employees are reflected in SDG&E shared services testimony.

III. SHARED SERVICES

A. Introduction

With the exception of SCG Field Safety, all safety programs and services are shared between SDG&E and SCG. The shared service distribution for each area is the same, with company headcount as the driver for intercompany billing allocations. The Emergency Preparedness and Safety department consists of the following shared service activities:

- 1. Safety Compliance
- 2. Safety & Emergency Services Technology
- 3. Operations
- 4. Director

Table SDD – 3

O&M Shared Services

(Thousands of 2009 dollars)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & SAFETY			
Categories of Management	2009 Adjusted-	TY2012	Change
	Recorded	Estimated	
A. Emergency Services	210	188	-22
B. Safety Programs	950	928	-22
C. USS Billed-in from SDG&E	1,473	1,692	219
Total Shared Services (Book Expense)	2,633	2,808	175

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B. Summary of Shared Services Activities

1. Safety Programs

The Safety Programs function is primarily responsible for compliance with safety regulations, establishing and managing the programs, policies and guidelines to ensure the safety of SCG and SDG&E employees.

To reduce or eliminate incidents, Emergency Preparedness and Safety has developed training programs including (but not limited to) job observations, incident investigation and analysis, defensive

driving, body mechanics, ergonomics, hearing conservation, respiratory protection, personal protective equipment and public safety programs. The category is covered by the following 4 departments:

- Safety Compliance is responsible for serving SCG and SDG&E with respect to monitoring changes in employee safety and health regulations, developing internal safety policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the applicable regulations, and managing company-wide implementation of key industrial hygiene programs, such as Hazard Communications, Hearing Conservation, Respiratory Protection, Asbestos and Lead Exposure Management.
- Strategy & Technology is responsible for all aspects of safety and emergency services systems and technology, including project development, implementation, and maintenance. The department ensures a high state of technology readiness in the Emergency Operation Centers (EOCs) and Gas Emergency Centers (GECs), providing technical solutions and support to the Safety staff and Emergency Services Program Managers.
- Safety Operations provides major program support, communications, management and statistical analysis. To reduce or eliminate incidents, the department conducts job observations, incident investigation and analysis, promotes defensive driving, body mechanics, ergonomics, hearing conservation, respiratory protection, and incorporates personal protective equipment. The safety programs department interprets and advises field operations regarding safety related rules and regulations and provides reviews of potential legislation that would impact field operations. The department also supports field safety compliance audits and acts as the company liaison to the CPUC, Department of Transportation, and Cal/OSHA.
- Safety Director The Safety and Emergency Services Director provides overall leadership and direction for the Safety and Emergency Services functional activity. The SCG cost center is only used for direct billing SCG invoices. Most costs are booked through SDG&E and billed via that shared service process.

2. Emergency Services

The Emergency Services O&M costs for SDG&E and SCG shared services have been separated into two distinct categories: 1) expenses associated with Emergency Services ongoing operations, and 2) expenses associated with preparedness improvements.

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Emergency Services resides under the Safety and Emergency Services organization and is responsible for maintaining comprehensive and coordinated emergency response and recovery programs. This organization is responsible for overseeing federal, state, local and company emergency preparedness and response standards and requirements. Emergency Services is organized into three functional areas:

- *EOC Operations* Responsible for all aspects of the emergency operations centers, including development of policies and procedures, workforce identification and training, preparedness exercises, EOC activations, and lessons learned reports.
- Regional Emergency Operations Responsible for all aspects of the Regional Gas Emergency Centers (GEC), including development of policies and procedures, workforce identification and training, preparedness exercises, GEC activations, and lessons learned reports.
- Department & Employee Readiness Responsible for developing, implementing and managing a comprehensive Business Continuity & Resumption Planning Program, managing Emergency Action Plans and facilitating increased preparedness for employees of SDG&E and SCG.

IV. CAPITAL

A. Introduction

The request for Emergency Services capital is driven primarily by aging communications equipment and technology. More flexible and up-to-date equipment and systems will replace older and less efficient technology. The Emergency Operations Center and Gas Emergency Center facility upgrades provide for improved technology and infrastructure upgrades to aid and enhance the utilities' response and recovery efforts.

Table SDD - 4
Capital Expenditures
(Thousands of 2009 dollars)

		2009	2010	2011	2012
	Category Description	Recorded	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated
1.	EOC Equipment Blanket	223	650	850	850
	Total Capital:	223	650	850	850

B. Capital Request Detail

The Emergency Services capital request consists of more flexible and up-to-date equipment and systems which will replace older and less efficient technology. The following projects represent the major components of the SCG Emergency Services Equipment Capital Blanket:

EOC Equipment Upgrades (Budget Code: 794)

- Audio-Visual Upgrades
- SIMS Upgrades
- IMS Phase 1.5
- Emergency Services equipment and software (networking infrastructure)

V. CONCLUSION

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The amounts requested for the 2012 Test Year for Emergency Preparedness and Safety are necessary to meet the needs of utility operations and customer service. They are based on an evaluation of 2009 adjusted recorded expenses and the incremental increases and decreases forecasted over the 2010-2012 period. The costs reflect the appropriate shared service allocations for SCG, including new safety programs and the expansion of safety services. I respectfully request the Commission adopt the forecast shown in this testimony.

This concludes my prepared direct testimony.

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VI. WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS

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diverse business enterprises. I currently serve as the chairman of the board of directors for the
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I have a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from San Diego State University and a Master's of Business Administration from San Diego State University.

I have not previously testified before the Commission.

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