Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902M) for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service Effective on January 1, 2012.

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## ON BEHALF OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (REVENUES AT PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES)

#### I. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

The purpose of my testimony is to: (1) present a summary of the gas transportation revenue and rate changes that would result from Southern California Gas Company's ("SCG's") Test Year 2012 proposals in this proceeding, and (2) present estimates of residential customer bill impacts.

## II. SUMMARY OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED GAS TRANSPORTATION REVENUES AND RATES

The following tables show current (i.e., January 1, 2011) and proposed gas transportation revenues and rates by major customer class. SCG's proposals in this proceeding would result in changes to total authorized base margin for transportation rates (see testimony of Deborah A. Hiramoto, Exhibit SCG-38), and the balances for amortization to certain regulatory accounts (see testimony of Greg Shimansky, Exhibit SCG-34). Rates and revenues for other components of the bundled rates, including commodity and Public Purpose Program ("PPP") surcharge, would remain unchanged based on this application and, therefore, have been held constant for the present versus proposed comparison.

The transportation rates and revenues reflect the allocation of costs and sales volumes adopted in SCG's most recent Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding decision and implemented on February 1, 2010, and updated for the January 1, 2011 Consolidated Rate Update (pursuant to the January 15 update performed according to the Rate Case Plan). The PPP surcharge also reflects the rates in effect on January 1, 2011. For illustrative purposes, the commodity price reflected in these tables reflects the rates in effect on February 1, 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See BCAP Decision ("D.") 09-11-006 and Advice Letter No.4190. Transportation rates and revenues reflect adjustments for System Integration, Firm Access Rights, and Sempra-wide rate adjustments. The January 15 update is prescribed by the Rate Case Plan D.07-07-004, Appendix A, p. A-30, Item 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SCG Advice Letter Nos. 4069 and 4163 for the commodity and PPP charges, respectively.

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#### **TABLE SCG-GL-1**

Southern California Gas Company Summary of Gas Revenue by Major Customer Class 2012 General Rate Case Application Errata and Update (\$ millions)

		Total Revenues		Change			
Line No.	Customer Class	Present	Proposed	\$	%	Line No.	
1	Residential	\$2,956	\$3,124	\$168	5.7%	1	
2	Core Commercial & Industrial	\$933	\$972	\$40	4.3%	2	
3	Other	\$94	\$96	\$1	1.6%	3	
4	Total Core	\$3,983	\$4,192	\$209	5.3%	4	
5	Noncore C&I	\$134	\$145	\$11	8.5%	5	
6	Sempra-Wide EG	\$76	\$86	\$10	13.6%	6	
7	Noncore Average	\$210	\$232	\$22	10.4%	7	
8	Wholesale	\$19	\$21	\$3	13.6%	8	
9	Other	\$66	\$70	\$4	5.3%	9	
10	SYSTEM TOTALS	\$4,278	\$4,515	\$237	5.5%	10	

**TABLE SCG-GL-2** 

Southern California Gas Company
Summary of Gas Class Average Bundled Rates by Major Customer Class
2012 General Rate Case Application Errata and Update
(\$/therm)

		Total Revenues		Change		
Line No.	Customer Class	Present	Proposed	\$	%	Line No.
1	Residential	\$1.19011	\$1.25773	\$0.06762	5.7%	1
2	Core Commercial & Industrial	\$0.96090	\$1.00190	\$0.04100	4.3%	2
3	Core Average	\$1.10912	\$1.16739	\$0.05827	5.3%	3
4	Noncore C&I	\$0.09293	\$0.10087	\$0.00794	8.5%	4
5	Sempra-Wide EG	\$0.02687	\$0.03052	\$0.00365	13.6%	5
6	Noncore Average	\$0.04916	\$0.05427	\$0.00510	10.4%	6
7	Wholesale	\$0.01172	\$0.01332	\$0.00160	13.6%	7
8	SYSTEM TOTALS	\$0.45231	\$0.47738	\$0.02507	5.5%	8

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#### III. RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER BILL IMPACTS

The following table provides estimates of residential bundled customer average monthly gas bill for commodity and transportation. This is based on the average residential customer usage of 38 therms per month.

As shown on Table SCG-GL-3, the bill amount for the typical customer that uses an average of 38 therms per month would increase by \$2.58 per month, or 5.8%.

#### **TABLE SCG-GL-3**

Southern California Gas Company
Typical Monthly Residential Gas Bill at Present and Proposed Rates
2012 General Rate Case Application Errata and Update

Line No.	Typical	Average Monthly Bill		Change		Line No.
	Usage	2011	2012	\$	%	
1	38	\$44.53	\$47.10	\$2.58	5.8%	1

This concludes my prepared direct testimony.

#### IV. WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS

My name is Gary Lenart. My business address is 555 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California, 90013-1011. I am employed by the Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas") as the Gas Rates Manager in the Regulatory Affairs Department for SoCalGas and SDG&E.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance and Computer Science from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois and a Master of Business Administration from California State University at Northridge, California. I have been employed by SoCalGas since 1988, and have held positions of increasing responsibilities in the Accounting, Strategic Planning, New Product Development, Customer Service & Information, and Regulatory Affairs departments. I have been in my current position as Gas Rates Manager since August, 2010. In my current position, I am responsible for cost allocation and rate design for both utilities.

I have previously testified before the Commission.

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### **Errata Only**

Page	Line	Errata Item
GL-1	14	Added "(i.e., January 1, 2011) after "current."
GL-1	22-27	Deleted text: The transportation rates and revenues reflect the allocation of costs and sales volumes adopted in SCG's most recent Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding decision and implemented on February 1, 2010. For illustrative purposes, the commodity price and PPP surcharge reflected in these tables also reflect the rates in effect on February 1, 2010.
		Replaced with: The transportation rates and revenues reflect the allocation of costs and sales volumes adopted in SCG's most recent Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding decision and implemented on February 1, 2010, and updated for the January 1, 2011 Consolidated Rate Update (pursuant to the January 15 update performed according to the Rate Case Plan). The PPP surcharge also reflects the rates in effect on January 1, 2011. For illustrative purposes, the commodity price reflected in these tables reflects the rates in effect on February 1, 2010.
GL-1	Fn.1	Deleted text: See Decision ("D.") 09-11-006. Transportation rates and revenues reflect adjustments for System Integration, Firm Access Rights, and Sempra-wide rate adjustments.  Replaced with: See BCAP Decision ("D.") 09-11-006 and Advice Letter No.4190. Transportation rates and revenues reflect adjustments for System Integration, Firm Access Rights, and Sempra-wide rate adjustments. The January 15 update is prescribed by the Rate Case Plan D.07-07-004, Appendix A, p. A-30, Item 3.
GL-1	Fn.2	Changed Advice Letter No. 4032 to 4163.

Tax Relief Act Updates (combined with Errata Items where applicable)

Page	Line	Errata Item (Interim Step)	Tax Relief Act Item (Final)
GL-2	1	Table SCG-GL-1 was changed to	Table SCG-GL-1 was changed and
		reflect corrected data.	replaced to incorporate impacts from Tax
			Relief Act.
GL-2	4	Table SCG-GL-2 was changed to	Table SCG-GL-2 was changed and
		reflect corrected data.	replaced to incorporate impacts from Tax
			Relief Act.
GL-3	6	Changed \$3.35 to \$2.70; 7.7% to 6.1%.	Changed \$2.70 to \$2.58; 6.1% to 5.8%.
GL-3	8	Table SCG-GL-3 was changed to	Table SCG-GL-3 was changed and
		reflect corrected data.	replaced to incorporate impacts from Tax
			Relief Act.