SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

APPLICATION REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF INCORPORATING
ADVANCED METER DATA INTO THE CORE BALANCING PROCESS
(A.17-10-002)

(9ᵗʰ DATA REQUEST FROM INDICATED SHIPPERS AND SCGC)

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QUESTION 9.1:

With respect to the statement made by Mr. Borkovich in his rebuttal testimony at page 14 that "Noncore customers with GEMS devices have the ability to access their metered usage in real-time through an onsite interconnection to their SoCalGas or SDG&E meter":

9.1.1. When did SoCalGas or SDG&E inform customers that they have the ability to obtain an onsite interconnection to their SoCalGas or SDG&E meter?

9.1.2. How did SoCalGas or SDG&E inform customers that they have the ability to obtain an onsite interconnection to their SoCalGas or SDG&E meter?

9.1.3. What steps do customers have to take in order to obtain an onsite interconnection with their SoCalGas or SDG&E meter?

9.1.4. Is the onsite interconnection intended to create an ability to read the SoCalGas or SDG&E meter electronically through Envoy?

9.1.5. If the answer to the previous question is "no," do SoCalGas/SDG&E provide software that will enable the customer to read either the SoCalGas or SDG&E meter electronically?

9.1.6. Please state the number of customers (and what percentage of the total number of noncore customers these customers represent) who have to date obtained an onsite interconnection to their SoCalGas or SDG&E meter.

9.1.7. Please state the volume of gas usage during calendar year 2017 that is associated with the customers identified in response to the previous question.

RESPONSE 9.1:

9.1.1. Starting in the 1980s.

9.1.2. Information concerning measurement data access is provided through the account representative.

9.1.3. Customers that wish to obtain an onsite interconnection are required to execute and comply with a Measurement Data Access Device Agreement and an Agreement for Collectible Work – D Ticket.

9.1.4. No. The onsite interconnection is intended to allow customers to access measurement data that they can use to calculate operational usage through their own computing resources.

9.1.5. No. Under the Measurement Data Access Device Agreement, SoCalGas installs a Data Access Device on its meter to allow the customer to receive electronic signals from the SoCalGas meter that the customer's own computing resources can use to calculate operational usage.

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9.1.6.   This data on onsite interconnection installations is not formally tracked. SoCalGas and SDG&E do not have systems in place to track Measurement Data Access Device Agreements across both companies.

9.1.7.   See Response 9.1.6.

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QUESTION 9.2:

How many noncore customers rely upon contract marketers (or agent marketers) to perform the purchasing, nominating, and balancing of gas supplies on their behalf?

RESPONSE 9.2:

The number of noncore customer accounts that rely upon contracted marketers and agents constantly changes. In 2017, the number of noncore customer accounts that relied upon contracted marketers was approximately 900 to 935 while the number of noncore customer accounts that relied upon agent marketers was approximately 10 to 20.

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QUESTION 9.3:

Please state the volume of gas usage during calendar year 2017 that is associated with the customers identified in response to the previous question.

RESPONSE 9.3:

In 2017, the volume of gas associated with the noncore customer accounts that relied upon contracted marketers was approximately 4.5 billion therms and the volume of gas associated with the noncore customer accounts that relied upon agent marketers was approximately 1.3 million therms.