

**ORA DATA REQUEST
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Subject: Gas Acquisition

Please provide the following:

1.

SoCalGas Response 1:

Please see attached CONFIDENTIAL file “ORA-SCG-003-FH2 Q1.xlsx”.

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2. Referring to SCG’s testimony, page MFL-8, lines 9-19, please explain the reason for SCG’s request in filling two existing vacancies as SCG has already requested for two additional employees in Gas Acquisition on SCG’s testimony, SCG-09, page ITC-5, lines 20-21, in Sempra’s 2016 GRC, in which Gas Procurement O&M costs for two FTE vacancies were adopted in the last decision, D.16-06-054.

SoCalGas Response 2:

The two employee scheduling positions described in 2016 GRC Exhibit SCG-09, page ITC-5, lines 20-21 were requested as an incremental increase in FTEs for a FERC proposal to increase the number of gas nomination cycles and cycle deadlines (please see 2016 GRC Exhibit SCG-09, page ITC-5, lines 13-19). These two incremental positions were requested in addition to filling Gas Acquisition vacancies that existed when the labor forecast for GRC Test Year 2016 was prepared in 2014. GRC Test Year 2019 Exhibit SCG-16 supports labor forecasts for Gas Acquisition vacancies that existed at the end of Base Year 2016 for purposes of forecasting labor requirements for Test Year 2019. The vacancies described in SCG-16 testimony are not incremental and should be filled in order to meet Gas Acquisition priorities of providing reliable gas supplies to core customers at a low cost, and to lower customer carbon emission costs.

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3. Referring to SCG’s testimony, page MFL-8, lines 13-15, SoCalGas states, “We expect these vacancies to be filled by 2017 and have scheduled these vacancies to reflect the partial filling of existing vacancies in 2017 up to full staffing levels in 2018 and 2019.” Please indicate whether SoCalGas has filled, or partially filled, the existing vacancies in 2017. If yes, provide supporting documentation which reflects this and provides details such as when the vacancy was filled and at what annual salary. If no, explain why the full or partial filling of existing vacancies in 2017 has not occurred yet.

SoCalGas Response 3:

In 2017, an unexpected retirement and other internal Gas Acquisition employee movement resulted in the necessity to fill four key positions that became vacant. These positions are unrelated to the vacancies that existed during Base Year 2016. Because of the urgency to fill these positions to continue and support Gas Acquisition transactions and department goals, Gas Acquisition Management focused primarily on filling these key positions in 2017. As a result, the “two existing vacancies” described in Exhibit SCG-19, page MFL-8, line 13, have not yet been filled; however, Gas Acquisition Management intends on filling the two vacancies as soon as practicable.

Referring to Exhibit SCG-16, page MFL-8, lines 12-13, the vacant positions created resulting from an employee retirement and resignation were filled as follows:

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