Subject: Regional Public Affairs

## Please provide the following:

1. Referring to SCG's request for Regional Public Affairs, please provide a breakdown of the \$3.9 million forecast and tie it with the activities discussed on pages GOM-52 to GOM-54. For example, there are 5 work categories/activities under the discussion of "Supporting Operations by Working with Governments," provide the expenses SCG estimates for each of the category/activity.

### SoCalGas Response:

Recorded and forecast costs are not broken out by the detailed activities described in testimony. The direct testimony of Gina Orozco-Mejia outlines the tasks which Regional Public Affairs (RPA) typically performs. Time spent on any single element can vary from day-to-day and year-to-year, though RPA's primary focus, as stated on page 50 of the direct testimony of Gina Orozco Mejia, "...is supporting field operations through its work with regional and local governments on issues regarding proposed regulations, permitting, franchises and emergency preparedness and response."

2. Provide the 2009 recorded cost for each of the work categories/activities for Supporting Operations by Working with Governments and Supporting Operations by Working with Communities, as discussed on pages GOM-52 to GOM-54.

# SoCalGas Response:

As noted in response to Question 1, costs were not recorded based upon activities.

3. Please state whether the \$3.9 million forecast is specifically for Gas Distribution or for company-wide activities.

## SoCalGas Response:

As stated on page 50 of the direct testimony of Gina Orozco-Mejia, "Regional Public Affairs' (RPA) primary focus is supporting field operations through its work with regional and local governments on issues regarding proposed regulations, permitting, franchises and emergency preparedness and response." In addition, RPA occasionally provides support to other functional organizations within the Utility.

4. On page GOM-51, SCG states, "RPA is involved in these activities because other departments within SCG do not specifically address operational issues or the information needs of elected officials and community groups." Please identify the amount of funding estimated to "address…the information needs of elected officials and community groups."

### SoCalGas Response:

SoCalGas did not estimate RPA funding based upon the amount of time dedicated to a single activity. Instead, the RPA forecast was developed based on historical recorded costs. The 2009 adjusted recorded base represents the funding necessary to support the anticipated level of work performed by RPA.