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(U 904 G) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company)
(U 902 G) For Authority To Recover North-South)
Project Revenue Requirement In Customer Rates)
And For Approval Of Related Cost Allocation And)
Rate Design Proposals)

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UPDATED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

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SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

AND

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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2 **I. PURPOSE**

3 The purpose of my direct testimony on behalf of Southern California Gas Company
4 (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) is to present the SoCalGas
5 revenue requirement resulting from the capital and operations and maintenance (O&M) forecasts
6 of the North-South Project for the years 2014 through 2039. The total revenue requirement is
7 \$2,782 million for the period 2014 to 2096.¹

8 **II. REVENUE REQUIREMENT**

9 The revenue requirement associated with the North-South Project is computed from the
10 forecasted incremental capital and O&M costs related to the North-South Project sponsored by
11 witness, Mr. Buczkowski. The capital and O&M costs discussed in previous sections of this
12 application represent direct costs only and are stated in base year 2014 dollars. They do not
13 include overhead, escalation, or other necessary costs to support the investment. A summary of
14 the full cost recovery forecast of the North-South Project is shown in Table 5 below.

15 The incremental capital and O&M costs are adjusted upward to include applicable
16 overhead and escalation rates. Overhead rates are applied to each direct cost input, consistent
17 with its classification as company labor, contract labor or purchased services and materials.
18 Overhead rates are estimated using 2013 actuals, but are only intended to be illustrative for
19 forecasting purposes. Actual overhead rates for each year will be used in the calculation of the
20 actual revenue requirement and only overheads that are incremental to the North-South Project
21 are included. For example, overheads associated with incremental labor and additional

¹ Note that this \$2,782 million revenue requirement is greater than the \$2,698 million revenue requirement for the North-South Project presented in the original December 2013 version of my direct testimony. The difference is attributable to the fact that my updated testimony uses the most current Global Insight escalation factors, which are somewhat higher than the escalation factors used to prepare my original direct testimony.

procurement activities are included whereas Pension and Post-Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions overhead costs are excluded, as these costs are subject to a separate balancing account mechanism treatment authorized in D.13-05-010. Table 1 below shows overhead rates that were applied in this analysis.

Table 1
North-South Project Overhead Loaders (Illustrative)

Overhead Category	Overhead Rate	Loading Base
Payroll Taxes	8.00%	Direct Labor
Vacation and Sick Time	16.89%	Direct Labor
Benefits (non-balanced only)	21.27%	Direct Labor
Workers' Compensation	3.86%	Direct Labor
Public Liability Property Damage	2.70%	Direct Labor
Incentive Compensation Plan	18.05%	Management and Associate Direct Labor
Purchased Services and Materials	0.85%	Contract Labor, Services and Purchased Materials
Administrative and General	2.09%	Direct Capital Costs

The overhead-loaded, constant-dollar values for incremental capital and O&M costs are escalated for inflation using the following escalation factors for the period 2014 to 2039. As these factors vary over the project horizon, Table 2 shows the range of annual escalation rates applied to each cost type.

Table 2
North-South Project Escalation Rates²

Cost Category	Escalation Factor	Range of Annual % Change (2014 Base)
Capital (Labor & Non-Labor)	Gas Plant (Various)	1.6% — 4.8%
O&M (Non-Labor)	Gas Utility O&M Non-Labor	1.9% — 2.3%

The revenue requirement computation assumes all capital costs, including Allowance for Funds Used during Construction (AFUDC), are recovered through depreciation over the current authorized book-life of the assets. Consistent with the current ratemaking treatment adopted by

² Factors shown are from escalation indices published in IHS Global Insight's 2nd Quarter 2014 Utility Cost Forecast.

1 the Commission, the forecasted capital costs do not include cost of removal associated with the
 2 existing Adelanto Compressor Station. These costs are accounted for in authorized depreciation
 3 rates. In addition to all incremental capital and O&M expenditures, the revenue requirement
 4 includes all other components of costs required to support the investment such as the authorized
 5 return on investment, depreciation, income and property taxes, and franchise fees and
 6 uncollectibles.³ The revenue requirement calculation uses the current authorized rate of return of
 7 8.02% based on 10.10% return on equity.⁴

8 Table 3 below summarizes total incremental direct costs for the North-South Project.

9 **Table 3**
 10 **Direct Costs Summary⁵**
 11 *(In Millions of 2014 Dollars)*

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 - 2039	Total
Capital	3.4	11.0	22.1	169.8	135.6	276.0	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.7	621.3
O&M	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	0.7
Total	3.6	11.0	22.1	169.8	135.8	276.1	1.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.7	622.0

12 Incremental direct costs are loaded and escalated into forecasted nominal spending with
 13 the factors described in Table 1 and Table 2. Table 4 below summarizes the fully loaded and
 14 escalated direct costs from Table 3, including capitalized property tax and AFUDC during
 15 construction.

16 **Table 4**
 17 **Fully Loaded and Escalated Costs Summary**
 18 *(In Millions of Dollars, Nominal)*

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 - 2039	Total
Capital	4.5	14.7	29.9	210.4	195.3	394.3	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.8	854.8
O&M	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	0.7
Total	4.7	14.7	29.9	210.4	195.5	394.5	2.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	2.8	855.5

³ The revenue requirement components and the rate base calculations are computed based on Commission approved methodology and are shown in workpapers supporting this testimony.

⁴ SoCalGas' rate of return was authorized in the company's 2013 Test Year Cost of Capital proceeding in Decision 12-12-034.

⁵ Incremental O&M costs related to office space and other office related costs are only anticipated for 2014-2019.

1 Table 5 below summarizes the forecasted revenue requirement for SoCalGas to construct
2 the project. In addition to the fully loaded and escalated costs shown in Table 4, this revenue
3 requirement captures all capital-related costs such as depreciation, taxes and return needed to
4 support the investment.

5 **Table 5**
6 **Revenue Requirement Summary**
7 *(In Millions of Dollars, Nominal)*

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 - 2096	Total
0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	133.6	120.5	118.7	114.4	2,294.1	2,782.0

8 For the purposes of my and Mr. Bonnett's testimony, the project is assumed to be
9 complete and placed into service by December 31, 2019. As stated in the testimony of Mr.
10 Buczkowski, it is possible that certain components may be placed into service prior to this date.
11 Upon project completion, SoCalGas will compute the actual capital and O&M costs and
12 associated revenue requirement. SoCalGas will file an advice letter within 60 days after the
13 assets are placed into service to incorporate the actual revenue requirement in rates on the first
14 day of the next month following advice letter approval. The revenue requirement in rates will be
15 updated in subsequent years in connection with SoCalGas' Consolidated Rate Filing for rates
16 effective January 1st of the following year. This process will continue until addressed in
17 SoCalGas' next General Rate Case or other applicable proceeding. The details of the rate impact
18 are discussed in the testimony of Mr. Bonnett, and the regulatory accounting treatment is
19 discussed in the testimony of Mr. Ahmed.

20 **III. QUALIFICATIONS**

21 My name is Garry G. Yee. My business address is 555 W. Fifth Street, Los Angeles,
22 California, 90013-1011. I am employed by SoCalGas as the Financial Services & Strategic
23 Analysis Manager. I am responsible for overseeing the financial analysis and development of

1 revenue requirements in support of new investment opportunities, rate base and depreciation
2 planning, and SoCalGas' treasury function. I joined SoCalGas in 1990 and have held various
3 positions of increasing responsibility in Audit Services, Cost Accounting, Financial &
4 Regulatory Accounting, Activity-Based Costing, Financial Planning, and Financial Services.
5 Prior to SoCalGas, I was employed by Price Waterhouse as an auditor.

6 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Loyola Marymount
7 University and I am a Certified Public Accountant and Chartered Global Management
8 Accountant.

9 I have previously testified before this Commission.

10 This concludes my updated direct testimony.