APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY & SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO REVISE THEIR NATURAL GAS RATES AND IMPLEMENT STORAGE PROPOSALS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 IN THE TRIENNIAL COST ALLOCATION PROCEEDING

(A.18-07-024)

(DATA REQUEST CAL ADVOCATES-DR-054)

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QUESTION 1:

In Response to CalAdvocates DR-030 Q1, SoCalGas and SDG&E provided the attached Excel file. The document shows baseline and non-baseline transportation rates as well as procurement rates for SoCalGas and SDG&E. This information was originally provided to the Public Advocates Office (then-ORA) in SoCalGas's Response to Data Request PZS4-3 in R.11-02-019, and subsequently updated for the relevant information for the months from November 2011 through December 2014 in Response to Data Request ORA-SCG-05 in R.11-02-019. The response to DR- 030 Q1 updated the relevant information for the months from January 2015 through December 2018.

The Public Advocates Office understands from the Applicants' Supplemental Testimony at pp.3-4, that the current baseline allowances have been in effect since 2002, with the exception of Zone 3 winter baseline, which was updated in 2004. In Supplemental Testimony, Applicants showed a two-step process for updating their proposed baseline season allowances. Applicants state at page 3:

In the sections that follow, I first discuss SoCalGas' and SDG&E's current residential baseline seasons and allowances. I then describe SoCalGas' and SDG&E's process of updating the baseline allowances under Section 739 (which is the first step in the SB 711 baseline adjustment process). After establishing new baseline allowances consistent with Section 739, in the subsequent sections I then present the proposed baseline seasons and allowances pursuant to SB 711.

After the baseline allowance adjustments, Applicants present the baseline rates in Table 5 as a result of Step 1, and in Table 9 as a result of Step 2, as described in the above-quoted testimony.

(a) Please provide a back cast of the baseline and non-baseline rates in the last ten (10) years 2010-2018 assuming that SoCalGas and SDG&E's proposal for the 3-month winter on-peak and 3-month winter off-peak baseline seasons has been in place instead of the current 6-month winter and 6-month summer structure reflected in the historical rates (as shown in the attached Excel file). In presenting the back cast, please show the rate results of the two-step process, similar to that shown in Tables 5 and 9.

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(b) Please provide a comparison table of average monthly bills for the years 2010 - 2018 to enable comparison of the impacts on the average monthly bill over a longer period of time with actual recorded data. The comparison table should show the estimated average monthly bills for CARE residential customers based on the actual recorded rates and the back-cast results.

(c) Please provide in Excel format any workpapers used in responding to this data request



RESPONSE 1:

Applicants object to this question as outside the scope of Applicants' prepared materials, unduly burdensome, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, as the dates for the requested backcast predate Senate Bill 711 and would produce results that are irrelevant.