

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**APPLICATION FOR NATURAL RENEWABLE GAS TARIFF
(A.19-02-015)**

(1st DATA REQUEST FROM TURN)

DATE RECEIVED: 4-15-19

DATE RESPONDED: 4-30-19

SUPPLEMENTAL DATE RESPONDED: 7-9-19

QUESTION 1:

The April 15, 2019 Joint utility response to protests makes the following claim:

“Applicants have received an additional 55 letters of support, which are attached to this Reply (see Attachment A). Altogether, these 91 letters come from a broad range of stakeholders – local government, small business customers, chambers of commerce, environmental organizations, educational and research institutions, and technology companies.” (Reply to protests, page 7)

- a. Please provide copies of all correspondence between either applicant and each of the 91 organizations relating to the request for letters of support. This request should include funding from Sempra energy, corporate affiliates or any entities serving as agents of the applicants.
- b. Indicate which of these 91 organizations have received any charitable or program funding from either applicant, Sempra Energy, or any affiliate of the applicants since 2010. For every organization that received such funding, indicate the amounts and reason for the transfer of funds.
- c. Indicate whether any staff, management, executives or officers of either applicant serve on the boards of any of the 91 organizations.

RESPONSE 1:

- a. SoCalGas and SDG&E object to the extent the request is overbroad and seeks information that is not relevant to the proceeding. Subject to the foregoing objection, SoCalGas and SDG&E respond as follows: SoCalGas will produce all non-privileged communications after a reasonable and diligent search with the entities that provided letters of support for the Application that reference the letters of support. SoCalGas has removed the names of employees and individuals whose names are not in the letters of support and contact information. SoCalGas is only providing non-duplicative emails.
- b. SoCalGas objects to the request as overbroad and unduly burdensome, and seeks information that is irrelevant and outside the scope of this proceeding. Subject to the foregoing objection, SoCalGas responds as follows: SoCalGas annually reports its

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charitable giving and funding. Attached hereto are the last three years of reports which include charitable giving and funding.

SoCalGas is honored that 91 organizations wrote letters of support for the RNG tariff application and is proud of the relationships it has with each of the organizations. Of the 91 organizations that submitted a letter of support, SoCalGas employees serve on the boards of thirty-two of these organizations (see below). This is not surprising as almost two-thirds of the SoCalGas leadership team currently serve on and lend their time to one or more non-profit boards, including for organizations such as United Way, LA Family Housing Partners, Housing Works, American Red Cross, CA Science Center, Cal State Foundation, YMCA Metro LA, LA's Best, Junior Achievement, Cal Fire Foundation, LAPD Foundation, White Memorial Hospital, Children's Hospital of LA, CA State Parks Foundation, CA League of Conservation Voters, and Leukemia Lymphoma Society – just to name a few.

SoCalGas strives to give back to the communities we serve. We believe that investing in communities we serve and supporting the less fortunate is not only the right thing to do but also helps communities thrive and supports future generations. In 2018, SoCalGas supported local community organizations providing services to various ethnic and underserved communities. SoCalGas provided assistance for STEM education programs, environmental programs, health and human services organizations, and supported business organizations and local chambers. SoCalGas also provided funding for in-kind contributions and awarded 46 scholarships to deserving students in underserved communities throughout our service area. In addition, since 2007, SoCalGas has raised more than \$2M for United Way of Greater Los Angeles' HomeWalk, the nation's largest public event to end homelessness. See 2018 Community Giving Summary, available at <https://www3.socalgas.com/sites/default/files/1443742318717/2018-Community-Giving-Report-v6.pdf>.

Additionally, SoCalGas employees generously gave their own time and money to worthy causes in 2018, accumulating more than 49,700 hours of volunteer work to help with such efforts such as installing smoke detectors in underserved communities, assembling and distributing hygiene kits for veterans, preparing Thanksgiving meals and welcome home kits, and helping build houses for people transitioning out of homelessness. SoCalGas employees also volunteered to help kids to learn about science, technology, engineering, and math. And, they participated in beach and park cleanup activities, tree plantings, and for Earth Month and Clean Air Day took alternative modes of transportation.

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- c. See previous response. In addition, SoCalGas employees sit on the boards of the following entities that provided letters of support:

Organization
Alhambra Chamber of Commerce
Antelope Valley Board of Trade
BizFed
Bolsa Chica Conservancy
Boys Republic
Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment
Duarte Chamber of Commerce
Economic Vitality Corporation
Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce
Greater Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce
Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce
Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce
Inglewood Chamber of Commerce
Inland Empire Economic Partnership
Kern County Tax Payers Assn
Kern Economic Development Corporation
Latino Food Industry Association
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Harbor Gateway Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Urban League
Mexican American Opportunity Foundation
Montebello Chamber of Commerce
Move LA
North Orange County Chamber
Orange County Business Council
Rosemead Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association
South Orange County Economic Coalition
Tulare County Economic Development Corporation
Valley Industry and Commerce Association
ViaCare