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#### I. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

4	The purpose of my second supplemental prepared direct testimony on behalf of Southern		
5	California Gas Company (SoCalGas) is to address activity that has occurred since my last testimony <sup>1</sup>		
6	6 and which is subject to the specifications ordered in the December 2, 2019 Assigned		
7	7 Commissioner's Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling for Order to Show Cause Against SoCalGas		
8	8 (Scoping Ruling). The Scoping Ruling directs SoCalGas to submit testimony related to its energy		
9 efficiency codes and standards advocacy and prescribes that the testimony specifically:			
10 11	1)	Explain how SoCalGas accounts for codes and standards advocacy (C&S) activities	
12		including but not limited to all the items Cal Advocates asked about in its data	
13		requests;	
14	2)	Provide account entries for all C&S work charged to the Demand Side Management	
15		Balancing Account since June 1, 2018, including a description of its search to find	
16		any additional entries not previously identified;	
17	3)	Explain why the C&S activities cited in Cal Advocates' motion as in SoCalGas's	
18		Operation and Maintenance (O&M) and the General Rate Case (GRC) accounts were	
19		charged to those accounts, and provides all relevant account entries for those items;	
20		and	
21	4)	Provide any additional C&S-related charges in the O&M and GRC accounts and	
22		explain how SoCalGas found them (as well as any accounting adjustments that may	
23		have been made at any point to those charges). <sup>2</sup>	
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25 26	This testimony is limited to addressing activity that is subject to item 4 and has occurred		
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<sup>1</sup> Prepared Direct Testimony of Deanna R. Haines on Behalf of Southern California Gas Company (January 10, 2020).; *see also id.* at 4 ("SoCalGas reserves the right to supplement its testimony if it identifies other activity that is responsive to the Scoping Ruling's requested information."); Supplemental Prepared Direct Testimony of Deanna R. Haines on Behalf of Southern California Gas Company (August 24, 2020). <sup>2</sup> Scoping Ruling, p. 4.

- 1 1) energy efficiency C&S related (excluding, e.g., codes and standards dealing
   with safety);
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2) funded outside of the DSMBA (excluding, e.g., shareholder funded activity)<sup>3</sup>; and;

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3) *advocacy* at the state or federal level.

6 It is my understanding that SoCalGas's position is that D.18-05-041's prohibition applies to 7 funding statewide and federal energy efficiency codes and standards advocacy using funds 8 authorized as part of the Energy Efficiency Business Plan, which are generally balanced in 9 SoCalGas's Demand Side Management Balancing Account (DSMBA), and does not apply to 10 activities occurring in other parts of SoCalGas's business, such as that which is funded through its 11 General Rate Case (GRC). My understanding is that the scopes of EE funding and GRC funding are 12 separate. I nonetheless address in this testimony the request in the Scoping Ruling for more 13 information outside of the EE proceeding regarding energy efficiency codes and standards-related 14 charges in SoCalGas' Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and GRC accounts.

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#### 16 II. ORDERED ITEM OF TESTIMONY 4

17 The Scoping Memo requires SoCalGas to "provide any additional C&S-related charges in the 18 O&M and GRC accounts and explain how SoCalGas found them (as well as any accounting adjustments that may have been made at any point to those charges)."<sup>4</sup> As noted above, this 19 20 testimony addresses C&S-related charges that are: 1) EE C&S-related; 2) funded outside of the 21 DSMBA (excluding shareholder funding); and 3) federal or statewide advocacy. SoCalGas 22 identifies whether the accounts originally charged for the activities discussed are generally Above 23 the Line (ATL) or Below the Line (BTL). During the development of the GRC forecasts, it is 24 sometimes necessary to remove incurred costs so that ratepayers are not funding activities that 25 should be borne by shareholders.

<sup>3</sup> SoCalGas assigns costs either Above the Line or Below the Line. These terms refer to whether an income or expense item appears above or below the operating income line on a utility's regulatory income statement. As the historical costs for the 2018-2020 period are part of the next GRC that has not yet been filed, accounting can be subject to future adjustments during that cycle.
<sup>4</sup> Scoping Ruling, p. 4.

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# A. California Energy Commission (CEC) 2022 California Energy Code Update (Title 24)

3 On March 5, 2019, the CEC opened a new docket, 19-BSTD-03, for the 2022 Energy Code Pre-Rulemaking.<sup>5</sup> The CEC updates the Energy Code (Building Energy Efficiency Standards) for 4 5 new construction of, and additions and alterations to, residential and nonresidential buildings on an 6 approximately three-year cycle. The last update occurred for codes effective January 1, 2020. 7 According to the CEC, its enabling statute requires that measures adopted be "cost effective, when 8 taken in their entirety, and when amortized over the economic life of the structure when compared 9 with historic practice."<sup>6</sup> The CEC has also noted that for the 2022 Energy Code update, they are 10 "considering options to modify compliance baselines and metrics to increase the Energy Code's support for the state's carbon-reduction goals."<sup>7</sup> 11

On September 30, 2020, the CEC held a Title 24 workshop on Indoor Air Quality.<sup>8</sup> Seven SoCalGas employees virtually attended the workshop.<sup>9</sup> One SoCalGas employee provided approximately two minutes of oral comments during the workshop. In addition, SoCalGas's consultant participated in the workshop by submitting technical questions during the question and answer session of the workshop. The consultant's fee was charged to accounts designated as ATL. The seven employees who attended are salaried employees. One employee's labor is charged to accounts designated as BTL. The employee who provided oral comments charges a portion of their

19 time to accounts designated as BTL and a portion of their time to accounts that are designed as ATL.

20 I primarily charge my time to accounts that are designated ATL, but do charge a small portion of my

21 time to accounts that are designated BTL. The last four employees charge their labor to accounts

designated as ATL.<sup>10</sup> However, as historical costs for the 2018-2019 period are part of the next

23 GRC that has not yet been filed, accounting can be subject to future adjustments during that cycle.

24 On October 14, 2020, two SoCalGas employees, as well as SoCalGas's consultants met via a 25 Zoom video call with Commissioner McAllister and some CEC staff to discuss some of the issues

26 raised at the Indoor Air Quality workshop. The consultants' fee was charged to accounts designated

https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-03.

<sup>8</sup> Indoor Air Quality is not itself necessarily related to energy efficiency codes and standards. However, as part of the CEC Title 24 docket, the CEC is considering issues related to Indoor Air Quality.

<sup>9</sup> As this business meeting was available over the internet, it is possible additional SoCalGas employees viewed the meeting for their informational purposes.

<sup>10</sup> One of the employees charged less than one percent of their time to BTL accounts during this time period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> California Energy Commission Docket Log, *available at*,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Notice of Lead Commissioner Workshop, CEC Docket No. 19-BSTD-03, docketed on September 17, 2019. <sup>7</sup> *Id.* 

as ATL. The two employees who attended are salaried employees. One employee charges a portion
of their time to accounts designated as BTL and a portion of their time to accounts that are designed
as ATL. The other employee charges their labor to accounts designated as ATL. However, as
historical costs for the 2018-2019 period are part of the next GRC that has not yet been filed,
accounting can be subject to future adjustments during that cycle.

6 On October 16, 2020, SoCalGas submitted a comment letter regarding the Indoor Air Quality 7 workshop. The comments provide additional scientific literature on Indoor Air Quality and provide 8 additional, technical information about sources and public health impacts of indoor air quality 9 pollutants including the particulate matter emissions from food and oils being cooked regardless of stove type and how ventilation strategies can support mitigating these emissions.<sup>11</sup> Seven SoCalGas 10 11 employees, as well as SoCalGas's consultant, participated in drafting the comments. The 12 consultant's fee was charged to accounts designated as ATL. The seven employees who assisted in 13 drafting the comments are salaried employees. One employee charges a portion of their time to 14 accounts designated as BTL and a portion of their time to accounts that are designed as ATL. I 15 primarily charge my time to accounts that are designated ATL, but do charge a small portion of my 16 time to accounts that are designated BTL. The last five employees charge their labor to accounts designated as ATL. However, as historical costs for the 2018-2019 period are part of the next GRC 17 18 that has not yet been filed, accounting can be subject to future adjustments during that cycle.

Although salaried employees do not typically track their time by activity or task, the employees involved in the activity discussed above have kept track of their time associated with working on these activities in light of this OSC. In addition, the consultant used by SoCalGas has kept track of their time associated with working on Title 24 issues. None of the costs discussed above are charged to accounts that are funded by the DSMBA and the employees' efforts in drafting these comments were not undertaken as part of the two Statewide C&S advocacy programs that are part of the EE portfolio.

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This concludes my prepared direct testimony.

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29 III. QUALIFICATIONS

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My name is Deanna R. Haines. My business address is 555 West 5th Street, Los Angeles,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Comments on Commissioner Hearing on Indoor Cooking, Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality, available at, <u>https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-BSTD-03</u>.

California 90013-1011. My current position is Director of Environmental Policy at Southern
California Gas Company. The Environmental Policy organization, among other things, provides
policy support to SoCalGas and manages relationships with certain regulatory agencies. I joined
SoCalGas in 1988 and have been in my current position since April 2018. I have a Bachelor of
Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from University of Southern California and a Master's
Degree in Business Administration from University of Redlands. I have previously testified before
the Commission.

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