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# SOCALGAS RESPONSE TO PUBLIC ADVOCATES OFFICE DATA REQUEST CALADVOCATES-HB-SCG-2019-01

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This data request seeks clarification of certain information about SoCalGas' involvement in energy efficiency codes and standards (EECS) advocacy. For the purposes of this data request, EECS advocacy includes any and all advocacy to *local*, *state*, *or federal* bodies that is related to appliance standards or building codes.

# **QUESTION 1:**

In response to Question 20 of Public Advocates Office Data Request Cal-Advocates-HB-SCG-2018-13, which requested information about Michelle Sim's participation in the Appliance Standards and Rulemaking Federal Advisory Committee (ASRAC) between June 6 and December 10, 2018, SoCalGas stated that Michelle Sims spent 0.5 hours related to her participation in ASRAC and that the total of 0.5 hours "was funded out of other ratepayer funds." Please identify to which ratepayer-funded account (or accounts) Ms. Sim charged her time dedicated to ASRAC.

# **RESPONSE 1:**

Ms. Sim charged 100 percent of her time dedicated to ASRAC to O&M.

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### **QUESTION 2:**

In response to Question 16 (Tab M) of Public Advocates Office Data Request Cal-Advocaes-HB-SCG-2018-13, SoCalGas stated that three employees (George Minter, Allison Smith, and Tanya Peacock) participated in a June 26, 2018 conference call related to building decarbonization.

- a) SoCalGas states that employees spent 0.3 hours preparing for this meeting, 1.5 hours in the meeting, and 0.5 hours on follow-up activities. Do these amounts reflect the time spent per employee or the combined number of person-hours for the three employees?
- b) SoCalGas states that the time employees dedicated to this meeting was charged to ratepayer funds other than EE balancing accounts. Please identify which ratepayer-funded account (or accounts) this time was charged to.

## RESPONSE 2:

- a) The following is a breakdown of time spent related to the meeting stated in question 2 above:
  - Preparation: 0.3 hours one employee
  - Meeting: 1.5 hours per employee (each of the three employees spent 1.5 hours on the call)
  - Follow-up: 0.5 hours one employee
- b) All costs associated with the time spent related to the meeting stated in question 2 above was charged to the General Rate Case account.

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### **QUESTION 3:**

Please describe any meetings or phone conversations, related to EECS, that SoCalGas Director Dan Rendler may have had with his managerial counterparts at other California Investor-Owned Utilities from June 20, 2018 through June 30, 2018. For each such interaction, please characterize the subject matter and purpose of the meeting and identify the date and time, duration, and participants (including name and employer).

### **RESPONSE 3:**

SoCalGas objects to the term "related to" as vague, ambiguous, and overbroad. SoCalGas understands the term to refer to conversations and meetings in which work in statewide energy efficiency Codes & Standards advocacy was discussed. Subject to the foregoing objection, SoCalGas responds as follows. Dan Rendler had a standing weekly call with Lisa Davidson, his SDG&E counterpart during this time period, which was held if warranted. These calls did not have an agenda, but would have been a weekly touch base on overall department issues, such as staffing, upcoming deliverables, etc. During this period, the calls would have occurred on June 20 and/or June 27, 2018, from 11am to 11:30am. To the best of his recollection, Mr. Rendler does not recall any discussion during these calls relating to EECS.

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# **QUESTION 4:**

In response to Question 12 of Public Advocates Office Data Request ORA-HB-SCG-2018-09, SoCalGas listed as a cost incurred by SoCalGas and charged to energy efficiency balancing accounts "approximately \$4,662 (Negawatt consulting)." Was the "approximately \$4,662" paid to Negawatt for services performed solely for SoCalGas?

# **RESPONSE 4:**

The "approximately \$4,662" paid to Negawatt was for services performed solely for SoCalGas.

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### **QUESTION 5:**

In response to questions in Public Advocates Office Data Request Cal-Advocates-HB-SCG-2013-13, SoCalGas provided a spreadsheet that included estimated amounts of time that Bo White, Senior Project Engineer, performed work that SoCalGas charged to energy efficiency balancing accounts (see Tab E, line 5; Tab F, line 5, and Tab G, line 5).

Was Mr. White's time that SoCalGas charged to energy efficiency balancing accounts, as shown in SoCalGas's excel spreadsheet submitted in response to Public Advocates Office Data Request Cal-Advocates-HB-SCG-2013-13, for services that Mr. White performed solely for SoCalGas?

# **RESPONSE 5:**

Mr. White's time that SoCalGas charged to energy efficiency balancing accounts, as shown in SoCalGas' excel spreadsheet submitted in response to CalAdvocated-HB-SCG-2013-13 was for services performed solely for SoCalGas.

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### **QUESTION 6:**

Question 7 of Public Advocates Office Data Request No EF-SCG-2018-11-01 requested a list of all advocacy groups, trade organizations, and other membership organizations in which SoCalGas has participated since January 1, 2014, and any membership dues or donations that SoCalGas has paid to each of the groups since January 1, 2014, listed by value and date. In response to question 7, SoCal Gas provided two Excel spreadsheets that included dues paid and/or donations that SoCalGas made to the following groups:

- American Gas Association,
- American Public Gas Association,
- Gas Technology Institute, and
- American Institute for an Energy Efficiency Economy.
- a) For each Excel spreadsheet line item of the dues paid and/or donations that SoCalGas made to these groups, please list the source(s) of the funding: energy efficiency funds; other ratepayer funds; or shareholder funds.
- b) If other ratepayer funds were used, please indicate the specific account.

### **RESPONSE 6:**

Please see the attached excel file for SoCalGas' responses to question 6.

