

**APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY & SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO REVISE THEIR NATURAL GAS RATES AND IMPLEMENT STORAGE PROPOSALS IN THE 2024 COST ALLOCATION PROCEEDING  
(A.22-09-015)  
(DATA REQUEST TURN-SEU-5)  
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**Question 3:**

1. Re: Ch9 Workpapers Ch9\_SCG 2020 2024TCAP LRMC Customer Costs. Please list all residential meter models currently in service in SoCalGas’s service territory, separating single family and multifamily installations. For each residential meter model, please provide the
  - a. Historic recorded and forecast replacement cost

**Supplemental Response 3a.**

Applicants object on the ground the request is overbroad and ambiguous. In the tab, “Meter cost detail”, listed in rows 31:78, are the actual new meter hookups in SoCalGas’s service territory using the recent five years of available data (2017 - 2021) and the meter replacement cost, which is based on the 2021 historic cost. These costs are escalated with the regulator costs and installation costs in tab, “cust 5 CAPEX” for 2024 replacement cost forecast. The historic recorded costs for all the residential meter models currently in service in SoCalGas’ service territory is not readily available.

- b. Historic recorded and forecast useful life in years

**Supplemental Response 3b.**

Applicants object on the ground the request is overbroad and ambiguous. Historic recorded and forecast useful life in years for all the residential meter models currently in service in SoCalGas’ service territory is not readily available. In the tab, “2021 RECC”, the life of a meter is 25 years.

- c. Number of meters in service

**Supplemental Response 3c.**

In the tab, “cust 2 Customer Count”, the number of meters that are in service for residential in 2021 are:

	Core				
	Residential		Master Meter		Residential Total
	Single Family	Multi Family	Small	Large	
2021 Number of Customers	3,792,575	1,772,390	119,747	51	5,684,763

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- d. Average remaining years in service for each model, accounting for all in service vintages of that model.

**Response 3d.**

Applicants object on the ground the request is overbroad and ambiguous. In addition, the average remaining years in service for each meter model, accounting for all in service vintages of that model is not readily available.

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**Question 5:**

2. Re: Ch9 Workpapers: If the number of years for the depreciation, historical useful lives and modeled useful lives of the residential meter, regulator, and service line investments listed above in Questions 1-4 do not match, please explain in detail.

**Supplemental Response 5:**

Not available.

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**Question 12:**

3. Re: Ch10 Workpapers, Table LRMCC-4. Please explain why there are some residential customers that require high pressure gas meters. As part of your response, address (a) whether these are multifamily or single family dwellings, and (b) how many appliances can be safely and reliably served by the high-pressure residential meters listed as active in the lower half of the table.

**Supplemental Response 12.**

This information is not readily available.

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**Question 13:**

4. Considering the Commission’s decision in D.22-09-026 to disallow line extension allowances after July 1, 2023,
  - a. Who will own the residential meter housing sets in SDG&E’s and SoCalGas’s service territory purchased after July 1, 2023?

**Supplemental Response 13a.**

Applicants object on the ground the term “residential meter housing sets” is vague and ambiguous and to the extent the question calls for a legal conclusion and an incomplete hypothetical. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing, SDG&E’s and SoCalGas’s service will own the residential meters in the territory purchased after July 1, 2023.

SoCalGas Rule 21 governing Gas Service Extensions states, “Service Facilities installed under the provisions of this rule shall be owned, operated, and maintained by the Utility. Applicant shall own, operate, and maintain facilities beyond the Service Delivery Point.”, and defines “Service Facilities” as “For the purposes of this rule, Utility's Service Facilities shall consist of (a) connection fittings, (b) service pipe, (c) valves, (d) regulators, (e) metering equipment, (excluding electronic meter reading equipment required as a condition of non-core service as prescribed by the tariffed non-core rate schedules) and (f) other Utility-owned service related equipment.”

SoCalGas Advice Letter 6048, approved on “11/22/2022” specifies modifications to Rule 21 as a result of D.22-09-026. This advice letter does not modify Rule 21’s ownership description nor the definition of “service Facilities”.

SDG&E Rule 16 governing Gas Service Extensions states, “Service Facilities installed under the provisions of this rule shall be owned, operated, and maintained by the utility. Applicant shall own, operate, and maintain facilities beyond the Service Delivery Point.”, and defines “Service Facilities” as “For the purposes of this rule, utility's Service Facilities shall consist of (a) connection fittings, (b) service pipe, (c) valves, (d) regulators, (e) metering equipment, and (f) other utility-owned service related equipment.”

SDG&E Advice Letter 3130-G, approved on “11/22/2022” specifies modifications to Rule 16 as a result of D.22-09-026. This advice letter does

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not modify Rule 16's ownership description nor the definition of "service Facilities".

- b. Will the Applicants be responsible for property taxes on the property excluded from allowance under the Commission's decision in D.22-09-026 to disallow line extension allowances after July 1, 2023? Why or why no

**Supplemental Response 13b.**

Applicants object on the ground the term "property taxes" is vague and ambiguous and to the extent the question calls for a legal conclusion and an incomplete hypothetical. Applicants further note that their testimony does not include property taxes or analysis of D.22-09-026. Subject to and without waiving the foregoing, SDG&E's and SoCalGas's will have no property taxes since there will be no costs on the financial books.