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SoCalGas -SDG&E Comments Economic and Demographic Outlook Workshop

Please find attached comments on the CEC's IEPR Workshop on California's Economic and Demographic Outlook. These comments are being jointly submitted by SoCalGas and SDG&E.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Subject: Comments on the 2019 Integrated Energy Policy Report Workshop California's Economic and Demographic Outlook, 19-IEPR-01

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) appreciate the opportunity to comment on the California Energy Commission's (CEC) workshop on California's Economic and Demographic Outlook as part of the 2019 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) proceeding. During workshop panelist discussions, the utilities were asked to follow-up on two questions related to energy efficiency (EE). Both questions and associated responses are included below.

1. What programs are available that address upgrades related to existing housing stock?
 - Within their Energy Efficiency portfolios, SoCalGas and SDG&E offer several programs for existing residential homes that include the following:
 - Plug Load & Appliances program – offers rebates for the purchase of new, energy-efficient home appliances.
 - Residential Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) program – offers training for quality installation and maintenance of residential heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment, as well as incentives for distributors of residential HVAC equipment.
 - Residential Energy Advisor program – offers assessments to help customers understand and manage their energy use, guides them towards advancing whole-house energy solutions, and encourage participation in innovative initiatives to reduce their energy consumption through behavioral solutions or other program offerings.

- Residential Home Upgrade program – offers basic or advanced EE upgrades for existing homes. This program is designed to work in coordination with other EE program offerings (e.g. Energy Advisor, Plug Load and Appliances, Comprehensive HVAC, and other residential programs).
2. What response the investor-owned utilities (IOUs) had to the comments made by the California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA), the California Farm Bureau, and the Port of Long Beach about the obstacles to program participation?
- The IOUs are working to streamline programs within our portfolios and offer comprehensive solutions to our customers. There is an ongoing solicitation process that seeks new, innovative program ideas. As these new program models are adopted over the course of the next few years, old programs will be phased out.
 - The statewide program model is also anticipated to address program barriers. In this model, one IOU will be the lead administrator on behalf of all IOUs and will oversee a program that is implemented consistently throughout California. This makes sure that program rules do not vary across IOUs, and customers can participate in a uniform fashion regardless of their utility. Programs that will be implemented on a statewide basis are those that are delivered upstream through manufacturers and midstream through distributors and retailers, in addition to a few downstream programs that will pilot this approach.
 - Lastly, the IOUs have worked with Energy Division on implementation of Senate Bill 1131, which streamlines the custom project review process, imposes timelines for project review, and requires eligibility criteria or metrics to be imposed on a prospective basis only. The implementation of this bill should address party concerns about the length of time of the custom project review process and simplify program participation.
 - With respect to the comments made by the Port of Long Beach, SDG&E has an active CPUC application (A.17-09-005) to provide EE support to the Port of San Diego and its tenants.

SoCalGas and SDG&E thank the CEC for the opportunity to participate and provide comments on the CEC’s workshop on California’s Economic and Demographic Outlook and can provide additional input if needed.

Sincerely,

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