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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JAMES CARL SEIFERT
(REAL ESTATE, LAND SERVICES AND FACILITIES)**

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SUMMARY

(Thousands of 2013 dollars)

O&M	2013 (\$000)	2016 (\$000)	Change
Total Non-Shared	20,212	24,021	3,809
Total Shared Services (Incurred)	13,447	16,280	2,833
Total O&M	33,659	40,301	6,642

Capital	2014 (\$000)	2015 (\$000)	2016 (\$000)
	19,460	38,452	42,930

Summary of Requests

Real Estate, Land & Facilities (“REL&F”) forecasts SDG&E expenses for Rents and Operating Expenses, Corporate Real Estate, Real Estate Planning, Facility Operations, Land Services, Real Estate Resources and associated Capital Programs. Notable factors that influence costs in REL&F are:

- Rents reflect continued current escalation rates on leases.
- Facility Operations maintenance costs have been kept to a minimum due to cost efficiencies which are reflected in the forecast.
- Resources & Planning cost efficiencies are reflected in forecast by using a 5 year average.
- Capital Programs reflect increased compliance related maintenance and aging infrastructure.

1 **SDG&E DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JAMES CARL SEIFERT**
2 **(REAL ESTATE, LAND SERVICES AND FACILITIES)**

3 **I. INTRODUCTION**

4 **A. Purpose of Testimony**

5 The purpose of this testimony is to describe the Shared and Non-Shared Services
6 performed by the REL&F organization for San Diego Gas & Electric Company (“SDG&E”), and
7 to discuss why the forecasted 2016 Test Year (“TY”) operating and maintenance (“O&M”) and
8 capital costs are reasonable. Accordingly, my testimony provides a breakdown of the functional
9 activities of the REL&F organization by category (activity) for both the Shared and Non-Shared
10 Services portion of operating costs. REL&F activities consist of the following seven major cost
11 categories, which include 65 FTE’s:

- 12 • Rents and Operating Expenses
- 13 • Corporate Real Estate
- 14 • Real Estate Planning
- 15 • Capital Programs
- 16 • Facility Operations
- 17 • Land Services
- 18 • Real Estate Resources

19 **B. Summary of Request**

20 Table JCS-1 below shows REL&F’s total forecasted O&M and Capital costs.

21 **TABLE JCS-1**

22 **(Thousands of 2013 dollars)**

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1 In addition to this testimony, please also refer to my workpapers, Ex. SDG&E-17-WP (for
2 O&M) and SDG&E-17-CWP (for capital) for additional information on the activities described
3 herein.

4 **C. Overview of the Operations**

5 The following provides a breakdown of the major costs and functional activities of the
6 REL&F organization by category (activity) for both the Shared and Non-Shared Services portion
7 of operating costs. REL&F is a Utility Shared Services organization headed by a Manager who
8 oversees activities performed at both SDG&E and Southern California Gas Company (“SCG”)
9 (collectively referred to as “Utilities”). REL&F provides services for the benefit of the Utilities
10 as well as Sempra Energy’s Corporate Center and non-utility affiliates. The scope of this
11 testimony covers REL&F’s costs for SDG&E and Corporate Center only. The real estate costs
12 for SoCalGas are filed separately.

13 REL&F is responsible for the administration of real estate, facilities, and land services for
14 a combined building footprint portfolio of 1.5 million square feet separated by the following
15 companies:

16 **SDG&E: 1.20 million sq. ft.**

17 **Corporate Center: 0.30 million sq. ft.**

18 REL&F plans, acquires, builds, and maintains the operating and non-operating real estate and
19 facility assets in support of the delivery of gas and electric energy and services to our customers.

20 **D. Goals**

21 REL&F supports SDG&E’s goals primarily in the area of achieving efficiencies. The REL&F
22 organization works closely with internal customers to maximize the use of the real property
23 portfolio. For instance, we use typical industry standard metrics in the areas of square feet per
24 person in conjunction with headcount forecasts from operations to forecast office space
25 requirements. We also engage third parties to provide property values as needed for SDG&E’s
26 leased and owned properties.

27 **E. Support To/From Other Witnesses**

28 In addition to sponsoring my own organization’s costs, I also provide cost estimates for Scott
29 Pearson, witness for Environmental Services (Ex. SDG&E-18), supporting the regulatory driver
30 for water quality-related Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (“MS4”) permit capital costs.
31 Please see my capital workpapers Ex. SDG&E-17-CWP, Budget Code 703 for details.

1 **Rents and Operating Expenses** - are split between shared and non-shared costs. The
2 shared service portion of rents is associated with Sempra Energy Headquarters rent and
3 maintenance. The non-shared service portion of rents is associated with rent for telecom
4 sites, branch offices, an environmental laboratory, office, multi-use, and customer service
5 facilities, trailers, and right of way easements. The forecast method is zero based for all
6 rents. This is most appropriate as the rents are contractual with escalation built in.

7 **Corporate Real Estate** - provides transaction management for leased / owned real
8 property and other real estate asset management activities.

9 **Real Estate Planning** - provides short term planning (move management) and long range
10 planning. Costs for labor and non-labor are estimated based upon 5-year averages. The
11 reason for using this methodology is that it provides the most accurate snapshot in time to
12 reflect peaks and valleys in recorded spend which can vary considerably depending upon
13 workload. By example, during the 5-year period between 2009 and 2013 the number of
14 moves ranged from low of 1,900 in 2010 to a maximum of 3,700 in 2009. Had a 3-year
15 average been used the dramatic swing would not have been part of the analysis.

16 **Facility Operations** - provides operations and maintenance support for facilities such as
17 general offices, bases, multi-use sites, telecommunication sites and branch offices, which
18 support the reliable delivery of electricity and gas to SDG&E customers. The forecast
19 method used for this category is the 5-year historical average. This method was selected
20 as being the most representative of the types of costs experienced for this activity,
21 incorporating the multi-year variability that is inherent in this type of work.

22 **Land Services** - acquires, inspects, maintains and protects right of ways which are land
23 assets, including: permanent easements, licenses, and leases that contain electric and gas
24 infrastructure. It also records all legal documents pertaining to the utility's land rights
25 and provides land survey activity. Land Services costs are based on the 5-year historical
26 average, and incorporates the yearly variations in non-fixed costs and most accurately
27 reflects our expectations of future costs.

28 **Capital Projects** - includes the costs for 4 FTEs plus: base dollars required to replace
29 current and future building; support infrastructure and system integrity to meet
30 operational needs; install upgrades to offset maintenance costs and support sustainability
31 practices as described in further detail below and capital work papers.

1 **Real Estate Resources** – includes 6 FTE’s that provide Land Services, Real Estate,
 2 Capital Projects & Facilities support by designing and implementing technology tools
 3 through an integrated work management system known as Archibus. This system is used
 4 by employees to capture support requests as well as the management of real estate assets
 5 and facilities preventative maintenance. The team supports the Land Services group and
 6 their GIS system. Updating land layers for easements and right of ways and a variety of
 7 other real estate assets are an ongoing support item.

8 **II. NON-SHARED COSTS**

9 The summary of my non-shared O&M requested costs is shown in Table JCS-2:

10 **TABLE JCS-2**

11 **Non-Shared O&M Summary of Costs**

	2013 Adjusted-Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
A. Facility Operations	5,563	5,782	219
B. Land Services	522	608	86
C. Rents and Operating Expenses	14,127	17,631	3,504
Total	20,212	24,021	3,809

12 **Facility Operations**

13 The summary of my request for non-shared Facility Operations is shown in Table JCS-3:

14 **TABLE JCS-3**

15 **A. Non-Shared Facility Operations**

Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars			
A. Facility Operations	2013 Adjusted-Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
1. Facility Operations	5,563	5,782	219

16 Facility Operations provides O&M support (described in more detail below) for utility
 17 facilities including general offices, construction and operations centers, telecommunications
 18 sites, warehouse, and branch/bill payment offices. Maintenance support is either done by
 19 company employees or by contracted services. Contracted services account for approximately
 20 65% of the costs and are typically done at leased facilities where the property owner has some
 21 level of contractual control over the maintenance obligations. The organization provides facility
 22 operations services to SDG&E and the Sempra Energy Corporate Center. The costs reflected
 23

1 above represent only the Non-Shared activities.

2 SDG&E Facility Operations consists of 4 regions, each managed by a facility manager
3 and a team of mechanics. Approximately half of the facility resources are allocated towards
4 shared service activities, as SDG&E Facility Operations is the primary resource for Corporate
5 Center facility management.

6 Facility services include the negotiation and management of contracted services such as
7 janitorial, landscaping, trash and pest control. In addition to these contracted services, the utility
8 hires contractors for services such as electrical, mechanical, structural, conveyance systems
9 (elevators), HVAC systems, roofs, parking lot asphalt and concrete, fire safety systems, security
10 and access control systems, back-up emergency generators, uninterruptable power systems,
11 underground fuel storage tanks, fuel pumps and garage equipment including hoists and cranes.

12 In addition to contractors, an in-house staff of 12 union represented maintenance
13 personnel provides a wide range of building maintenance, repair and other services. An
14 equipment inventory and preventative maintenance schedule has been completed for most
15 SDG&E facility equipment and entered into a work management system (Maximo). Work
16 management systems are a standard industry technology tool that provides more efficient work
17 management and timely preventative maintenance work.

18 Facility Operations cost changes from 2013 through 2016 are driven primarily by the
19 increase in maintenance costs associated with increased commodity and labor costs. Labor cost
20 increases are primarily due to increases in contracted union labor and benefits and increases in
21 the statutory minimum wage. As SDG&E's infrastructure ages, costs for typical repairs
22 increases, especially when there are new requirements for the maintenance of systems to meet
23 new environmental standards. Specific drivers for cost increases are as follows:

- 24 • Facility Maintenance costs increases due to commodity cost increases, minimum
25 wage increases and increased costs for medical insurance.
- 26 • Maintenance on and increased capacity of security and access control systems to meet
27 the North American Electric Reliability Corporation – Critical Infrastructure
28 Protection (“NERC-CIP”) requirements.
- 29 • Cost increases due to maintenance of new additional back-up emergency generators
30 and uninterruptable power systems at NERC-CIP Sites and the Rancho Bernardo
31 Data Center.

- 1 • Cost increases relative to storm water management as a result of environmental
2 requirements at sites with Storm Water Protection Plans (“SWPP”) and Storm Water
3 Management Plans (Ex. SDG&E-18). As shown in my capital workpapers (Ex.
4 SDG&E- 17-CWP), the costs to comply with the new requirements are approximately
5 \$9.5 million of capital (\$3.2 million in 2015 and \$6.3 million in 2016) to comply with
6 the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System “MS4” regulation requirements.
- 7 • Cost increases of aging infrastructure such as asphalt, concrete, flooring, equipment
8 and painted structures due to the requirement to test all materials for lead and asbestos
9 prior to conducting work that will disturb the material.
- 10 • Moderate increase in the number of owned or SDG&E maintained sites such as the
11 Escondido Alpine Way and expansion at Lightwave.

12 **Key Non-Shared Facilities**

13 (1) Construction and Operating (“C&O”) Centers/Customer Service Operations

14 These facilities are the operating bases for SDG&E distribution, transmission, and
15 customer service crews that provide energy delivery to customers and customer operations sites
16 for meter reading. The 9 locations are the following sites:

- 17 a) Beach Cities
- 18 b) Eastern
- 19 c) North Coast
- 20 d) North East
- 21 e) Metro
- 22 f) Orange County
- 23 g) Kearny
- 24 h) Mt. Empire
- 25 i) Ramona

26 (2) Branch Offices

27 This category represents 4 separately leased payment offices and 2 owned locations for
28 customer service to provide bill payment and customer walk-in inquiries.

29 (3) Multi-use or Special Purpose

30 This category consists of:

- 1 a) Miramar facility provides storage capacity for electric and gas distribution equipment,
2 houses various meter shops and office space for gas distribution, fleet operations, and
3 environmental operations.
- 4 b) Mission Control and Skills Training Center is a key facility that provides both
5 classroom and field training for SDG&E personnel and the control center for the
6 distribution system operations, transmission system operations and
7 telecommunications.
- 8 c) Palomar generation is a combined cycle power plant with a combination of office,
9 warehouse, shop, maintenance, and water treatment facility.
- 10 d) Kearny is a multi-use electric construction and maintenance facility and long term
11 hazardous waste (e.g., polychlorinated biphenyl or “PCB”) storage.
- 12 e) Nancy Ridge Laboratory is the SDG&E Environmental Laboratory. The
13 environmental laboratory supports operational compliance with environmental laws and
14 regulations.
- 15 f) Greencraig is currently being used to house a variety of administrative functions and
16 overflow space to accommodate short term projects and temporary facilities during major
17 facility remodels.
- 18 g) Kearny Offsite Asset Warehouse is used primarily for indoor storage in support of
19 Kearny and administrative office space for a variety of administrative and field
20 employees.

21 (4) Office Space

22 Most leased and owned sites fall under the non-shared service category; however there
23 are a few shared facilities, including the Sempra Energy Headquarters, the Data Center and
24 Rancho Bernardo Annex facilities which house SDG&E employees that provide services across
25 the organization in compliance with the Affiliate Transaction Rules.

26 **Forecast Method**

27 A 5-year historical average was selected as the basis for our TY 2016 forecast.

28 The 5-year historical average is most appropriate because recorded costs for this activity
29 have fluctuated in the past five years. In addition, this methodology accurately reflects recent
30 economic trends.

31

1 **Cost Drivers**

2 The cost drivers include: labor required to manage the infrastructure; non-labor costs for
3 maintenance, repairs, materials, electricity and water costs; contracted services for janitorial,
4 landscaping; and yard sweeping costs for the facilities.

5 **Land Services Right of Way**

6 The summary of my request for non-shared Land Services Right of Way is shown in
7 Table JCS-4:

8 **TABLE JCS-4**

9 **B. Non Shared Land Services**

Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars			
B. Land Services	2013 Adjusted-Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
1. Land Services	522	608	86

10 Land Services is responsible for the acquisition and negotiation of land rights in the form
11 of easements, licenses and leases for electric and gas distribution and transmission operating
12 asset requirements, including overhead and underground gas and electric facilities, electric
13 substations, switching facilities, gas regulator stations, etc. New or expiring land rights for
14 distribution and gas or electric capacity/reliability projects generate a need to acquire land rights
15 from property owners. License or lease agreements that are not in perpetuity are secured and re-
16 negotiated when facility installations traverse Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service,
17 and Native American reservation lands/Bureau of Indian Affairs, military bases, ports, and, in
18 some cases, railroads.

19 **Land Management**

20 Land Management responds to infractions (e.g., vehicle removal, gate/lock installation or
21 relocation of propane tanks under lines) of operating standards as described in the CPUC General
22 Orders and standards developed by the utility related to land rights in the form of fee ownership,
23 easements, licenses and leases for electric and gas distribution and transmission operating asset
24 requirements, including overhead and underground gas and electric facilities, electric
25 substations, switching facilities, gas regulator stations, etc. Land Management also ensures and
26 maintains the necessary access to those facilities. Full and unrestricted access ensures the
27 Company’s ability to properly maintain gas and electric distribution and transmission corridors,

1 electric substations, gas regulator stations, as well as perimeter and security fencing to these
2 sites. Land Managers also assist in communicating with customers when maintenance activity
3 will be occurring on or near their property, and address the infractions that relate to permanent or
4 non- permanent structures that encroach the easement or access of utility vehicles to
5 infrastructure.

6 **Land Services Records and Survey**

7 The Records department conducts all records research for new business activity. This
8 research is utilized to interpret the existing land rights and to determine if new land rights need to
9 be acquired. Land Survey support is responsible for the management, service delivery and
10 quality assurance oversight of survey contractors. The Land Survey Department coordinates
11 survey crews for many SDG&E departments and projects, reviews project designs to ensure
12 adequate land rights are in place for projects, and ensures that the quality of the deliverables
13 meets the utility and industry standards. Land Survey also provides training for vendors, other
14 SDG&E departments, including Engineering groups and Project Management customer
15 extension planners. Surveyors and new business right of way agents provide assistance to
16 customer planners by locating property lines, governmental locations and franchise areas, and
17 generally instructing new planners and right of way agents on the basics of encumbering
18 property with easements for customer extensions.

19 **Forecast Method**

20 The forecast method developed for this cost category is the 5-year historical average.
21 This method is most appropriate because historical costs have been steadily increasing over the
22 last five years and is consistent with the methodology in the last General Rate Case.

23 **Cost Drivers**

24 The cost drivers behind this forecast are driven primarily by labor resources and materials
25 required to effectively manage Land Service operations.

26 **Rents**

27 The summary of my request for non-shared Rents is shown in Table JCS-5:
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1 **TABLE JCS-4**

2 **C. Non-Shared Rents**

Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars			
C. Rents - SDGE	2013 Adjusted-Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
1. Rents - SDGE	14,127	17,631	3,504

3 The non-shared service portion of rents is associated with rent for administrative offices, telecom
4 sites, branch offices, an environmental laboratory, office, multi-use, and customer service
5 facilities, trailers, and right of way easements. All rents with the exception of right of way
6 easements are expected to increase by an average of 5% per year based on a combination of
7 contractual increases and landlord estimates for operating expense increases. Right of way
8 easements are expected to increase by an average of 10% per year based upon estimates received
9 recent escalations for such large properties as BLM land and the railroads. The rent escalation
10 increases for 2014-2016 are associated with the following non-shared sites:

- 11 o Environmental lab;
- 12 o Greencraig;
- 13 o Miramar;
- 14 o Branch offices (National City, Oceanside, Southeast, Escondido);
- 15 o Kearny multi-use facilities;
- 16 o Right of Way easements; and
- 17 o Various office trailers.

18 **Forecast Method**

19 The forecast method developed for this cost category is the zero based method because it
20 is based upon the contractual provisions of the lease agreements and the historical operating
21 expense cost increases passed through by the landlords. Based upon the actual expenses for
22 2009 through 2013, this is a reasonable forecast method and better than using a 3 year average
23 because there is a greater likelihood to have a “spike” adjustment in a given year based upon an
24 agency deciding to change rates based upon a policy decision. If a 3 year average is used, there
25 is a chance that the adjustment could skew the results significantly. In the last General Rate
26 Case, the Commission supported SDG&E’s position and disagreed with the Office of Ratepayer
27 Advocates (“ORA”) and The Utility Reform Network (“TURN”) that rents are likely to likely to

1 increase and supported the 5 year methodology as reasonable based upon the actual expenses
2 incurred from 2009 through 2013.

3 **Cost Drivers**

4 The cost drivers are contractual escalation in rents along with costs for labor, contracted
5 services and materials associated with leased facilities that are completed by the owners of leased
6 properties and charged to SDG&E through operating expense billings.

7 **III. SHARED COSTS**

8 **A. Introduction**

9 The Shared Services portion of REL&F includes the support that the organization
10 provides for its shared facilities and services. The organizations within REL&F that provide
11 Shared Services include the following:

12 **Rents and Operating Expenses**

13 SDG&E shared sites

14 Corporate Center shared sites

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16 **Facility Operations**

17 Facility Operations

18 Work Management

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20 **Corporate Real Estate**

21 Transaction Management

22 Lease Administration

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24 **Capital Programs**

25 Capital Programs Support

26 Capital Programs – Corporate Center Projects

27
28 **Real Estate – Planning**

29 Facility Advisors

30 Move Management

1 **Real Estate – Resources**

2 Integrated Work Management Systems (CAFM)

3 The summary of my request for shared O&M costs is shown in Table JCS-6:

4 **TABLE JCS-6**

5 **Shared O&M Summary of Costs**

Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars Incurred Costs (100% Level)			
Categories of Management	2013 Adjusted- Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
A. Facility Operations	2,561	2,807	246
B. Real Estate - Administration	1,324	856	-468
C. Capital Programs	233	656	423
D. Real Estate - Planning	1,063	600	-463
E. Real Estate - Resources	791	738	-53
F. Corporate Rents	7,475	10,623	3,148
Total Shared Services (Incurred)	13,447	16,280	2,833

6 I am sponsoring the forecasts on a total incurred basis, as well as the shared services
7 allocation percentages related to those costs. Those percentages are presented in my shared
8 services workpapers, along with a description explaining the activities being allocated. (See Ex.
9 SDG&E-17-WP.) The dollar amounts allocated to affiliates are presented in our Shared Services
10 Policy and Procedures testimony. (See Ex. SDG&E-26 [Diancin])

11 **Facility Operations**

12 The summary of my request for shared Facility Operations is shown in Table JCS-7:

13 **TABLE JCS-7**

14 **A. Facility Operations**

A. Facility Operations	2013 Adjusted- Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
1. Facilities Corp Center Utilities	1,110	1,384	274
2. Facilities - Manager	795	795	0
3. RB Data Center & Annex	656	628	-28
Incurred Costs Total	2,561	2,807	246

15 This is the shared service testimony for Facility Operations. This portion covers the HQ
16 utilities, facilities manager operation and administrative costs and the Rancho Bernardo Data
17 Center and Annex.

1 The Facilities Corporate Center utilities increase is related to higher electric and water
2 costs. The Facilities – Manager includes the section manager, two management and one
3 associate employee’s labor, related non-labor expense and departmental support expense items.

4 The RB Data Center & Annex costs include all maintenance expense items for the
5 Rancho Bernardo Data Center & Annex facilities. Both are historical averages and there are no
6 significant discrete activities to increase costs.

7 **Key SDG&E Shared Facilities**

8 (1) RB Data Center & Annex This site consists of facilities at the Rancho Bernardo
9 Data Center. The Rancho Bernardo Data Center is a shared information technology
10 facility of approximately 90,000 square feet housing over 250 employees that serves
11 SDG&E, SCG, Corporate Center, and certain affiliates. Maintenance Costs are
12 shared based upon usage studies provided by the IT department.

13 **Forecast Method**

14 The 3-year historical average is most appropriate because recorded costs for this activity
15 have varied considerably in the past three years. In addition, this methodology accurately
16 reflects recent economic trends. The only exception is for the Facilities Manager costs which are
17 base year with no incremental adjustment.

18 **Cost Drivers**

19 The cost drivers behind this forecast are driven primarily by labor resources and materials
20 required to effectively manage Facility operations.

21 **Corporate Real Estate**

22 The summary of my request for shared Corporate Real Estate is shown in Table JCS-8:

23 **TABLE JCS-8**

24 **B. Corporate Real Estate**

Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars Incurred Costs (100% Level)			
B. Real Estate - Administration	2013 Adjusted- Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
1. Real Estate - Administration	182	247	65
2. Real Estate & Land Service Manager	1,142	609	-533
Incurred Costs Total	1,324	856	-468

1 The Corporate Real Estate Manager provides strategic asset management, transaction
 2 management, lease negotiation and administration services for SDG&E, Corporate Center, and
 3 other affiliates upon request. Through the Real Estate Advisor and Business Analyst, any real
 4 property that needs transaction support or due diligence to insure the utility is acquiring leased or
 5 owned property at the best possible terms and conditions is the primary responsibility of
 6 Corporate Real Estate. The utility facility portfolio includes low and high-rise office buildings,
 7 construction and operating centers, bases, telecommunications sites, data centers, fleet garages
 8 and warehouses, and branch bill payment offices.

9 **Forecast Method**

10 The forecast method used for this category is the 5-year historical average. This method
 11 was selected as being the most representative of the types of costs experienced for this activity,
 12 incorporating the multi-year variability that is inherent in this type of work. This methodology
 13 was also used for this activity in the last GRC (A.10-12-005/D.13-05-010).

14 **Cost Drivers**

15 The cost drivers behind this forecast are driven primarily by labor resources, services and
 16 materials required to effectively manage Real Estate Administration.

17 **Capital Programs**

18 The summary of my request for shared O&M related to Capital Programs is shown in
 19 Table JCS-9:

20 **TABLE JCS-9**
 21 **C. Capital Programs**

Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars Incurred Costs (100% Level)			
C. Capital Programs	2013 Adjusted- Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
1. Capital Programs	233	656	423
Incurred Costs Total	233	656	423

22 This organization is centralized at SDG&E, and is responsible for managing the overall
 23 design, build-out, and reconfiguration process for utility office and support facilities. The
 24 organization manages projects to replace or improve infrastructure and physical plant. Facility
 25 and capital programs provide services to SDG&E as well as the corporate center and affiliates
 26 upon request. Specifically, this activity includes:

- Overall budgeting, scheduling, tracking, and implementation planning for the annual Facilities Capital Project Plan.
- Project management of capital projects, including the evaluation of facility requirements, formation of design and planning teams and customer interfaces, formation of construction team, and implementation and administration of construction (including contractor selection and management).

The Capital Programs department manages all facilities capital and select O&M projects. The management cost center is split between companies based upon the current year's capital budget allocations.

Forecast Method

The forecast method used for this category is the 5-year historical average. This method was selected as being the most representative of the types of costs experienced for this activity, incorporating the multi-year variability that is inherent in this type of work. This methodology was also used for this activity in the last GRC (A.10-12-005/D.13-05-010). Differences between repair and replacement of major equipment cause fluctuations in costs between years. Therefore a 5-year average is appropriate forecasting methodology over the base year.

Cost Drivers

The cost drivers behind this forecast are driven primarily by labor resources, services and materials required to effectively manage Capital Programs.

Real Estate Planning

The summary of my request for shared Real Estate Planning is shown in Table JCS-10:

TABLE JCS-10

D. Real Estate Planning

Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars Incurred Costs (100% Level)			
D. Real Estate - Planning	2013 Adjusted- Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
1. Real Estate - Planning	1,063	600	-463
Incurred Costs Total	1,063	600	-463

This group is located at SDG&E and consists of a manager and 8 FTE's. This group provides space planning services to SDG&E and Corporate Center. Long-term facility space

1 plans are developed with operating and support departments and alternatives explored with
 2 respect to property acquisitions and facility expansions or upgrades, as well as surplus property
 3 assessment and disposition. This function also coordinates employee moves involving furniture
 4 and equipment. In addition, this group works with business unit leaders to develop an annual
 5 Facilities Capital Project Plan based on current business priorities.

6 **Forecast Method**

7 The forecast method used for this category is the 5-year historical average. This method
 8 was selected as being the most representative of the types of costs experienced for this activity,
 9 incorporating the multi-year variability that is inherent in this type of work.

10 **Cost Drivers**

11 The cost drivers behind this forecast are driven primarily by labor resources and materials
 12 required to effectively manage RE Planning.

13 **Real Estate Resources**

14 The summary of my request for shared Real Estate Resources is shown in Table JCS-11:

15 **TABLE JCS-11**

16 **E. Real Estate Resources**

Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars Incurred Costs (100% Level)			
E. Real Estate - Resources	2013 Adjusted- Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change
1. Real Estate - Resources	791	738	-53
Incurred Costs Total	791	738	-53

17 This cost supports the workplace technology tools known as Integrated Work
 18 Management Software. Integrated Workplace Management Software (IWMS) enables an
 19 integrated approach towards effectively managing all aspects of Corporate Real Estate: Project
 20 Management, Maintenance Management, Sustainability Management, Space Planning, Portfolio
 21 Management, Lease Management, Work Order Management, Transactions Management and
 22 Reporting that support the building portfolio and specific project based activities.
 23
 24

1 **Corporate Headquarters**

2 The lease for the Sempra Energy HQ building at 101 Ash Street in San Diego will expire
3 in mid-2015. Sempra Energy will be moving its headquarters to a new building in the East
4 Village area of downtown San Diego at 488 8th Avenue. Starting in late 2011, Sempra Energy
5 evaluated a number of alternatives with respect to the location of its headquarters. A number of
6 factors contributed to its decision to move, which are discussed below.

7 SDG&E is allocated a fraction of the HQ rent for their occupancy, as well as a share of
8 Corporate Center's, through the Corporate Re-Allocation process (per testimony of Mark
9 Diancin, Ex. SDG&E-26). In addition, since the HQ leasehold improvements are recorded as
10 assets of Sempra Energy, the Corporate Center allocation to SDG&E includes related
11 depreciation and property taxes (see testimony of Peter Wall, Ex. SDG&E-20). The following
12 table brings all these costs together in order to evaluate the total impact to SDG&E of Sempra
13 Energy's move to the new building:

14 **TABLE JCS-13**

15 **Corporate HQ Allocations to SDG&E**

Corporate HQ Allocations	2013 Adjusted-Recorded	TY2016 Estimated	Change	Change (%)
Direct Occupancy	930	880	(50)	(5%)
Corporate Center Re-Allocation	1,001	1,704	703	70%
Leasehold Improvements: Depreciation and Property Taxes	2,485	2,805	320	13%
Total SDG&E	4,416	5,330	914	21%

16 **Background**

17
18 Sempra Energy assumed the lease for the former SDG&E headquarters following
19 approval of the merger in 1998. The original lease by SDG&E was a "sale – leaseback" entered
20 into in 1975 with a term of 30 years. When the original term was expiring in 2005 an assessment
21 of alternatives was completed and the decision was adopted to extend the term of the existing
22 lease for an additional 10 years, through July 17, 2015.

23 At the time of the last extension, the market was very landlord favorable as there were
24 few options for Sempra Energy to consider. Since that time, the market for most types of office
25 space in San Diego has continued to decline, especially in downtown San Diego. When Sempra
26 Energy first began assessing the alternatives for the upcoming expiration a study was done by a

1 consultant, Jones Lang LaSalle (“JLL”), who indicated that based upon current market
2 conditions, the base rent for the existing building would likely decrease.

3 In addition, a Building Condition Assessment (“BCA”) was also prepared. That report
4 indicated there was likely a minimum of \$3 million of building infrastructure capital repairs that
5 would be required to keep the building operational for an additional 10 years. The report also
6 addressed earthquake remediation issues and indicated that the costs to make repairs in the event
7 of a moderate earthquake could be up to 21% of replacement value, compared to an estimate of
8 5% of replacement value in a new building. Thus, the potential impact of a moderate earthquake
9 could be in the range of \$12 to \$15 million. The functional obsolescence of the HQ building,
10 originally built in 1966, generated additional concerns, including remaining asbestos abatement.
11 To remove the existing asbestos and rebuild the impacted space was estimated to cost \$16 to \$25
12 million.

13 These costs and concerns were evaluated against relocation to a new modern facility. As
14 the projected cost increases were significant and a move would be potentially disruptive, the
15 decision was made to attempt to negotiate with the existing landlord to obtain a long-term
16 extension of the lease at favorable terms. However, after several months of negotiations the
17 landlord was not willing to offer terms that Sempra Energy could accept, based upon the market
18 conditions and issues noted above. Accordingly, Sempra Energy elected to formally evaluate
19 other alternatives and hired a brokerage firm, CBRE, to perform an extensive study of existing
20 buildings as well as projects that could be built to Sempra Energy’s specifications. Ultimately,
21 over 20 alternatives throughout San Diego County were assessed.

22 **Evaluation of Alternatives**

23 The list of viable alternatives were reviewed and assessed, and based upon Sempra
24 Energy’s requirements, the list was reduced to 11 properties, from which proposals were
25 requested. Using both economic and non-economic criteria, including suitability to purpose,
26 tenant requirements, flexibility of reconfiguration, employee impacts, mass transit and other
27 factors, the list of alternatives was further reduced to 3 sites in downtown San Diego that
28 included: (1) the existing 101 Ash Street location, (2) an existing building (One America Plaza),
29 and (3) a build-to-suit location (Cisterra) in the East Village area of downtown San Diego.
30 Analysis also suggested that due to very favorable market conditions in downtown San Diego,
31 coupled with historically low interest rates, either a long term lease (25 years) in a new building

1 or a minimum of 15 years in an existing building with favorable options were the best choices
 2 for Sempra Energy to secure a stable rent expense into the future. Based on this information,
 3 Sempra Energy pursued both options.

4 Regarding the first option (staying at the existing 101 Ash Street location), negotiations
 5 with the landlord continued to be difficult and there were risks associated with simply extending
 6 the lease for another 10 years or exercising the contractual option to extend for another 5 years
 7 rather than obtaining a 15-20 year extension. Regarding the second option (build-to-suit),
 8 Sempra Energy pursued extensive and thorough due diligence, including evaluation of the
 9 developer (Cisterra) who was determined to be very well qualified. Finally, the financing terms
 10 were favorable for a long term lease.

11 **Summary and Conclusion**

12 Although Table JCS-13, above, shows a \$914,000 overall increase from 2013 recorded
 13 costs, the analysis compared the likely scenarios Sempra Energy would face in 2016, and all of
 14 them showed a likely increase in lease costs over the existing lease. The following Table JCS-14
 15 illustrates an overview of the cost-benefit analysis of anticipated future costs over a 25-year
 16 period. While a more detailed summary of that cost-benefit analysis appears in Appendix B, it
 17 should be noted that despite an increase in costs in the short term, the overall long term costs of
 18 moving to either a new building built to Sempra Energy’s specifications or an existing building
 19 were less expensive than staying at the current facility. The most significant drivers that cause
 20 this result were the rent increases at the current building and the substantial cost over time to
 21 replace its aging infrastructure and asbestos remediation that would be triggered by such
 22 replacements.

23 **TABLE JCS-14**

24 **Sempra Energy Corporate HQ Cost Benefit Summary**

Factor/Project	2016 Base Rent & Parking \$MM	Base Rent Annual Escalations*	2016 Estimated Operating Expenses \$MM	2016 Estimated Total Recurring Costs \$MM	2015 Estimated Sempra Net Capital \$MM***	Total Estimated Pre-Tax Costs through 2040 in \$MM	Estimated NPV in \$MM 5.3% WACC Discount Rate
101 Ash Street ~300,000 square feet	6.8	4.0%	4.5	11.3 \$38 psf	24.0	\$579 \$77 psf/year	\$271
One America Plaza ~267,000 square feet	5.5	5.6%	4.0	9.5 \$36 psf	28.0	\$543 \$81 psf/year	\$256
Cisterra Tower** ~300,000 square feet	8.9	2.0%	4.4	13.3 \$44 psf	36.0	\$547 \$72 psf/year	\$269

In sum, based on due diligence of prudent alternatives and extensive negotiations with multiple parties, Sempra Energy made the best long term decision for the company. That is, by taking advantage of the favorable market conditions for financing a long term commitment for a new building, Sempra Energy is choosing the most cost effective solution over the longer term. The actual costs and benefits to SDG&E's customers will be borne out over time by fixing the base rent (the most volatile component in the cost of building) along with efficiencies in operating costs and avoidance of having to maintain and replace an aging building that was soon to be over 50 years old.

IV. CAPITAL

The summary of my request for Facilities capital is shown in Table JCS-15:

**TABLE JCS-15
Facilities Capital**

FACILITIES/OTHER			
Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
Total CAPITAL	19,460	38,452	42,930

FACILITIES/OTHER			
Shown in Thousands of 2013 Dollars			
Categories of Management	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
A. Land Blanket	335	1,565	335
B. Structures & Improvement Blanket	368	4,306	4,000
C. Environmental/Safety Blanket	1,911	6,166	8,848
D. Misc. Equipment Blanket	300	600	600
E. Security Blanket	100	400	400
F. Infrastructure/Reliability Blanket	1,300	3,805	4,000
G. Remodel/Relocate/Reconfig Blanket	4,996	3,860	7,640
H. Business Unit Expansion Blanket	3,800	9,450	4,460
I. Alternative Energy System Allowance	2,300	4,400	7,000
J. NGV Upgrades	298	1,900	1,647
K. RBDC UPS Electrical	752	2,000	4,000
L. Land Svc Archibus System	1,400	0	0
M. Mission Control Emergency Generator Replacement	1,600	0	0
Total	19,460	38,452	42,930

1 **Introduction**

2 The SDG&E Capital summary forecast for 2014, 2015, and 2016 are \$17.160 million,
3 \$34.332 million, and \$35.863 million, respectively. The capital summary includes blanket
4 projects (individual project cost <\$1 million) and specific projects over \$1 million. The table
5 only includes those facility projects in the Commission’s jurisdiction and excludes projects with
6 in-service dates beyond the 2016 TY. Costs shown are direct cost only (without loaders).

7 The key drivers for SDG&E facility capital projects are:

- 8 (1) The impact of historical and forecasted growth and the increasing age of
9 facilities at construction and operating centers;
- 10 (2) Increased number of security, safety and environmental projects to meet
11 regulatory requirements, provide for operational security of key facilities, and
12 provide a safe work environment for employees;
- 13 (3) Upgrades for facility energy efficiency and improvements to existing office
14 sites;
- 15 (4) Improvements to aging infrastructure for HVAC, plumbing, electrical,
16 repaving, and other structural upgrades.

17 A breakdown of the costs contained in each of the budget codes shown is contained in the
18 associated capital workpapers (Ex. SDG&E-17-CWP). Detailed discussion of each of these
19 budget codes follows.

20 **A. Land Blanket (Budget Code: 700)**

21 **TABLE JCS-16**

A. Land Blanket	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
1. Land Blanket	335	1,565	335
Total	335	1,565	335

22 **Project Description**

23 This budget funds minor maintenance and landscape projects on fee owned unoccupied
24 property in order to adequately support Company Operations, manage and protect Company
25 property, and maintain or improve the value of Company real property. The funding provides
26 the opportunity to maintain and/or improve the opportunity to obtain highest rate of return on

1 rental, lease or sale of Company property, thereby increasing revenue and reducing customer
2 rates.

3 **Forecast Method**

4 The forecast method developed for this cost category is a combination of zero and
5 historical-based. This method is most appropriate because it depends on evolving maintenance
6 requirements, internal customer business requirements (planned and unplanned), changing
7 conditions and reliability of equipment, new code requirements and vendor estimates.

8 **Cost Drivers**

9 The underlying cost drivers for these capital projects depend on many factors; the main
10 ones include the scopes of the individual projects. The projects in this blanket are used to
11 replace fencing and landscaping at electric substations. Due to the increased water shortages in
12 Southern California, the typical project has evolved from removal of diseased plants and fencing
13 to complete removal existing planting materials and irrigation systems and replacement with
14 drought tolerant plants and drip irrigation systems. Documentation of these cost drivers is
15 included as supplemental capital work papers. (See Ex. SDG&E-17-CWP).

16 **B. Structures & Improvements Blanket (Budget Code: 701)**

17 **TABLE JCS-17**

B. Structures & Improvement Blanket	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
1. Structures & Improvement Blanket	368	4,306	4,000
Total	368	4,306	4,000

18 **Project Description**

19 This budget funds minor building modifications, upgrades and facility improvements to
20 adequately support corporate business initiatives, to extend the life of the asset, or increase the
21 functionality of a building or site. Small projects under \$1 million are bundled when possible for
22 economies of scale in sourcing. These projects vary year to year based on need, but address the
23 capital replacement or addition of basic, individual interior and exterior facilities construction
24 components, including lighting, fencing, gates, paving, roofing, flooring, windows and storage
25 sheds. Each year's requirements are prioritized to manage and protect the facility assets, keep
26 the employees safe and optimize real estate value. Scope of work may include modernization
27 projects and/or offer best alternatives for cost avoidance compared to other scenarios.

1 conditions and reliability of equipment, new code requirements and vendor estimates.
2 Documentation of these cost drivers is included as supplemental capital work papers. (See Ex.
3 SDG&E-17-CWP).

4 **E. Security blanket (Budget Code: 707)**

5 **TABLE JCS-20**

E. Security Blanket	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
1. Security Blanket	100	400	400
Total	100	400	400

6 **Project Description**

7 This budget funds minor building modifications, upgrades, and facility improvements to
8 safeguard SDG&E occupied facilities and sites, protect employees and company property, and
9 reduce corporate liability. Small projects under \$1M are bundled when possible for economies
10 of scale in sourcing. Project requirements are prioritized based on corporate security
11 recommendations. Scope of work may vary year to year, based on identification of risks, but all
12 address the security of the company employees, operations, and assets. Common project types
13 covered in this budget code are card readers, cameras, video recorders, and controlled automated
14 gates.

15 **Forecast Method**

16 The forecast method developed for this cost category is combination of zero and
17 historical-based. This method is most appropriate because it depends on evolving maintenance
18 requirements, internal customer business requirements (planned and unplanned), changing
19 conditions and reliability of equipment and vendor estimates.

20 **Cost Drivers**

21 The underlying cost drivers for these capital projects depend on evolving maintenance
22 requirements, internal customer business requirements (planned and unplanned), changing
23 conditions and reliability of equipment and vendor estimates. Documentation of these cost
24 drivers is included as supplemental capital work papers. (See Ex. SDG&E-17-CWP).

1 include Master Planning, Expansion and Relocation projects at various company
2 buildings/facilities. These projects would satisfy current and future space requirements to
3 appropriately house employees and provide expanded workspace and storage capacities to keep
4 pace with company growth.

5 **Forecast Method**

6 The forecast method developed for this cost category is combination of zero and
7 historical-based. This method is most appropriate because it depends on internal customer
8 business requirements (planned and unplanned), changing employment conditions and

9 **Cost Drivers**

10 The underlying cost drivers for these capital projects depend on internal customer
11 business requirements (planned and unplanned), changing employment conditions and vendor
12 estimates. Documentation of these cost drivers is included as supplemental capital work papers.
13 (See Ex. SDG&E-17-CWP).

14 **I. Alternative Energy System Allowance (Budget Code: 08729)**

15 **TABLE JCS-24**

I. Alternative Energy System Allowance	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
1. Alternative Energy System Allowance	2,300	4,400	7,000
Total	2,300	4,400	7,000

16 **Project Description**

17 Install rooftop photo-voltaic systems at various sites to support federal, state and
18 company renewable energy initiatives, as well as save electric demand. Implement program-
19 based installations of electric vehicle chargers at occupied facilities across the SDG&E territory,
20 both fee owned and leased, for use by fleet and employee vehicles (energy cost at employee
21 expense).

22 **Forecast Method**

23 The forecast method developed for this cost category is combination of zero and
24 historical-based. This method is most appropriate because it depends on evolving maintenance
25 and operational requirements and vendor estimates.
26

1 **Cost Drivers**

2 The underlying cost drivers for these capital projects depend on evolving maintenance
3 and operational requirements, and vendor estimates. Documentation of these cost drivers is
4 included as supplemental capital work papers. (See Ex. SDG&E-17-CWP).

5 **J. NGV Upgrades (Budget Code: 8734)**

6 **TABLE JCS-25**

J. NGV Upgrades	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
1. NGV Upgrades	298	1,900	1,647
Total	298	1,900	1,647

7 **Project Description**

8 Provide planning, design, permitting, and construction for new Natural Gas Vehicle
9 (“NGV”) stations or expanded capacity of existing stations for the benefit of the public or
10 SDG&E fleet. The budget will fund expanded stations for the public and SDG&E fleet at two
11 properties accessible to the public, and new installations for SDG&E fleet, only, at three secured
12 properties.

13 **Forecast Method**

14 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. This method is most
15 appropriate because it depends on equipment requirements, associated historical costs of
16 implementation and vendor estimates.

17 **Cost Drivers**

18 The underlying cost drivers for these capital projects depend on requirements for
19 equipment, code requirements and vendor estimates. Documentation of these cost drivers is
20 included as supplemental capital workpapers. (See Ex. SDG&E-17-CWP).

21 **K. RBDC UPS Electrical (Budget Code: 8735)**

22 **TABLE JCS-26**

K. RBDC UPS Electrical	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
1. RBDC UPS Electrical	752	2,000	4,000
Total	752	2,000	4,000

1 **Project Descriptions**

2 At the main server room to the company’s primary data center, this project will fund the
3 replacement of existing computer room air conditioning units (“CRACs”) that are beyond their
4 useful life with new units that will operate from the facility’s chilled water plant, thereby
5 decreasing the facility’s energy usage. The budget will also fund the addition of redundant
6 uninterruptible power systems (“UPS”) modules to keep pace with the anticipated server growth
7 in the data center facility.

8 **Business Purpose**

9 The purpose of these projects is to ensure that the critical information processing that
10 occurs within the facility is not compromised by unreliable cooling equipment or data loss from
11 unexpected power outages. It will ensure UPS capacity to protect anticipated server growth from
12 data loss and replace air conditioning units in the main server room that are 15+ years old.

13 **Forecast Method**

14 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. This method is most
15 appropriate because it depends on equipment requirements, associated historical costs of
16 implementation and vendor estimates.

17 **Cost Drivers**

18 The underlying cost drivers for these capital projects depend on requirements for
19 equipment, code requirements and vendor estimates. Documentation of these cost drivers is
20 included as supplemental capital workpapers. (See Ex. SDG&E-17-CWP.)

21 **L. Land Services Archibus System (Budget Code: 13746)**

22 **TABLE JCS-27**

L. Land Svc Archibus System	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
1. Land Svc Archibus System	1,400	0	0
Total	1,400	0	0

23 **Project Description**

24 The Archibus Project will automate and develop best management practices around
25 several of the shared services support systems used within the Corporate Real Estate and
26 Planning group. Steps in the project include document scanning of legacy information, update,
27 revise or develop new work tracking systems, including document management, financial,
28 scheduling and work flow processes to identify project specifics. The design of each system

1 includes the ability to prepare extracts and reports used for metrics and other key performance
 2 indicators as necessary. Lastly, the project includes the development of a new GIS tool specific
 3 to land management.

4 **Business Purpose**

5 Integrated systems facilitate cost avoidance returns in the long term. Legacy systems
 6 need to be updated and processes need to be re-engineered to meet increased demand on existing
 7 and new information. Data increases knowledge which drives efficiency and allows for better
 8 management of tools and resources. New systems enhance best practices and compliment “good
 9 work habits” which supports such change. Engineering new business tools and controls supports
 10 our customer needs but we must also manage real property assets and commodities. The primary
 11 focus on design and requirements was to support the processes of the Real Estate and Planning
 12 staff but also share the new systems along with the relevant information with our customers. By
 13 creating systems that allow our customers access to the information empowers them to make
 14 more informed decisions and work at their own pace.

15 **Forecast Method**

16 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. This method is most
 17 appropriate because it depends on equipment, software requirements and vendor estimates.

18 **Cost Drivers**

19 The underlying cost drivers for these capital projects depend on requirements for
 20 equipment, software requirements and vendor estimates. Documentation of these cost drivers is
 21 included as supplemental capital workpapers. See SDG&E-17-CWP.

22 **M. Mission Control Emergency Generator Replacement (Budget Code: 13749)**

23 **TABLE JCS-28**

M. Mission Control Emergency Generator Replacement	Estimated 2014	Estimated 2015	Estimated 2016
1. Mission Control Emergency Generator Replacement	1,600	0	0
Total	1,600	0	0

24 **Project Description**

25 Provide (2) redundant 1MW emergency generators for emergency power back-up at
 26 Mission Control.

1 **Business Purpose**

2 The existing 500KW emergency generator unit at the Mission Control facility is 32 years
3 old and approaching the end of its expected life. The objective of this project is to replace the
4 current emergency generator and add a redundant generator to support critical systems at the
5 facility in the event of an outage. Additionally, the transfer switches will be replaced and the
6 generation system reconfigured to eliminate a single point of failure.

7 **Forecast Method**

8 The forecast method developed for this cost category is zero-based. This method is most
9 appropriate because it depends on equipment requirements, associated historical costs of
10 implementation and vendor estimates.

11 **Cost Drivers**

12 The underlying cost drivers for these capital projects depend on requirements for
13 equipment, code requirements and vendor estimates. Documentation of these cost drivers is
14 included as supplemental capital workpapers. See SDG&E-17-CWP.

15 **V. CONCLUSION**

16 This testimony describes the activities of SDG&E's Real Estate, Land and Facilities
17 functions, and presents the forecast for both existing and reasonably anticipated new expenses
18 for the GRC test year 2016. This testimony and my work papers demonstrate the justification for
19 the requested funding so that SDG&E can continue to meet its obligations to acquire, operate and
20 maintain its properties and facilities in a reasonable manner. The forecast methods used to
21 develop the O&M forecasts are based predominantly on the same 5-year average methodology
22 used in the previous GRC. Capital forecasts largely use either a zero-based approach, or are
23 founded on actual contractual obligations or incorporate historically-experienced increases for
24 their respective functions. I request the Commission to approve funding for the expenses
25 presented here.

26 This concludes my prepared direct testimony.
27

1 **VI. WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS**

2 My name is James C. Seifert, Manager of Corporate Real Estate, Land Services and
3 Facilities for SDG&E. The combined departments of my organization are responsible for
4 managing the entire real estate portfolio including acquisition and disposition of property, rents,
5 move management and forward planning of space. I have a Bachelor's Degree (BA) from the
6 University of Colorado, Boulder majoring in Economics. I have a broad background in real
7 estate and asset management, including 18 years of experience with SDG&E and Sempra
8 Energy, five years with CB Richard Ellis, and seven years with Rancon Real Estate. At Sempra
9 Energy, I have held a number of key technical and managerial positions with increasing
10 responsibility in Corporate Real Estate. In these positions, I was responsible for acquisitions,
11 dispositions and other roles with respect to the real property portfolio. I have held my current
12 position as the Manager of Corporate Real Estate and Planning since January, 2011.

13 I have previously testified before the Commission.

APPENDIX A
GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS

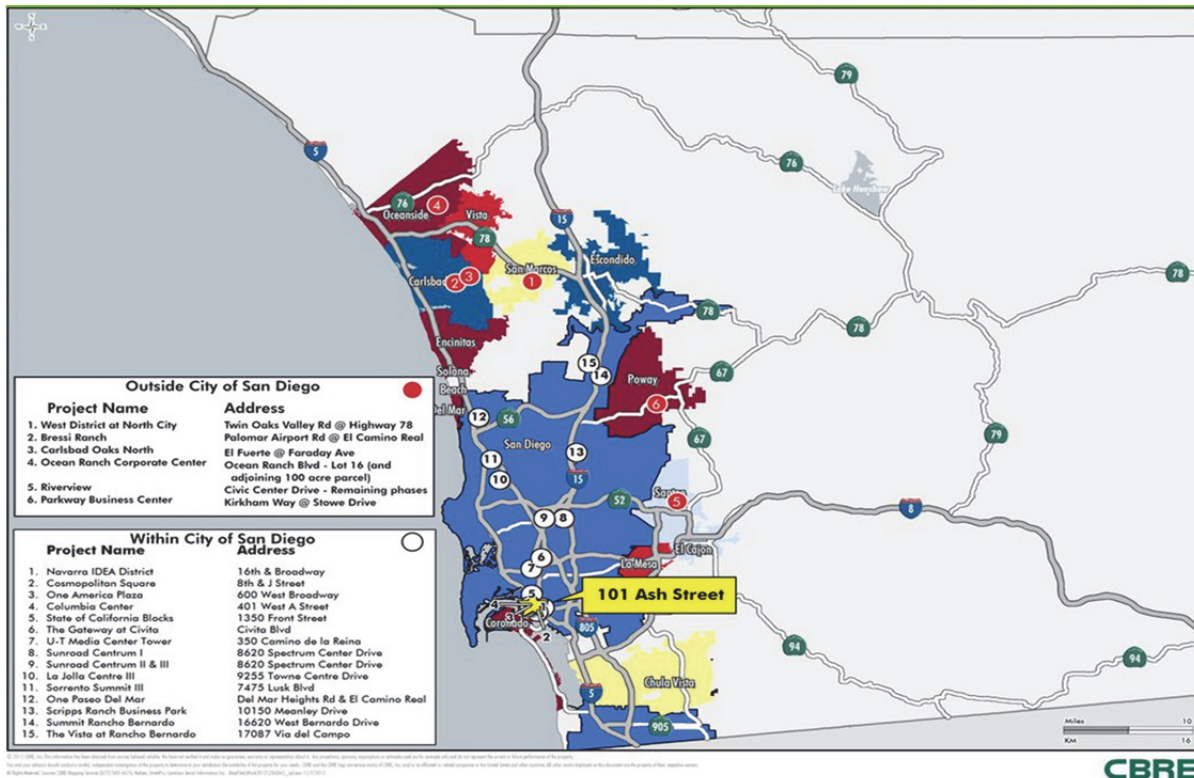
BLM	U.S. Bureau of Land Management
C&O	Construction and Operating
CAFM	Computer Aided Facility Management
CRAC	computer room air conditioning
DX	direct expansion
FTE	Full-time equivalent
HVAC	Heating, ventilation and air conditioning
KW	Kilowatt
MS4	(From MSSSS) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
NERC/CIP	North American Electric Reliability Corporation, Critical Infrastructure Protection
NGV	Natural Gas Vehicle
PCB	Poly-Chlorinated Biphenols
RB	Rancho Bernardo
REL&F	Real Estate, Land and Facilities
ROW	Right of Way
SWPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
UPS	uninterruptable power systems

APPENDIX B

Sempra Energy Corporate Headquarters Cost Benefit Summary

As described above, in late 2012, Sempra Energy engaged CBRE, an international real estate services firm, to provide a comprehensive list of suitable existing or “build to suit” alternatives for Sempra Energy’s headquarters in San Diego County. The list of properties and their relative locations are shown below in Figure 1.

Figure 1



CBRE

Sempra Energy used objective and subjective criteria to evaluate the alternatives including, including Office Cost, Employee Impact, Labor Pools, Business Growth, Political Issues and Travel Access. Based on this review, the evaluation team requested 11 proposals (including the existing building at 101 Ash Street) from within the City of San Diego. Locations outside the city limits were considered unfavorable due to the expected negative impact to the employee base and were not considered. The costs for the proposals were for 15 year terms and ranged as follows:

Location	Total Cost (Millions)	NPV (Millions)	Comments
Suburban Build to Suit	\$203 – Low \$392 – High	\$79 – Low \$134 – High	Low was in Rancho Bernardo, High was in Del Mar Heights. Neither location was preferable from an employee impact perspective.
Downtown Existing	\$245 – Low \$260 – High	\$94 – Low \$99 – High	None of the existing buildings were outstanding, but the low was preferable. The existing building was not the low cost alternative.
Downtown Build to Suit	\$276 – Low \$284 – High	\$107 – Low \$110 – High	The low amount was for less space and inferior location

There were no existing buildings in the suburban markets that met the criteria for size and location.

Based upon the criteria discussed above, two alternatives to the existing location, both in downtown San Diego, were determined to provide the greatest value from an economic and employee impact perspective. However, the buildings were difficult to analyze from an “apples to apples” perspective because of the distinct differences in building age, ownership and other factors.

Factor	Cisterra (488 8th Avenue)	One America Plaza
Space Efficiency	More efficient than One America, due to smaller core area (88%)	More efficient than 101 Ash, not as efficient as Cisterra (86%)
Cost to modify building	Similar to One America, better cost efficiency due to no demolition costs and working hours	Significantly less than 101 Ash; built in 1991 (23 years newer)
Parking in Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees • Reserved visitor and pool car 	488 spaces available (included in lease cost) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Space for 60% of employees •Sufficient 	520 Spaces available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Space for 65% of employees •Sufficient
Offsite Parking	Currently 2 blocks away <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Some impact from ballpark use •Controlled by Civic San Diego and Private 	Across the street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Safer than current 101 Ash •Owned by landlord
Airport Access	Good	Excellent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Dedicated shuttle included in lease cost
Mass Transit Access	Good - 3 blocks to trolley stop; on bus line; possible shuttle from trolley stops and to core area, similar to Diamond View project	Superior - next to train station and on bus line
Access to Fitness Center	Built to suit in building	Recently upgraded facility across street with discounts offered to building occupants

Restaurants and Hotels	Very Good	Very Good
Access to Child Care and Urgent Care	No child care on site, urgent care being researched	No child care on site, urgent care being researched

Ultimately, Sempra Energy could not reach favorable terms with either its current landlord at 101 Ash Street or the owner of One America Plaza. However, in order to justify the move to a new building, Sempra Energy would have to make a long term (25 year) commitment to take advantage of the economic conditions, primarily low interest rates and construction costs, versus the short term lower cost alternatives of either moving to an existing building (One America) or staying at 101 Ash. Thus, while the new building alternative represented higher cost initially, as time went on the project benefits were substantial and could not be overlooked. For example, the developer was willing to structure a lease that provided for fixed rent, with modest annual increases, over a long (25 year) term. The design provided for a single tenant building with a high degree of flexibility and scalability which meant the number of people that the building could accommodate could grow by up to 20% by changing out furniture systems versus leasing additional space.

Before making its final decision, Sempra Energy did a cost benefit analysis over a 25 year period. The terms of the existing proposals were analyzed, and then assumptions were made about the other buildings as to what were the reasonable outcomes for the long term. Using this methodology, Sempra Energy determined that over this period of time the costs for a new modern building were less than any other option based upon three major components: (1) certainty of base rent, including annual escalations; (2) costs to improve and maintain the facility; and (3) employee amenities and security. Given these parameters, and the relative indifference to costs over the long term, Sempra Energy concluded that the new building provided the most cost effective solution for the long term.

Factor/Project	2016 Base Rent & Parking \$MM	Base Rent Annual Escalations*	2016 Estimated Operating Expenses \$MM	2016 Estimated Total Recurring Costs \$MM	2015 Estimated Sempra Net Capital \$MM***	Total Estimated Pre-Tax Costs through 2040 in \$MM	Estimated NPV in \$MM 5.3% WACC Discount Rate
101 Ash Street ~300,000 square feet	6.8	4.0%	4.5	11.3 \$38 psf	24.0	\$579 \$77 psf/year	\$271
One America Plaza ~267,000 square feet	5.5	5.6%	4.0	9.5 \$36 psf	28.0	\$543 \$81 psf/year	\$256
Cisterra Tower** ~300,000 square feet	8.9	2.0%	4.4	13.3 \$44 psf	36.0	\$547 \$72 psf/year	\$269