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I. INTRODUCTION

In Decision (D.) 01-05-033 the Commission directed Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and the other investor owned utilities (IOUs) to provide monthly status reports on the costs and impacts of their Rapid Deployment (RD) efforts on their California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) programs.

On May 22, 2002, the utilities held a conference call with the Energy Division and the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) to assess Rapid Deployment (RD) Reporting. The parties agreed that the utilities would submit a full monthly RD report to the Commission every three months. The first one being the previously submitted May report and future reports due in August of 2002, November of 2002, and February of 2003 -- only certain tables and a brief narrative highlight of RD activities were required from the utilities in other months.

In April 2004, the utilities met with the Energy Division and ORA to discuss proposed changes to the reports that would eliminate all references to SBX1 5 and combine some information while retaining sufficient information for the programs to be assessed.

Table column and row headings have not been changed to avoid confusion if comparisons are made with earlier reports.

In an Assigned Commissioner's Ruling dated May 5, 2004, the utilities were directed to include in their October report information on the implementation of automatic enrollment with the Department of Community Services and Development (DCSD), and then to continue to report on automatic enrollment on a quarterly basis. SoCalGas will continue to include Table 10.1 on automatic enrollment in each of its quarterly rapid deployment reports.

In D.02-07-033, the Commission authorized the IOUs to update their CARE and LIEE eligibility customer estimates using Census 2000 data. In accordance with that Decision, SoCalGas has updated its eligibility estimates for PY2005 and have included them in the "Revisions to the Annual Estimates of CARE Eligible Customers and Related Information" filed with the Commission on December 28, 2004, by Southern California Edison, on behalf of the IOUs. Pending Commission action on those filings, SoCalGas is using the updated eligibility information to provide information on CARE and LIEE customer participation and penetration for PY2005.

This sixth report for PY2005 contains information on SoCalGas' low-income programs during the month of June 2005 along with the following tables:

- Table 1 – LIEE Program Expenses
- Table 4 – LIEE Measure Installations
- Table 6 – CARE Program Expenses
- Table 10 – CARE Rapid Deployment Progress
- Table 11 – CARE Random Verification Results
- Table 16 – CARE Participation-Combined Rural and Urban

II. LOW-INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY (LIEE)

June Results – LIEE Installations

SoCalGas processed and expensed the installation of weatherization measures in 2,952 homes for the month of June, bringing the year-to-date total to 16,139.

The total number of appliances serviced during June was 759, which included 474 furnace repairs, 197 furnace replacements, 87 water heater repairs and 1 water heater replacement. Year-to-date, 3,095 appliances have been serviced which is comprised of 2,075 furnace repairs, 664 furnace replacements, 353 water heater repairs and 3 water heater replacements.

For the month of June, SoCalGas processed and expensed reimbursements for 100 Energy Education Workshops with 2,025 participants. Year-to-date, 486 workshops have been conducted and expensed with a total of 9,786 participants.

LIEE measure and appliance installations processed and expensed during the month can be found in SoCalGas' Table 4, LIEE Measure Installations.

LIEE Leveraging and Outreach

During June, SoCalGas leveraged LIEE outreach with other Customer Assistance outreach efforts at the community events discussed in the CARE Outreach & Leveraging section below. The following summarizes additional outreach conducted for the Customer Assistance programs during June:

- On June 25, SoCalGas representatives participated in the Pacific Community Center Celebration in Glendale sponsored by the City of Glendale. Over 300 English and Spanish enlarged print Customer Assistance Program (CAP) brochures and 300 CARE applications were distributed during the event.

LIEE Authorized Funding Versus Actual Expenditures

SoCalGas' LIEE Program expenditures for June totaled \$1.9 million for services processed and paid during the month, and \$9.6 million year-to-date. An additional \$165 thousand was spent on administration, for a year-to-date administration cost of \$1.7 million. Total costs year-to-date are 34% of budget. (See Table 1)

III. CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY

June CARE Enrollment Results

As of June 2005, 1,082,778 residential customers were enrolled in the CARE program, which is a net increase of 774 customers from May 2005. During the month of June, 22,721 new CARE applications were approved, which included 2,927 from CARE capitation contractors and 5,326 through SoCalGas' interutility agreements. (See Table 10).

CARE OUTREACH AND LEVERAGING

In an effort to continue reaching out to our customer base, below are activities and events that occurred during the month of June in addition to the events reported in the LIEE June Leveraging and Outreach section above. Most of the events promote all of the assistance programs available to SoCalGas customers, which include CARE and LIEE:

- On June 18, SoCalGas representatives took part in the Environmental Services Fair sponsored by the Green Meadows Recreation Center. Representatives distributed over 400 English and Spanish enlarged print CAP brochures and 400 CARE applications.
- On June 26, SoCalGas representatives participated in the Cal Works Imperial Valley Housing Fair. Over 500 English and Spanish enlarged print CAP brochures and 500 CARE applications were distributed during the event.

SoCalGas staff members continued to provide CAP brochures to SoCalGas field representatives, which are distributed to customers within SoCalGas' service territory. In addition, upon the customer's request, Energy Efficiency packets, which include a CARE application and CAP brochure, are also mailed out. Due to the increased awareness of the low-income programs, SoCalGas continues to receive and respond to requests for CARE applications and/or CAP brochures.

CARE AUTHORIZED FUNDING VERSUS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

During June, CARE administrative expenses, including outreach, totaled \$276,993. Year-to-date SoCalGas has spent approximately \$1.8 million in administration which is 43% of the authorized 2005 CARE administrative budget. CARE rate and Service Establishment Charge discounts through June are approximately \$46 million, which is 56% of the proposed 2005 CARE discount budget.

The comparison of actual expenses to the budgeted figures for June is provided in Table 6.

IV. CONCLUSION

SoCalGas continues to implement its outreach efforts with the goal of providing LIEE services to as many qualified customers as possible and increasing CARE participation during PY2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing **Monthly Report of Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) on Rapid Deployment Efforts for June 2005** on all parties identified in R.04-01-006 on the attached service list by U. S. mail and electronic mail, and by Federal Express to Commissioner Michael Peevey and Administrative Law Judge Sarah Thomas.

Dated at San Diego, California, this 19th day of July 2005.

Laurie Delaney