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**ADVICE LETTER 2477-E**

(U 902-E)

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**SUBJECT: SUBMITTAL OF SDG&E'S PROCUREMENT TRANSACTIONS FOR THE  
FIRST QUARTER OF 2013 PURSUANT TO COMMISSION DECISION  
02-10-062**

**PURPOSE**

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) is making this filing in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 8 of California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Decision (D.) 02-10-062 issued on October 24, 2002 in Rulemaking (R.) 01-10-024. D.02-10-062 directs Southern California Edison Company (SCE), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), and SDG&E to file each quarter's procurement transactions that conform to their respective adopted short-term procurement plan by advice letter within 15 days from the end of the quarter. Ordering Paragraph 19 of D.03-12-062, issued on December 18, 2003, granted an extension of the due date from within 15 days of the end of the quarter to within 30 days of the end of the quarter. This Advice Letter contains all of the information in the Reformatted Master Data Request required by D.07-12-052. Quarterly compliance filings were first mandated in D.02-12-062, Appendix B, and were further clarified in D.03-06-076.

Accordingly, attached hereto is SDG&E's modified Master Data Response detailing the 1st Quarter 2013 Procurement Transactions. The extensive workpapers accompanying the report contain confidential information and therefore are protected from disclosure under the statutory provisions of the IOU Matrix (Matrix) attached to D.06-06-066 (the Phase I Confidentiality decision) dated June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. In accordance with D.08-04-023, dated April 10, 2008, SDG&E is no longer required to attach a confidential declaration to each submittal of quarterly procurement transactions.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, SDG&E hereto refers to the Declaration of Ryan Miller filed with SDG&E Advice Letter 2062-E on February 6, 2009 to comply with D.06-06-066. In addition, SDG&E also hereto refers to the Declaration of Ryan Miller filed with SDG&E Advice Letter 2098-E on July 30, 2009, to include Attachment O - Purchases and Sales in IFM, the Declaration of Ryan Miller filed with SDG&E Advice Letter 2168-E, filed April 30, 2010, to include the responses to the Master Data Request for the Quarterly Advice Letter Related to

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<sup>1</sup> Ordering Paragraph 6 in D.08-04-023 allows IOUs who seek and receive confidential treatment for a regular compliance filing to simply cite the prior ruling or motion when making subsequent compliance filings of the same type.

Activity in the First Quarter of 2013 and the confidential Declaration of Ryan Miller filed with SDG&E Advice Letter 2352-E on April 30, 2012, to include Attachment P – Convergence Bids. In addition, the confidential Declaration of Ryan Miller filed with SDG&E Advice Letter 2456-E on January 30, 2013, to include Attachment Q – Q4 2012 GHG Transactions. This Advice Letter is also subject to the provisions of the May 1, 2002 Protective Order, as subsequently modified, that has been adopted in R.01-10-024.

## **BACKGROUND**

D.02-10-062 adopts the regulatory framework under which SCE, PG&E, and SDG&E shall resume full procurement responsibilities on January 1, 2003. The framework adopted by the Commission contains requirements for updating the utility procurement plans that conform to the statutory requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 57.<sup>2</sup>

On November 15, 2002, SDG&E filed its modified short-term procurement plan for 2003 consistent with the provisions of D.02-10-062. On December 19, 2002, the Commission issued D.02-12-074, which approved SDG&E's short-term procurement plan for 2003, as modified by the Confidential Appendix C of D.02-12-074. That Appendix has been further modified in part by D.03-06-076, Ordering Paragraph 16. In addition, D.03-06-076 modified Appendix B to clarify that the title of the Master Data Request Response for these quarterly filings is "Adopted Master Data Request for Quarterly Advice Letters", and that the first sentence of Appendix B should delete the word "month's" and replace it with "quarter's" (see Ordering Paragraphs 8 and 16 of D.03-06-076).

In accordance with D.02-10-062, "[O]nce a utility's short-term procurement plan is approved; all transactions entered into in compliance with the procurement plan should be filed for tracking purposes in a quarterly advice letter with the Commission Energy Division. The advice letter should include all information in the adopted master data request in Appendix B."<sup>3</sup>

By this filing, SDG&E provides its 1st Quarter 2013 Procurement Transactions that conform to its approved short-term procurement plan for 2006. This filing will not create any deviations from SDG&E's tariffs, cause withdrawals of service from any present customer, or impose any more or less restrictive conditions. Pursuant to D.04-12-048 this filing may be approved by the Energy Division.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

SDG&E believes this Advice Letter is subject to Energy Division disposition and should be classified as Tier 2 (effective after staff approval) pursuant to GO 96-B. Therefore, SDG&E respectfully requests that this compliance filing become effective on May 30, 2013, thirty days from the date filed.

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<sup>2</sup> AB 57 was approved by Governor Davis on September 24, 2002; see Public Utilities Code Section 454.5.

<sup>3</sup> D.02-10-062, page 47.

**PROTEST**

Anyone may protest this Advice Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. The protest must be made in writing and must be received no later than May 20, 2013, which is 20 days of the date this Advice Letter was filed with the Commission. There is no restriction on who may file a protest. The address for mailing or delivering a protest to the Commission is:

CPUC Energy Division  
Attention: Tariff Unit  
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Copies of the protest should also be sent via e-mail to the attention of the Energy Division at [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov). A copy of the protest should also be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

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**NOTICE**

A copy of this filing has been served on the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, including interested parties in R.01-10-024, R.11-10-023 and R.12-03-014, by either providing them a copy electronically or by mailing them a copy hereof properly stamped and addressed.

As discussed above, the workpapers to this Advice Letter are confidential and are being treated in accordance with the May 1, 2002 Protective Order in R.01-10-024 and provisions of the IOU Matrix attached to D.06-06-066.

Address changes should be directed to SDG&E Tariffs by facsimile at (858) 654-1879 or by e-mail at [SDG&ETariffs@semprautilities.com](mailto:SDG&ETariffs@semprautilities.com).

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# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC (U 902)**

Utility type:

ELC     GAS  
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### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric    GAS = Gas  
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(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 2477-E

Subject of AL: Submittal of SDG&E's Procurement Transactions for the First Quarter of 2013

Pursuant to Commission Decision 02-10-062

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Procurement

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

D.02-10-062, D.03-06-076, D.07-12-052

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL N/A

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Does AL request confidential treatment? If so, provide explanation: Workpapers accompanying

The Master Data Request are confidential per the IOU matrix attached to D.06-06-066

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Tier Designation:  1  2  3

Requested effective date: 5/30/13

No. of tariff sheets: 0

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

**Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:**

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<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

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R.01-10-024

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**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**PROCUREMENT PLAN COMPLIANCE REPORT**  
**FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2013**

**April 30, 2013**

## **List of Attachments**

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- I. Attachment I  
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- J. Confidential Attachment J  
Q1 2013 Load Requirements and Conditions
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- L. Confidential Attachment L  
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## **Introduction**

As required by Ordering Paragraph 8 of Decision (D.) 02-10-062, and clarified in D.03-06-076, D.03-12-062, D.04-07-028, D.04-12-048 and D.07-12-052, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) hereby provides its Quarterly Compliance Report (QCR) demonstrating that its procurement-related transactions during the period January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013 (Q1) were in compliance with the latest CPUC-approved AB 57 Long-Term Procurement Plan (LTPP) adopted by the Commission in Resolution E-4543.

## **Summary**

During Q1, SDG&E executed transactions consistent with least cost dispatch, as described in its LTPP. All transactions were conducted using processes specified in the LTPP. Any transactions executed with affiliates are disclosed in confidential Attachment A, *Q1 2013 Transactions* or Attachment H, *Q1 2013 New Contracts Executed and Amended*. All non-investment grade counterparties that SDG&E transacted with during Q1 are shown in confidential Attachment B, *Q1 2013 Counterparty Information*. In addition, the top 10 counterparties transacted with by dollar value for both electric and gas transactions are listed in confidential Attachment B.

Confidential Attachments C, *Electric Transactions Summary*, and D, *Natural Gas Transactions Summary*, are summaries of the electric and gas transactions executed during Q1. Confidential Attachment E, *Q1 2013 Other Transactions*, is a description of any additional transactions that occurred during Q1. The quantities shown in these attachments are based on the delivery period specified in the transactions. Therefore, volumes received during Q1 pursuant to transactions executed in prior quarters are excluded. Also excluded are transactions in the California Independent System



Operator's (CAISO's) real-time and ancillary services markets, since these transactions are, for the most part, made by the CAISO on behalf of SDG&E and are made without regard to SDG&E's LTPP.

SDG&E's procurement activity is greatly influenced by its mandatory participation in the CAISO's Integrated Forward Market (IFM), which has significantly reduced SDG&E's need to mitigate the majority of its forecast day-ahead energy positions via brokered and bilateral trading. A summary of SDG&E's CAISO activity can be found in Attachment O.

## **Master Data Request Documentation**

D.02-10-062, Appendix B, as clarified by D.03-06-076, sets forth specific elements to be addressed in this report. Each element is discussed below.

### **1. Identification of the ultimate decision maker(s) up to the Board level, approving the transactions.**

All procurement-related activity during Q1 was approved and executed either by, or under the direction of, the Vice President of Electric and Fuel Procurement, consistent with the delegation of authority effective for the period.

### **2. The briefing package provided to the ultimate decision maker.**

The “decision maker” for a particular contemplated transaction depends on many factors, including term, volume, notional value, etc. For many of the transactions during Q1, the “decision maker” was a gas or power transaction employee executing transactions (*e.g.*, day-ahead or hour-ahead power purchases and sales) per the established LTPP or to achieve a particular objective (such as balancing the portfolio supply and demand). For such transactions, briefing packages are not prepared. Briefing packages, if any, prepared during Q1 for large or unusual transactions are listed in confidential Attachment F, *Q1 2013 Key Briefing Packages*, and included in the workpapers.

In addition, copies of presentations made by SDG&E to its Procurement Review Group (PRG) during Q1 are listed in Attachment F, and briefing packages are included in the workpapers.

**3. Description of and justification for the procurement processes used to select the transactions.**

*a) Electric*

***Description of Procurement Processes***

The approved procurement processes used during Q1 were as follows:

- Bilateral Contracts - Description can be found on sheet 46 of the LTPP.
- Voice brokers and Exchanges - Description can be found on sheet 47 of the LTPP.

***Justification for Procurement Processes***

***For competitive solicitations, describe the process used to rank offers and select winning bid(s).***

SDG&E did not execute any transactions for electric power as the result of competitive solicitations in Q1.

***For other transactional methods, provide the documentation supporting the selection of the chosen products.***

In Q1, SDG&E entered into market transactions of the following general types: 1) energy purchases; 2) energy sales; 3) locational swaps; and 4) financial swaps. The details of these transactions can be found in confidential Attachment A, and a summary of the transactions can be found in confidential Attachment C, *Q1 2013 Electric Transactions*.

Included in confidential Attachment A, for comparison purposes, are the day-ahead Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) high and low prices for all standard deals. ICE information is only available for standard deals at liquid trading hubs. This type of transaction does not always best meet SDG&E's needs. A portion of SDG&E's

purchases are non-standard deals for which there are no exchanges to compare, because these are not traded frequently enough to support exchange trading

For all of the above products, SDG&E traders monitor voice brokers, electronic exchanges, and bilateral offers from counterparties, so as to facilitate transactions using the transaction method with the best available price.

### **Energy Purchases**

The CAISO market has reduced SDG&E's reliance on physical energy trades, but energy trades still play a role in protecting SDG&E from prices that clear in the IFM. SDG&E makes market energy purchases when it is less expensive than dispatchable generation, in order to reduce its exposure to the IFM. When buying such energy, SDG&E compares variable generation costs (e.g., fuel, variable O&M for generation, and start up costs) to the delivered costs for market purchases. SDG&E may do this inside the CAISO as an Inter Scheduling Coordinator Trade (IST) or outside the CAISO and import the power.

In Q1, SDG&E purchased energy in the day-ahead markets that are executed within the Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP) scheduling guidelines (usually the day prior to delivery for weekdays and two or three days prior for weekends and holidays); month-ahead: balance of the month; and the hour-ahead trades that are executed after day-ahead trades and before the CAISO hour-ahead scheduling deadline. For day-ahead and hour-ahead markets, SDG&E compared market prices to actual generation costs. For purchases in the term market, SDG&E used two different models to forecast energy needs: (1) *GenTrader*, a dispatch model from Power Costs Inc. (PCI); and (2) Financial

Engineering Associates (FEA), a financial option model. Both PCI and FEA are described further in *Attachment L –Description of Models*.

### **Energy Sales**

In Q1, SDG&E had bilateral sales in the hour-ahead markets for least cost dispatch. Consistent with the LTPP, SDG&E has pursued a sales strategy that optimizes portfolio value and ratepayer benefit. In Q1, SDG&E made sales at then-current market prices. SDG&E will make sales to avoid congestion risk, monetize premium prices at trading locations, or at prices above the incremental cost of generation. From time to time, SDG&E may make sales that appear to be below the cost of the marginal generating unit. This is because when considering the cost associated with a unit shutdown and next-day start-up, the overall most cost-effective and least-cost dispatch decision was to carry the particular unit and sell the energy in the bilateral market at below the cost to generate and have the unit available to meet next-day expected demand.

SDG&E's market energy purchases and sales, including non-standard transactions, are included in Attachment C, *Q1 2013 Electric Transactions*. This attachment includes a comparison of SDG&E's non-standard transactions with the CAISO's IFM settled prices.

Please note the following regarding the comparison of: (1) the notional value of non-standard over-the-counter (OTC) transactions executed by SDG&E during Q1; and (2) the pricing of similar products subsequently transacted in the applicable CAISO markets:

- The non-standard transactions in the comparison include all physical and financial electric deals reported in the QCR in Confidential Attachment C that were not listed as standard day-ahead on-peak or off-peak products.

- DA OTC deals were compared with CAISO IFM hourly prices for the same OTC delivery hours using comparable delivery locations.
- Hour-ahead OTC deals were compared with CAISO real-time market (RTM) prices for the same delivery hours using comparable delivery locations.
- These after-the-fact comparisons are provided for illustrative and informational purposes only. Public Utilities Code section 454.5(d)(2) requires that the Commission “[e]liminate the need for after-the-fact reasonableness reviews of an electrical corporation’s actions in compliance with an approved procurement plan.” To that end, section 454.5(b)(7) requires that a procurement plan include “upfront standards and criteria by which the acceptability and eligibility for rate recovery of a proposed procurement transaction will be known by the electrical corporation **prior to execution of the transaction.**” (emphasis added)
- Accordingly, comparisons of SDG&E’s executed over-the-counter transactions to transactions that occurred after-the-fact may not be used to determine whether SDG&E’s transactions complied with SDG&E’s Commission approved AB 57 Procurement Plan.
- These cost comparisons ignore relevant market information known to traders at the time of OTC execution (e.g., knowledge of transmission constraints at a particular delivery location).

### **Locational Swaps**

Locational Swaps are transactions in which SDG&E sells energy at one delivery point and purchases the same amount of energy at another delivery point for the same time period, usually with different counterparties. Swaps benefit SDG&E by helping to

avoid congestion charges, reducing delivery cost to its load and/or monetizing transmission rights between two points.

### **Financial Swaps**

The physical power market inside of the CAISO has become fairly illiquid. As a result, SDG&E will also execute financial power swaps, which are much more actively traded than physical transactions in the CAISO. SDG&E's execution of these swaps conforms to its LTPP. These swaps are financially settled against the IFM. With the structure of the CAISO market, SDG&E's exposure is to the day-ahead and/or real time market clearing prices. Since the CAISO now has the responsibility for matching demand with supply, SDG&E can reduce its exposure to CAISO IFM prices just as effectively with financial swaps as with physical trades. The economic decision to buy or sell is the same for financial products as for physical products described above. SDG&E monitors both physical and financial prices, and will select the product(s) that provide the best price for SDG&E's customers.

A further benefit to using financial swaps is that financial swaps can be cleared through ICE. This reduces potential credit problems since ICE acts as a clearing house with established margining provisions.

## *b) Natural Gas*

### *Description of Procurement Processes*

The approved procurement processes used during Q1 were as follows:

- Bilateral Contracts - description can be found on sheet 46 of the LTPP.
- Voice brokers and Exchanges - description can be found on sheet 47 of the LTPP.

### *Justification for Procurement Processes*

*For competitive solicitations, describe the process used to rank offers and select winning bid(s).*

SDG&E did not execute any transactions for natural gas as the result of competitive solicitations in Q1.

*For other transactional methods, provide the documentation supporting the selection of the chosen products.*

Gas transactions are made in order to supply gas, manage imbalances, and reduce price risk for the SDG&E-controlled gas fired power plants. The physical gas products SDG&E transacted in Q1 were: (1) Baseload Gas; (2) Swing Gas; (3) Operational Gas; and (4) Financial Hedges. The details of these transactions can be found in confidential Attachment A, and a summary of the transactions can be found in confidential Attachment D, *Q1 2013 Gas Transactions*.

For all of the above products, as with the electric products, SDG&E traders monitor voice brokers, electronic exchanges, and bilateral offers from counterparties, transacting at the best available price.

### **Baseload Gas**

SDG&E baseloads part of its gas requirements as forecasted by FEA and PCI for generation which serves SDG&E customer load. Purchasing baseload gas assures that



the major portion of gas to be used to serve bundled customers remains hedged after financial hedges expire, a few days prior to the delivery month.

### **Swing Gas**

SDG&E expects to meet the balance of its physical gas requirements throughout the month in the spot market at prevailing prices. These are purchases or sales made during normal trading hours to meet the daily expected gas requirement at the plants.

### **Operational Gas Trades**

Operational gas trades are trades to manage operational factors such as real-time dispatch and pipeline imbalances. Most operational trades occur during cycles 2 through 4 or late in cycle 1, where market liquidity is lower than cycle 1 trading. These trades were made for changes in operations that could potentially lead to penalties for operational flow orders (OFOs) or imbalances, or where the real-time economic dispatch of the generation units, taking into consideration the gas expense, warranted the trade. The price for operational gas prices are accounted for in calculating generation cost at the dispatchable power plants (gas costs there will be discounted for electric dispatch purposes by any anticipated operational premium on that gas, if it were not consumed at the plant). Because these trades typically occur after normal time periods for trading activity, operational gas trades are usually transacted bilaterally.

SDG&E often needs to execute operational gas trades, because day-ahead generation schedules are not known until after the day-ahead IFM market is published by the CAISO, which is after the cycle one scheduling deadline.

## **Financial Hedges**

Financial hedges were made to reduce portfolio open positions or to close out previously executed financial hedges. Forward open positions are based on the volumes produced by SDG&E's FEA model. In Q1, the financial hedges transacted by SDG&E were futures, fixed price swaps, fixed price futures, basis swaps, basis futures, and call options.

The purpose of hedging is to add price stability and act as a hedge against adverse market price movements for the ratepayer. The deals were transacted based on market prices at the time of the transaction, and any price movements that occur after the execution of a term trade cannot be known at the time of purchase. Therefore, comparison of forward hedges to settlement prices does not provide meaningful information or comparison.

### *c) Other Commodities*

#### *Description of Procurement Processes*

The approved procurement processes used during Q1 were as follows:

- CRR Monthly Allocation - Description can be found on sheet 42-43 of the LTPP.
- Bilateral
- Bidding for Posted Pipeline Capacity - Description can be found on sheet 42-43 of the LTPP.
- Convergence Bids - Description can be found on sheet 36-37 of the LTPP.
- Auctions (GHG Allowances) - Description can be found on sheet 24 of the LTPP.

### *Justification for Procurement Processes*

*For competitive solicitations, describe the process used to rank offers and select winning bid(s).*

During Q1 SDG&E SDG&E did not execute any transactions for other commodities via an RFO.

*For other transactional methods, provide the documentation supporting the selection of the chosen products.*

#### **Congestion Revenue Rights (CRRs)**

During Q1, CRR activity was limited to February, March and April 2013 monthly processes.

SDG&E submitted its February nominations for the two allocation rounds on January 11 and January 17, 2013. The monthly auction was held on January 24 through January 25, 2013. A global de-rate factor of 15% was applied to the allocation and auction process by the CAISO. The nomination limit for the first and second allocation rounds are the monthly limits less previously awarded CRRs.

March 2013 nominations for the two allocation rounds were submitted on February 8 and February 14, 2013, and the auction was conducted on February 21 through February 22. A global de-rate factor of 15% was applied to the allocation and auction process by the CAISO. The nomination limit for the first and second allocation rounds are the monthly limits less previously awarded CRRs.

April 2013 nominations for the two allocation rounds were submitted on March 12 and March 18, 2013, and the auction was conducted from March 22 to March 25, 2013. A global de-rate factor of 15% was applied to the allocation and auction process by the CAISO. The nomination limit for the first and second allocation rounds are the monthly limits less previously awarded CRRs.

A further description of the CRRs that SDG&E procured can be found in Attachment E.

### **Resource Adequacy (RA)**

SDG&E executed two bi-lateral RA transactions in Q1 2013. A description of the transactions can be found in Attachment E, and the details can be found in Attachment H.

### **Pipeline Capacity**

SDG&E monitors pipelines for capacity releases. When capacity is available SDG&E will value it according to pricing spreads and place bids at appropriate levels according to its valuation. In Q1, SDG&E successfully bid on capacity. The details of the transactions are included in Attachment H.

### **Convergence Bids**

A convergence bid (also known as a virtual bid) is not backed by any physical generation or load, and therefore is completely financial. Convergence bidding allows market participants to arbitrage expected price differences between the Day-Ahead and Real-Time markets. Using convergence bids, market participants can sell (buy) energy in the Day-Ahead market, with the explicit requirement to buy (sell) that energy back in the Real-Time market without intending to physically consume or produce energy in Real-Time. Convergence bids that clear the Day-Ahead market will either earn, or lose, the difference between the Day-Ahead and Real-Time market prices at a specified node multiplied by the megawatt volume of their bids.

SDG&E has been an active participant in convergence bidding since its inception, and uses three possible strategies. The first convergence bidding strategy allows SDG&E to use convergence bids to hedge risks associated with generation outage and load

uncertainty. The second convergence bidding strategy allows SDG&E to use convergence bids to hedge against uncertainty regarding renewable generation scheduling. The third strategy allows SDG&E to guard against market manipulation that can impact wholesale electricity prices. These three strategies allow SDG&E to take measures that will benefit ratepayers by mitigating market price volatility and improving the pricing of renewable resources in the CAISO's day-ahead market. Previously, convergence bids were reported through a separate report, but D.10-12-034 requires that convergence bidding information be reported in the Quarterly Compliance Report filings beginning with the Q1 2012 filings. The summary of SDG&E's Convergence Bids can be found in confidential *Attachment P Convergence Bids*.

## **GHG**

On January 1, 2013, The California Air Resource Board (CARB) started a GHG emissions allowance cap-and-trade system, with compliance obligations in the electricity sector applicable to "first deliverers of electricity." The regulation requires that first deliverers of electricity, except publicly-owned utilities, purchase all of the allowances and offsets required to meet their compliance obligations cap-and-trade system.

In Q1 2013, SDG&E started procurement of GHG compliance products by participating in CARB's GHG auction. SDG&E's procurement plan for GHG products is described in Appendix F of SDG&E's current LTPP. The details of SDG&E's procurement transactions from Q1 can be found in *Attachment Q GHG Deals*.

#### **4. Explanation/justification for the timing of the transactions.**

Throughout Q1, SDG&E attempted to enter into electric transactions needed to match forecast supply and demand ahead of the deadline for submitting final hour-ahead schedules to the CAISO. This objective was achieved by gradually reducing the forecasted open (*i.e.*, short or long) energy positions through the use of term, day-ahead, and hour-ahead transactions, etc., employing both standard and non-standard products. When selecting electric transactions to match forecast supply and demand, the best-priced bids/offers were selected first (merit-order selection) among those available for the required products at the time of the transaction, subject to credit and other limitations and operational constraints. Such operational constraints include the local area reliability requirements of the CAISO, as set forth in D.04-07-028.

The timing of gas transactions was largely driven by the requirement to ensure that the delivery of fuel to the gas-fired electric facilities managed by SDG&E matched such facilities' forecast burn, and to reduce exposure to the spot gas price.

Further explanation of the timing of SDG&E's transactions can be found in confidential Attachment N, *Q1 2013 Transaction Timing*.

#### **5. Discussion of the system load requirements/conditions underlying the need for the Quarter's transactions.**

Discussion of the monthly system conditions is included in confidential Attachment J, *Q1 2013 Load Requirements and Conditions*.

**6. Discussion of how the quarter's transactions meet the goals of the risk management strategy reflected in the Plan.**

The goal of the LTPP's risk strategy is to produce stable rates by managing the portfolio's open position such that overall procurement costs do not exceed the baseline forecast of total procurement costs by more than the Consumer Risk Tolerance (CRT). Toward that end, SDG&E monitors the risk associated with market price movements and its effect on the remaining open position and CRT. SDG&E's Risk Strategy is detailed in its LTPP. SDG&E may, after considering its overall hedge position and market condition, further increase or reduce its hedges as necessary in an attempt to mitigate the metric position(s).

Throughout Q1, SDG&E executed transactions in accordance with its risk management strategy and LTPP. SDG&E briefed the PRG on its open position and CRT. This information is included in the PRG briefing packages in confidential Attachment F. To the extent there were any notifications to the PRG of one of the metric triggers, the notifications are included in Attachment K, *Q1 2013 Risk Management Communication*.

**7. Copy of each contract.**

A list of contracts over three months executed and/or modified by SDG&E during Q1 is included in confidential Attachment H, along with references to the workpapers containing the contracts.

**8. The valuation results for the contract(s) (for contracts of three months or greater duration).**

SDG&E provides the valuation results for the contracts filed via this QCR in Attachment H, *Q1 2013 New Contracts Executed and Amended*, with details of the valuation method contained in the workpapers.

**9. An electronic copy of any data or forecasts used to analyze the transactions.**

SDG&E relies on a number of information sources to assess and make trading decisions. SDG&E has purchased licenses and subscriptions for the data services listed in the categories below. The Commission is familiar with these information sources and subscribes to many of the same services used by SDG&E. Due to their large quantity, copyright restrictions, and relatively short-lived usefulness (*e.g.*, weather forecasts, spot price and market data), electronic copies of these information sources have not been included. SDG&E will provide samples of any of the sources used to analyze transactions upon Commission request, to the extent that it is permitted to do so under its license agreement(s) with the relevant provider(s).

- *Gas Daily* – Gas industry news and daily price data
- *Megawatt Daily* – Power industry news and daily price data
- Reuters – Live market price data
- Bloomberg – Live market price data
- Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) – Live market price data
- Tullett Liberty – Forward price data
- CMEGroup.com – Gas futures and basis price data



- CAISO – State-wide load forecasts, unit curtailments, transmission capacity availability; energy prices

### ***WEATHER FORECASTS***

- MDA Weather Services – Weather data and forecast

### **10. Provide a reasonable number of analyses requested by the Commission or the Procurement Review Group (PRG) and provide the resulting outputs.**

There were no follow up analyses requested by the Commission during Q1.

### **11. Any other information sought by the Commission under the Public Utilities Code.**

The Commission has not sought any further information pertaining to the transactions executed during Q1.

### **Additional Reporting Requirement Pursuant To Decision 07-01-039**

As required by Ordering Paragraph 12 of D.07-01-039, SDG&E has included in confidential Attachment I, *Summary of Retained Generation Investments*, investments in retained generation that were completed during Q1, as well as any multiple contracts of less than five years with the “same supplier, resource or facility.” (See confidential Attachment I at Section 5.1, p. 152).

Below is a list of all attachments and workpapers submitted with this report.

<b>Description</b>	<b>File/Attachment Name</b>	<b>Attachment / Workpaper</b>
Gas transactions detail	Q1 2013 Transactions - Gas.xls	A
Electric transactions detail	Q1 2013 Transactions - Electric.xls	A
Counterparties - Top ten and Non-investment grade (includes embedded collateral agreements)	Q1 2013 Counterparty Information.xls	B
Electric transaction summary	Q1 2013 Electric Transactions.xls	C
Gas transaction summary	Q1 2013 Gas Transactions.xls	D
Description of other transactions	Q1 2013 Other Transactions.docx	E
PRG briefing presentation	CONFIDENTIAL SDGE PRG 1.18.13.pptx	F
PRG briefing presentation	CONFIDENTIAL PRG Supporting Slides 1.18.13.pptx	F
PRG briefing presentation	CONFIDENTIAL SDGE PRG 2.15.13.pptx	F
PRG briefing presentation	Supplemental SDGE PRG RAM.pptx	F
PRG briefing presentation	CONFIDENTIAL SDGE PRG 3 15 13.pptx	F
PRG briefing presentation	CONFIDENTIAL SDGE PRG 3 15 13 SUPPLEMENTAL.pptx	F
PRG briefing presentation	Biogas Presentation SDG&E.pptx	F
PRG briefing presentation	SDG&E's PRG- KRGT_RRI Summer 2013 Capacity Release.pptx	F
RA Filing Highlights	Mar Monthly RA Summary.xlsx	F
RA Filing Highlights	April Monthly RA Summary.xlsx	F
RA Filing Highlights	May Monthly RA Summary.xlsx	F
Hedge Plan	Q113 Hedge Plan.pptx	F
Independent Evaluator Reports	Q1 2013 Independent Evaluator Report (Attachment G).docx	G
List of New Contracts Executed and Amended	Q1 2013_New Contracts Executed and Amended.docx	H
List of URG Investments & Multiple Contracts of Less than 5 years	Q1 2013 Summary of URG Investments.docx	I
Write-up on Load Requirements and Conditions	Q1 2013 Load Requirements and Conditions.docx	J
List of Risk Management Communication	Q1 2013 Risk Management Communication.xls	K
Write-up on Description of Models	Q1 2013 Description of Models.doc	L
Description of the FEA-based model	FEA-based model.doc	L
Description of the PCI GenTrader system	PCI GenTrader.pdf	L
List of Transactions Subject to Strong Showing	Q1 2013 Transactions Subject to Strong Showing (Attachment M).docx	M
Write-up on Timing of Transactions	Timing of Q1 2013 Transactions.docx	N
Summary of CAISO Day Ahead Market Transactions	Q1 2013 Purchases and Sales in IFM.xlsx	O
Summary of Convergence Bidding	Att P_Convergence Bidding_Q1-2013.xlsx	P
GHG transactions detail	Q1 2013 GHG Deals.xlsx	Q