

**A.17-01-013, et al.**  
**2018-2025 EE Rolling Portfolio Business Plan**  
**FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO**  
**SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
**BY**  
**THE COALITION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY**  
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**Question 3**  
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3. Please explain the basis for SDG&E’s assertion that connecting disadvantaged workers to job and career pathways is out of the scope of the energy efficiency programs.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> SDG&E 2018-2025 Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolio Business Plan, Appendix F External Stakeholder Observations, ID #075.

**SDG&E Response:**

The primary goal and focus of energy efficiency programs is to achieve cost-effective energy savings. SDG&E acknowledges that SB 350 could address “connecting disadvantaged workers to job and career pathways,” such as through Sec 25943(c), which states:

In developing the requirements for the program specified in subdivision (a), the commission shall consider all of the following:

(7) A broad range of implementation approaches, including both utility and nonutility administration of energy efficiency programs, especially the use of not-for-profit and community-based organizations that assist with deployment in disadvantaged communities identified pursuant to Section 39711 of the Health and Safety Code.

(8) Workforce development and job training for residents in disadvantaged communities, including veterans, at-risk youth, and members of the state and local community conservation corps.

SDG&E will work with the CEC and other stakeholders to determine how best to implement these considerations to achieve cost-effective EE savings.

While the Strategic Plan outlines goals in developing a plan to serve disadvantaged communities as energy consumers and the workforce in general, it states, “It is not the core mission of utilities to effectuate the level of change needed to create a comprehensive Workforce Education and Training (WE&T) program, nor can ratepayers fully fund the effort.”<sup>1</sup>

In fact, the Strategic Plan acknowledges and identifies other institutions and organizations that are responsible for providing energy efficiency WE&T resources including education institutions, government, community-based and non-profit organizations, and industry and labor organizations.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Section 9 at 70-71.

<sup>2</sup> Id. At 71.