

QUESTIONS ON C4BES
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
(DATA REQUEST CALPA-SCG-051719)
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QUESTION 1:

Did SoCalGas use any ratepayer funding to support the founding and launch of Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES)? If yes,

- a. Please give a full accounting of all ratepayer funding sources.
- b. Please give a full accounting of how any ratepayer funds were used.

RESPONSE 1:

Ratepayer funds have not been used to support the founding or launch of Californians for Balanced Energy Solutions (C4BES).

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QUESTION 2:

Does SoCalGas continue to use any ratepayer funding to support C4BES? If yes,
a. Please give a full accounting of all ratepayer funding sources.
b. Please give a full accounting of how any ratepayer funds were used.

RESPONSE 2:

Ratepayer funds are not used to support C4BES.

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QUESTION 3:

Please provide accounting of all SoCalGas staff who spent work hours on the founding, launch, and continued activities of C4BES.

- a. List all names of SoCalGas staff who spent work hours on C4BES activities.
- b. Provide an estimate of the number of hours spent on C4BES activities by each staff member listed in Question 3b.
- c. Provide the funding source(s) for all staff time, including specification of ratepayer or shareholder funding and the account the time was booked to (balancing account, shareholder account, GRC line item, etc.).

RESPONSE 3:

a. George Minter, Regional Vice President, External Affairs and Environmental Strategy; Ken Chawkins, Public Policy Manager.

b. ~~For purposes of this response, "C4BES-related activities" refers to the "founding, launch, and continued activities of C4BES," as queried in the question. From August 1, 2018—December 31, 2018, George Minter spent approximately 2.5% of his time on C4BES-related activities, and Ken Chawkins spent approximately 10% of his time on C4BES-related activities. In 2019, through the date of this response, George Minter spent approximately 3 hours on C4BES-related activities, and Ken Chawkins spent approximately 10% of his time on C4BES-related activities~~ See response to 3.c below.

c. ~~The above-described time is~~ SoCalGas determined that, in order to prevent further distraction from the important issues in R. 19-01-011, *Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Building Decarbonization*, that all of George Minter's and Ken Chawkins's time from May 1, 2018 through the present would be shareholder funded (i.e., ~~it is~~ this time is booked to a distinct invoice/order (I/O) that is not ratepayer funded).

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QUESTION 4:

Please provide all invoices and contracts to which SoCal Gas is a party for work which relates to the creation or support of C4BES. These include, but are not limited to contracts and invoices related to:

- a. Retention of **Imprenta Communications** in developing C4BES objectives and talking points.
- b. Compensation provided to C4BES board member Matt Rahn.

RESPONSE 4:

The attachments include Confidential and Protected Material pursuant to PUC Section 583, GO 66-D, D.17-09-023, and the accompanying declaration.

a. SoCalGas does not have a direct contractual relationship with **Imprenta Communications** pertaining to C4BES. SoCalGas has a contractual relationship with **Marathon Communications Incorporated**, who contracts with **Imprenta Communications**. See the folder "Response 4A_Confidential Information" for responsive invoices through May 31, 2019 and underlying contract, as amended from time to time. **Marathon Communications Incorporated** has performed and continues to perform routine services for SoCalGas outside of those performed with respect to C4BES. Work for C4BES was never intended to be ratepayer funded; thus, the invoices had previously been allocated between ratepayer and shareholder funding. SoCalGas recently determined that, in order to prevent further distraction from the important issues in R. 19-01-011, Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Building Decarbonization, none of these invoices would be subject to ratepayer funding. For sake of clarity, all work done pursuant to the contracts provided herein is paid for by shareholders. To account for all the work done on behalf of C4BES, fifty-percent of each invoice is booked to the invoice/order referenced in the response to Question 3.c above, i.e., fifty-percent of each responsive invoice is not ratepayer funded.

b. Matt Rahn volunteers his time as C4BES' Chair. Neither Rahn nor the organizations with which he is affiliated have received any funding from SoCalGas as compensation for his work with C4BES.

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QUESTION 5:

For each invoice and contract provided in response to Question 5, identify:

- a. Whether ratepayer or shareholder funded (and proportions if necessary)
- b. The funding source used (e.g. GRC funds, specific balancing accounts, etc.).

RESPONSE 5:

SoCalGas interprets the question to refer to the documents and responses provided in response to Question 4 (rather than Question 5). With the following understanding, SoCalGas responds as follows:

~~a. As noted in response to Question 4 above, the invoices provided reflect both routine work done for SoCalGas as well as some work done on behalf of C4BES. As such, in order to fully account for the work done for C4BES, fifty percent of each invoice is funded by shareholders as described in response to Question 3.c. The remaining fifty percent of each invoice is funded as described in response to Question 5.b.~~

a. SoCalGas recently determined that, in order to prevent further distraction from the important issues in R. 19-01-011, *Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Building Decarbonization*, none of these invoices or other work performed under the contracts provided in response to Question 4 would be subject to ratepayer funding. For sake of clarity, all work done pursuant to the contracts provided in response to Question 4 is paid for by shareholders.

b. The ratepayer-funded portion of each invoice is billed to the internal Cost Center 2200-2441 in SoCalGas' General Rate Case. funding source is the distinct shareholder-funded I/O described in response to Question 3.c.