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FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS TO
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4. Please explain the basis for SDG&E's assertion that workforce development and job creation are not components of the workforce education and training ("WE&T") program.²

² SDG&E 2018-2025 Energy Efficiency Rolling Portfolio Business Plan, Appendix F External Stakeholder Observations, ID #075.

SDG&E Response:

The mission for SDG&E's WE&T program is to facilitate, support and provide subject matter expertise for the transfer of energy efficiency knowledge and skills to the industry across all sectors, balancing the needs of the state, customers and community. According to the California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan, Workforce Education and Training should focus on educating and training people to perform the jobs needed to reach California's clean energy goals and to establish energy efficiency education and training at all levels of California's educational systems. Additionally, WE&T should ensure that minority, low income and disadvantage communities fully participate in training and education programs at all levels of the demand side management and energy efficiency industry.

SDG&E's WE&T program offers energy efficiency education and training to incumbent and potential workers and customers interested in the HVAC, Lighting, and Home Performance industries to recognize and act on opportunities to save energy.

SDG&E's WE&T program has collaborated with organizations who provide (1) robust workforce development services (such as remedial education, i.e., Math, English, etc./ soft skills/support services/etc) and (2) job creation/placement (such as Goodwill Industries to target residents in disadvantaged communities and sponsor energy efficiency sales certificate programs, Urban Corps to offer educational hands-on training, Job Corps to provide culinary students with the opportunity to be a chef's assistant, and the San Diego Workforce Partnership to offer trainings and certification programs).

SDG&E proposes to continue inclusion efforts to educate participants from disadvantaged communities and has proposed a new statewide Career and Workforce Readiness (CWR) program with workforce investment boards, community-based organizations, and job-training organizations as potential strategic partners.

However, workforce development and job creation activities are not core functions of EE programs because other organizations and agencies receive tax payer funds to provide these services - it would not be in the best interest of rate payers to duplicate services.