

RTR Appendix

Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Gas, and San Diego Gas and Electric (“Joint Utilities” or “Joint IOUs”) developed Responses to Recommendations (RTR) contained in the evaluation studies of the 2013-2015 Energy Efficiency Program Cycle. This Appendix contains the Responses to Recommendations in the report:

RTR for the PY 2013-2014 Local Government Partnerships Value and Effectiveness Study Final Report (Opinion Dynamics Corporation, Calmac ID #CPU0115.01, ED WO #ED_I_LnR_1)

The RTR reports demonstrate the Joint Utilities’ plans and activities to incorporate EM&V evaluation recommendations into programs to improve performance and operations, where applicable. The Joint IOUs’ approach is consistent with the 2013-2016 Energy Division-Investor Owned Utility Energy Efficiency Evaluation, Measurement and Verification (EM&V) Plan¹ and CPUC Decision (D.) 07-09-043².

Individual RTR reports consist of a spreadsheet for each evaluation study. Recommendations were copied verbatim from each evaluation’s “Recommendations” section.³ In cases where reports do not contain a section for recommendations, the Joint IOUs attempted to identify recommendations contained within the evaluation. Responses to the recommendations were made on a statewide basis when possible, and when that was not appropriate (e.g., due to utility-specific recommendations), the Joint IOUs responded individually and clearly indicated the authorship of the response.

The Joint IOUs are proud of this opportunity to publicly demonstrate how programs are taking advantage of evaluation recommendations, while providing transparency to stakeholders on the “positive feedback loop” between program design, implementation, and evaluation. This feedback loop can also provide guidance to the evaluation community on the types and structure of recommendations that are most relevant and helpful to program managers. The Joint IOUs believe this feedback will help improve both programs and future evaluation reports.

¹ Page 336, “Within 60 days of public release of a final report, the program administrators will respond in writing to the final report findings and recommendations indicating what action, if any, will be taken as a result of study findings. The IOU responses will be posted on the public document website.” The Plan is available at <http://www.energydataweb.com/cpuc>.

² Attachment 7, page 4, “Within 60 days of public release, program administrators will respond in writing to the final report findings and recommendations indicating what action, if any, will be taken as a result of study findings as they relate to potential changes to the programs. Energy Division can choose to extend the 60 day limit if the administrator presents a compelling case that more time is needed and the delay will not cause any problems in the implementation schedule, and may shorten the time on a case-by-case basis if necessary to avoid delays in the schedule.”

³ Recommendations may have also been made to the CPUC, the CEC, and evaluators. Responses to these recommendations will be made by Energy Division at a later time and posted separately.

Response to Recommendations (RTR) in Impact, Process, and Market Assessment Studies

Study Title: PY 2013-2014 Local Government Partnerships Value and Effectiveness Study Final Report

Program: Local Government Partnerships

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Item #	Page #	Findings	Best Practice / Recommendations	Recommendation Recipient	Energy Division Appraisal (How ED receives the IOU dispositions to the consultant recommendations)	PG&E (if applicable)		SCE (if applicable)		SCG (if applicable)		SDG&E (if applicable)	
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Appraisal for RTR 1:						Approve for PG&E, SCE, SCG, and SDG&E							
1	67	The LGs specifically mentioned a desire to better understand the Strategic Plan Project funding process and criteria.	The IOUs should increase transparency of the funding process for Strategic Plan Projects.	All IOUs	Energy Division staff recognizes that staff at the IOUs have considered this issue and are working toward a tangible near-term solution. Energy Division staff views the IOUs' mandate to move toward more consistent treatment of their LGPs statewide as an opportunity to engage their partners to best implement appropriate changes for simplicity and transparency. The IOUs have an opportunity before them in 2017 to perfect the Strategic Plan project process by improving LG understanding of opportunities, expectations surrounding compliance, and program optimization and innovation.	Accepted	PG&E will continue its efforts to ensure LGs understand the funding process and criteria for Strategic Plan Projects through 1) on-going training (through webinars and 1-on-1 assistance) to ensure robust understanding of PG&E's Strategic Plan Strategic Energy Resources (SER) Guide developed in 2015; 2) direct support with developing and managing scopes of work and associated budgets through PG&E's recently created Local Government Energy Efficiency Segment Lead (Brendan Havenar-Daughton). In recognition of the CPUC's recent call for more consistency of LGP treatment, program design, and opportunity across the IOU territories, PG&E is actively exploring SCE's tiered model to identify best practices that can be incorporated into PG&E Strategic Plan approach.	Accepted	SCE has worked with key stakeholders, including partners and CPUC Energy division, to simplify the award of Strategic Plan funding and vet the new process with Partners and CPUC Energy Division. The new process, to be rolled out in 2017, will be transparent and uniformly applied.	Accepted	SCG works with our partners to identify their Strategic Plan budgets. The Strategic Plan funding process and criteria process could be improved when it comes to joint IOU Strategic Plan activity. Therefore in 2016-2017 SoCalGas will be working with SCE and our partners to include gas into SCE's new Strategic Plan process which will be more transparent and uniformly applied.	Other	SDG&E works closely with Partners during the contracting process to create a robust Scope of Work. Over the course of the 5-year (2016-2020) LGP contract period, we work alongside our Partners to ensure activities are in line with the SOW and Strategic Plan. It is important to note that SDG&E's LGP Strategic Plan activities are defined, and have budgets set, in the 5-year LGP Scope of Work rather than in project-by-project approvals. This allows LGPs to plan and execute long-term SP activities. A result of this close coordination in developing and carrying out the scope is that the Partners are well-informed on the funding process. Additionally, a revised invoicing and budget

													reporting process provides complete transparency to Partners. If our local governments have specific recommendations on how this can be improved, we are happy to work with them.
ED Appraisal for RTR 2: Approve for PG&E, SCE, SCG, and SDG&E													
2	67	The largest barriers to Strategic Plan Project completion are 1) a lack of subject-matter expertise (SME), and 2) technical support for projects. While the IOUs generally provide this service directly to LGs, there remains an unmet need for greater access to technical staff and resources.	The IOUs should find ways to connect local governments to additional technical resources within the IOUs.	All IOUs	Energy Division staff recognizes that staff at the IOUs have considered this issue and are working toward a tangible near-term solution. Energy Division staff views the IOUs' mandate to move toward more consistent treatment of their LGPs statewide as an opportunity to engage their partners to improve understanding of the SP program and make appropriate changes for simplicity and transparency. SDG&E makes a special request for the consultant evaluator to reveal the identity or characteristics of an interview subject. The consultant declined to do so, citing confidentiality and EM&V generally-accepted practices.	Accepted	In recognition that LGs have varying levels of capacity to support Strategic Plan work and that gaps have historically existed across PG&E's diverse LGs, PG&E continues to expand support to LGs for Strategic Plan efforts through two main forms of technical assistance: 1) PG&E Staff: direct support from PG&E staff including Community Energy Managers (leverage robust data analysis tools to directly support LGs through strategic data) and Local Government Energy Efficiency Segment Lead (dedicated resource within PG&E to support local governments with implementing energy efficiency and Strategic Plan projects); and 2) Technical Assistance Service Providers: PG&E has established contracts with multiple service providers/vendors to directly support LGs with implementing Strategic Plan projects. For example, in the East Bay, PG&E has a contract with the Community Energy Services Corporation to deliver Strategic Plan	Accepted	SCE has worked with key stakeholders, including partners and CPUC Energy Division, to develop a new Strategic Plan process to shorten award times and simplify the process for Partners that wish to pursue SP work. This proposed new process, once implemented, would allow for a LG to retain a pre-screened and qualified vendor to complete approved Strategic Plan work. SCE expects to undertake a RFP in early 2017 that would create a roster of pre-qualified Strategic Plan vendors capable of providing appropriate technical assistance and subject matter expertise for the partners. Additionally, SCE will assist Partners with identifying and assist with pursuing alternative funding sources to support their Strategic Plan project needs.	Accepted	SCG works actively to provide LGPs with technical support resources as well as training opportunities that are applicable to LGPs. SCG highlights technical training opportunities and resources to partners at All Partner meetings such as Title 24 Updates, Emerging Technologies, Savings By Design, Trade Pro, and Cap & Trade to name a few. Additionally SCG has provided training opportunities through SCG's Energy Resource Center, Workforce Education and Training program, including Title 24 and other relevant sessions and in some cases offered regional training for their Partnerships based on their needs. SCG also provides technical assistance with identifying potential energy efficiency retrofits. Because the recommendation stemmed from concerns voiced by only two LG's, SoCalGas will conduct more detailed queries on the types of technical and subject matter expertise	Other	SDG&E works actively to provide LGPs with technical support resources. SDG&E also highlights training opportunities that are applicable to LGPs. For example, recently all Local Government Partners attended the SDG&E LGP Quarterly All-Hands session to learn about topics ranging from energy efficiency funding and allowable expenses, to climate action planning in the San Diego region. Additionally, SDG&E provides regular updates to partners with targeted training opportunities being offered through the SDG&E Energy Innovation Center Workforce Education and Training program, including Title 24 and other relevant sessions. SDG&E also provides technical assistance with identifying potential energy efficiency retrofits. For example, the County of San Diego recently underwent several assessments through the SDG&E Energy Assessment & Solutions program, including one of their

							technical support to LGs in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Another example is in City of San Francisco where PG&E has a contract with CLEAResult to support SF Environment's Strategic Plan work. PG&E will continue to expand its pool of technical service providers as needed.				needed by the LGs. In 2016-2017 SoCalGas will be working with SCE to add gas measures into their new Strategic Plan process. SoCalGas will continue to support partners in identifying and pursuing alternative funding sources.		operations complexes as well as several juvenile detention centers that required targeted audit support. We note that Table 39 shows that only two LGPs made the request for more technical support/training. SDG&E requests that the evaluator ask those two LGPs for permission to allow the evaluator to identify them to their own utility so that their needs could be better met. Barring that, please identify which IOU these two LGPs were in, as that should not pose confidentiality concerns.
ED Appraisal for RTR 3: Approve for PG&E, SCE, SCG, and SDG&E													
3	67	The IOUs are less effective in providing broad types of information to the LGP Implementers as the LGP Implementers suggested they would like to know more about other IOU efforts that support CEESP-related activities. LGP Implementers were also interested in additional opportunities for sharing of best practices.	The IOUs should improve communication with LGP Implementers around broad topics.	All IOUs	In 2016, ED elevated as a high priority knowledge transfer across the IOU territories and by way of peer-to-peer sharing and IOU-LGP exchanges. Additional new opportunities for LGs to expand their horizons and impact the regulatory process include the CAEECC and ED-supported oversight and capacity-building forums such as the Stag (LG EM&V Stakeholder Advisory Group). ED's move came as a result of early and incomplete understanding of how engagement builds capacity, but with a growing list of encouraging examples that suggest a positive correlation.	Accepted	As part of its proposed Strategic Plan and LGP program changes for 2017 and 2018, PG&E anticipates a ramp up in the already large number of LGP-targeted engagement opportunities. One of most valuable resources available to LGP Implementers/Partners to learn more about other LGP Implementers'/ Partners' Strategic Plan efforts is the recently developed Strategic Plan Best Practices Summary Report developed by each IOU at the request of the CPUC. This document provides a thorough account of the successes and lessons learned from each completed Strategic Plan activity over the last few years. PG&E will continue to actively share content from this report	Accepted	SCE has vetted proposed strategic plan revisions with partners, implementers, and other IOUs. A webinar was held with all stakeholders on March 24th with feedback incorporated into Strategic Plan revisions. SCE also presented on its revised Strategic Plan project selection process to stakeholders at the SEEC Forum in June. SCE has had several phone calls with other IOUs, specifically SoCalGas, to discuss program changes. SCE has developed a Strategic Plan Best Practices document for both 2010-2012 and 2013-2014 Strategic Plan work to highlight some success stories. Lastly, SCE conducted an additional stakeholder presentation to review	Accepted	SCG implements CEESP (Strategic Plan) activities jointly with SCE and PG&E. SCG holds annual All Partner as well as monthly Partnership meetings where experts are invited to give presentations on topics that would be of value to LGPs. For example in 2015, SCG secured subject matter experts that discussed topics such as Energy Data Reporting Portal (EDRP) which included information on the CPUC privacy and data access decision, as well as the Rolling Portfolio Decision, and an overview of Partnership Dashboards during our SoCalGas/SCE All Partners meeting. Recently SoCalGas has shared with all of our partners information on the Coordinating Committee,	Other	SDG&E holds, and will continue to hold, quarterly All-Partner meetings where experts are invited to give presentations. For example in 2015, SDG&E provided subject matter experts at quarterly meetings that discussed topics such as energy and gas rates, CPUC public process for Business Planning, energy efficiency portfolio funding mechanism, SDG&E residential and non-residential EE programs overview, electric vehicle programs, navigating the CPUC privacy and data access decision, and the newly created SDG&E online Community Energy Dashboard. We are in the process of identifying Best Practices. We will work with the new SEEC

				<p>Thus, ED believes it sees demonstrated results showing that LG capacity-building curves trend upward sharply for those partnerships that are engaged within the broader EE community in meaningful way.</p> <p>The IOUs' RIA-conducted LGP study, which has concluded, recognized this tendency also and lent some additional credence to the notion. The RIA study made special mention of an unexpected discovery: that a group of California's traditionally underserved and marginalized LGPs -- within a year of formally organizing -- were able to lead themselves and educate one another to begin to shape the conversation for EE in the LG space.</p> <p>The IOUs, as part of their exploratory effort to develop business plan proposals that demonstrate greater statewide consistency across the IOU territories (a CPUC directive), should embrace as an inherent goal ways and means to promote LGPs to network across their IOU territory and across the state. One important end goal being that LGPs would know how to locate an answer to their questions.</p>	<p>with partners to help encourage more effective use of Strategic Plan funding. PG&E will leverage various outlets to provide information and solicit input from LGP Implementers/Partners via in-person workshops (e.g., PG&E's annual LGP Partners meeting), webinars (e.g., quarterly All Partners webinars) and email. PG&E is also supportive of increasing information sharing between partners, and will look for additional opportunities to facilitate this exchange through SEEC, the Statewide Local Government Best Practices Coordinator and other outlets.</p>	<p>final program changes for 2017 Strategic Plan implementation with partners at an All Partners Meeting on Oct 24, 2016.</p>	<p>CAEECC website, Business Planning updates as well as an overview for how they can get involved in the process. As changes are made to SoCalGas programs, information is communicated to our partners by way of in person meetings and email exchange. Additionally there are ongoing standing monthly/quarterly meetings with SoCalGas and individual partners to discuss specific items to each partnership. Additionally SoCalGas has encouraged our partners to participate in the EM&V process and webinars that take place to better educate them on the process. The IOUs also engage in the planning of all SEEC related events and webinars and encourage partners to participate in those events to hear best practices from across the state. We will continue working with the SEEC Best Practices Coordinator to develop a collaborative working relationship and share best practices from our partners. IOUs will conduct more detailed queries on the types of communications desired by each LG, and adjust communications frequency or channels appropriately. The IOUs will share CEESP activities to the SEEC BP Coordinator for inclusion in the Weekly SEEC update email as they become available,</p>	<p>Best Practices Coordinator to develop a collaborative working relationship. We will set up trainings on SDG&E offerings. Table 39 shows that only one LGP made this request; this suggests that this recommendation should at most be made to one IOU. If the evaluator could identify which IOU, that would make this recommendation more actionable. SDG&E requests that the evaluator ask that single LGP for permission to allow ODC to identify them to their utility so that their needs could be better met.</p>
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					SCG and SDG&E make a special request for the consultant evaluator to reveal the identity or characteristics of an interview subject. The consultant declined to do so, citing confidential and EM&V generally-accepted practices.						leveraging the existing channel for sharing best practices. Also, SCG would like to note that Table 39 shows that only one LGP made this request; this suggests that this recommendation should at most be made to one IOU. If the evaluator could identify which IOU, that would make this recommendation more actionable.		
ED Appraisal for RTR 4:					Approve for PG&E, SCE, SCG, and SDG&E								
4	68	Data access was also a challenge for the LGP Implementers. Many Strategic Plan Projects required data support from the IOUs but obtaining the required data often took months. These delays reduced the amount of time available to complete projects and made it difficult for LGP Implementers' to provide their consultants certain information about project cycles, funding, contracts, and requested data, leading	The IOUs should determine a process to overcome the noted data transfer challenges.	All IOUs	Energy Division staff recognizes that staff at the IOUs have considered this issue and are working toward a tangible near-term solution. Energy Division staff views IOU efforts to raise awareness of the CPUC Data Decision and EDAC, and recent changes at the EDAC (Energy Data Access Committee) to broaden LG representation as a positive indicator.	Accepted	PG&E recognizes the need to minimize challenges to accessing and utilizing data, and intends to incorporate recommendations for addressing these challenges in its Public Sector Business Plan and future implementation plans. In 2016, PG&E conducted a thorough Data Assessment of LGP Implementer/Partner needs, informed by multiple regional meetings and culminated in a sharing of findings at PG&E's annual LGP Partners meeting. This assessment was instrumental in shaping the robust data strategy outlined in PG&E's recent Public Sector Business Plan. In addition, PG&E will continue to leverage our Community Energy Managers who have become invaluable resources for meeting LGs data needs.	Accepted	SCE notes that LG implementers can utilize Green Button Connect My Data and EDRP Process to Streamline Data Transfer • Green Button Connect My Data will provide an easy pathway for partners to receive and transfer municipal usage and billing information. - GBCMD went live in Feb 2016 • EDRP will provide a pathway for partners to receive community usage information to assist with energy action plans and climate action plans - Quarterly zip code community usage information is currently available online. - Different forms of community usage information will require approval from CPUC and longer lead time. SCE understands that data aggregation and anonymization rules can be a challenge to accessing data and will work with partners to try to refine requested data	Accepted	The resolution of this issue is not solely up to the IOUs; however SCG is actively engaged in current collaborative efforts to resolve this. Data challenges continue to be an issue which impact Implementers; however, IOUs have challenges providing data under existing rules. This is an issue which needs to be addressed by IOUs, regulators, implementers and other stakeholders. The issue of handling data is an issue which is being addressed by the Energy Data Access Committee (EDAC) Local Government working group which include IOUs, CPUC's ED and other regulators, implementers and other stakeholders. IOU LGP staff continues to work one on one with Local Governments to assist with near term assistance to provide clean data under the current rules. Long term solutions which involve policy issues are being	Accepted	Data challenges continue to be an issue which impact LGPs; however, IOUs have challenges providing data under existing rules. This is an issue which needs to be addressed by IOUs, regulators, LGPs and other stakeholders. SDG&E's LGP team is mindful of our LGPs' needs and is working with the SDG&E Office of Customer Privacy to provide total aggregated consumption data, by city. Per discussions with LGPs, this will meet most of the Cities' CAP reporting requirements while adhering to the CPUC's data privacy requirements. SDG&E continues to encourage LGP representatives to participate on the Energy Data Access Committee (EDAC) to ensure their concerns are heard.

		to the consultant not committing to a project.							to minimize impacts of aggregation/anonymization on rules while still following established rules.		addressed through EDAC as mentioned above.		
ED Appraisal for RTR 5:						Approve for PG&E, SCE, SCG, and SDG&E							
5	68	Strategic Plan Project alignment with the CEESP was difficult to assess well as the current Strategic Plan Menu data tracking tool (a Microsoft Excel sheet) has limited information. While there are status updates and metrics, the information is ambiguous and difficult to fully understand.	The IOUs should improve reporting practices in the semiannual updates.	All IOUs	Energy Division staff recognizes that staff at the IOUs have coordinated to adopt a revised and improved reporting document for Strategic Plan projects (semiannual matrix template). Energy Division has requested that there be less reliance on LGs to complete the form. Such a change would reduce burden on the LGs and lessen the potential to reduce bias inherent in self reporting.	Accepted	In coordination between the CPUC and other IOUs, PG&E led development of a new and improved template for Strategic Plan Semi-Annual Reporting that addresses the need for clearer and more comprehensive accounting of Strategic Plan activities.	Accepted	SCE has worked with CPUC ED to streamline the Strategic Plan Semi-Annual Report for the Sept 2015 and Mar 2016 versions. PG&E has worked with CPUC ED to make changes to the semi-annual report for future iterations. SCE has provided feedback to PG&E on the proposed changes and SCE will implement the new version once it is finalized. Additionally, SCE will continue to review Strategic Plan Semi-Annual Reports with more scrutiny to ensure that it is adequately addressing CPUC requests.	Accepted	SCG appreciates the challenges following the existing CEESP reporting format and has worked with CPUC Commission Staff to streamline the Strategic Plan Semi-Annual Report for the Sept 2015 and Mar 2016 reporting period. SoCalGas is currently working with the other IOU's and the SW BP Coordinator to revise the Strategic Plan Reporting template which will be used for future submittals in 2016 and beyond. SCG has been proactive in keeping the LGPs updated on the progress of this effort, and will continue to do so in the future.	Accepted	SDG&E is working with the other IOUs and the SEEC EE Best Practices Coordinator to revise the Strategic Plan Menu data tracking tool. Future menu updates will be provided through a collaborative process with LGPs.
ED Appraisal for RTR 6:						Approve for PG&E, SCE, SCG, and SDG&E							
6	67	The current definitions are not always clear about the activities that qualify as supporting the Strategic Plan. Additionally, the Menu includes both a short and long label. Small changes to the shorter labels may facilitate categorization of projects in the future.	The CPUC and IOUs should strengthen the language in the Strategic Plan Menu and more clearly define the types of activities that are appropriate for Strategic Plan Project funding.	IOUs plus CPUC	Energy Division staff notes that the existing Strategic Plan Menu was an IOU proposal approved by Tier 2 Advice Letter. Thus the IOUs could submit a refreshed version by Advice Letter. Energy Division recognizes that staff at the IOUs have considered this issue and are working toward a tangible near-term solution. Energy Division staff views the IOUs' mandate to move toward more consistent treatment of their LGPs statewide as an opportunity to engage their partners	Accepted	Recent improvements to the Semi-Annual Strategic Plan reporting template and well as the development of the Strategic Plan Strategic Energy Resources (SER) Guide help address this need for clearer Menu items. PG&E will continue to work with other IOUs and the CPUC to ensure consistent definitions and categories statewide. In addition, establishment of the Local Government Energy Efficiency Segment Lead is providing more stable staffing support and positioning PG&E to provide continued leadership in developing	Accepted	SCE has worked with key stakeholders, including partners and CPUC Energy division, to develop a new Strategic Plan process for 2017 that categorizes Strategic Plan activities by cost and complexity and ties these opportunities to demonstrated Partner qualifications. Additionally, tasks not explicitly identified in the new process will be available for CPUC and SCE review to determine if they appropriately adhere to the goals of the Strategic Plan. The IOUs have agreed to a new Strategic Plan Menu	Accepted	SCG agrees that revision of the Strategic Plan Menu should be a priority. The CPUC, IOU's, SEEC EE Best Practice Coordinator and LG stakeholders should work together to complete this task. Since LG's will now be part of the Public Sector, there needs to be special consideration on how this sector fits into the State's Strategic Plan EE goals (CLTEESP). CAEECC and the SEEC Best Practice Coordinator should be utilized as stakeholders and resources to solicit suggestions for changes to the SP Menu. Future	Accepted	SDG&E is working with the CPUC and other IOUs to revise the Strategic Plan Menu. The SEEC EE Best Practices Coordinator is expected to be leveraged to ensure best practices are incorporated. The IOUs have agreed to a new Strategic Plan Semiannual Reporting Matrix template that was developed in conjunction with the prior SEEC BP Coordinator and ED staff.

					to improve understanding of SP program and make appropriate changes for simplicity and transparency. Energy Division staff is available to facilitate an IOU-proposed Strategic Plan Menu update.		consensus-based solutions for Strategic Plan projects, including considering a refresh of the Strategic Plan Menu.		template, that has been approved by ED Staff.		menu updates will be provided through a collaborative process with LGPs. The IOUs have agreed to a new Strategic Plan Semiannual Reporting Matrix template that was developed in conjunction with the prior SEEC BP Coordinator and ED staff.		
ED Appraisal for RTR 7:													
7	67	The report findings suggest that the SCE RFP process is onerous and costly and adds considerable time to the process with little added benefit demonstrated. The SDG&E procurement process was a small component of this research and the Consultant Team did not look deeply into it. However, if the CPUC removes the RFP process for SCE, there is no need for SDG&E to continue this process either.	The CPUC should discontinue the competitive solicitation requirement that triggers the request for proposals (RFP) procurement process for Strategic Plan Projects under SCE, and to a lesser extent, SDG&E.	CPUC	Energy Division has endeavored to see that SCE has a new model for Strategic Plan project awards that replaces its RFP model. This goal has been reached with cooperation from SCE. Energy Division is laboring to have SCE's newly-adopted approach replicated statewide. Energy Division notes that Strategic Plan project funds are scarce and should be rationed. SCE has instituted gatekeeping among its local govt partners. SDG&E maintains a practice of allocating to non-partner LGs strategic plan project funds for writing of local plans and codes. ED would welcome a SDG&E proposal that would replace any existing RFP award process with one similar to SCE's and which requires demonstrated competency, success and commitment for increasingly complex projects.								