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Question 004:

Does SCE agree with SDG&E's assertion that workforce development and job creation are not components of the workforce education and training ("WE&T") program? If yes, please explain the basis for this assertion.

Response to Question 004:

SCE understands that SDG&E's assertion was made in response to a CEE statement at a March 15, 2016 CAEECC meeting that workforce development should be linked to job creation.[1] With that understanding, SCE agrees with SDG&E's assertion that workforce development tied to job creation is not a component of the WE&T program. In the context of IOU WE&T programs, "workforce development" should be defined as the delivery of training to equip the incumbent and future California energy efficiency (EE) workforce with the knowledge and skills to recognize and act on EE opportunities. As stated in SCE's 2018-2025 EE Business Plan, SCE's WE&T Program provides these offerings to help prepare the incumbent and future EE workforce perform the work needed to support California's clean energy goals, and will continue to provide awareness and skills training for workers to support their participation in DSM Program delivery.

Furthermore, funding used to provide job creation could negatively affect the cost-effective delivery of effective EE programs critical to achieving California's aggressive energy savings goals. Such efforts may also duplicate existing career development and job placement resources in California, such as pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs, core education providers, workforce investment boards, and community based organizations (CBOs). As stated in its 2018 Business Plan, SCE's WE&T Program is committed to supporting and leveraging these existing and job creation agencies and other training organizations by providing EE teaching materials and career awareness resources, funding the development of EE curricula, and leveraging existing offerings for direct infusion or articulation into the training portfolios of these entities.

[1]https://media.wix.com/ugd/0c9650_44e8fb4a7adc46c49c67a677460aa3d5.pdf