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To: CEE

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Question 003:

Does SCE agree with SDG&E's assertion that connecting disadvantaged workers to job and career pathways is out of the scope of the energy efficiency programs? If yes, please explain the basis for this assertion.

Response to Question 003:

Yes, SCE agrees with SDG&E's assertion that connecting disadvantaged workers to job and career pathways is out of the scope of the energy efficiency (EE) rebate and incentive programs. The EE portfolio should focus on delivering cost-effective energy savings through rebate and incentive programs rather than on connecting disadvantaged workers to job and career pathways.

While the primary focus of the EE portfolio should be on achieving energy savings through rebate and incentive programs, Workforce Education and Training (WE&T) as a cross-cutting non-resource EE program is committed to collaborating and supporting organizations that have established pathways to employment opportunities for disadvantaged workers in fields related to EE. For example, in the 2018 Business Plans, IOU Program Administrators proposed the WE&T Career & Workforce Readiness statewide downstream Pilot. If approved, this pilot will leverage Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) to target workers from disadvantaged communities who are not prepared to enter traditional energy careers or higher educational pathways, and explore feasibility of providing career preparation and job readiness services.