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March 3, 2008

Mr. Kevin O'Beirne  
San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
8830 Century Park Court – CP32D  
San Diego, CA. 92123

**Re: Data Request #23 for the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project,  
Application No. 06-08-010**

Dear Mr. O'Beirne:

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Energy Division has reviewed the documents and materials that SDG&E has provided including the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (dated August 4, 2006), the Application Supplement Materials (dated September 1, 2006), and SDG&E's Responses to Data Requests No. 1 through 22. During the analysis of the aforementioned materials and in our preparation of EIR/EIS sections, we have identified additional items that require information from SDG&E. Additional data requests may be necessary to address alternatives and other CEQA/NEPA topics. This letter constitutes Data Request No. 23.

23-1 In SDG&E's comments on the Draft EIR/EIS provided on February 11, 2008, in comments on Section D.3 (Biological Resources), there are several references to the "SRPL 2007 Rare Plant Report". The comments also reference the "WIFL [Willow flycatcher] survey report". These documents would have been useful in our preparation of the Draft EIR/EIS, but were not been provided to the EIR/EIS Team and we were not aware of their existence. Please provide copies of these reports, as well as any other survey reports on listed species (likely including desert tortoise, least Bell's vireo, burrowing owl, quino checkerspot butterfly, coastal California gnatcatcher, arroyo toad, Stephens' kangaroo rat, mountain plover).

We would appreciate your response to this request by March 14, 2008.

**Please submit one set of responses to me and one to Susan Lee at Aspen in San Francisco, in both hard copy and electronic format.** Any questions on this data request should be directed to me at (415) 703-2068.

Sincerely,

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