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**Re: Request for Information In Support of Analysis of Proposed Sunrise  
Powerlink Transmission Project**

Dear Mr. Minor,

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are preparing an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for SDG&E's proposed Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project. As part of the EIR/EIS preparation process for the Sunrise Powerlink Project, we are considering other projects in the area that could potentially be considered under CEQA or NEPA as "connected" or "indirect" actions, or "cumulative projects." Because Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submitted an Advice Letter (2143-E, July 27, 2007) regarding a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Baja Wind US LLC (Baja Wind), we need information from SCE in order to make informed decisions on the relationship of the Baja Wind project to the Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project.

Our questions are as follows:

**Background.** San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) indicates in its August 6, 2007 response to the CPUC Energy Division Data Request #17 that only a limited amount (approximately 300 MW) of anticipated new generation could be characterized as "deliverable" from the Imperial Valley - Miguel area absent a major transmission upgrade such as SDG&E's proposed new 500 kV line from the Imperial Valley area to San Diego. SDG&E also assumes that up to 1,900 MW of new generation (up to 900 MW solar thermal and 1,000 MW geothermal anticipated by 2015) will occur. It is not clear from SCE's Advice Letter 2143-E whether the availability of transmission from the Imperial Valley - Miguel area is a factor in the PPA with Baja Wind.

**Request SCE-3:** Does SCE consider transmission to be an impediment to the viability of the Baja Wind project?

**Request SCE-4:** In the event that the SDG&E is unable to successfully license a new 500 kV line from the Imperial Valley area to San Diego, describe whether SCE would still proceed with the PPA for Baja Wind.

**Request SCE-5:** Advice Letter 2143-E identifies the first point of interconnection of the Baja Wind project as simply the “California Independent System Operator (CAISO) system.” Please describe the project location, interconnection facilities, and point of interconnection providing as much detail as possible. Please also provide a contact for the developer of Baja Wind.

**Request SCE-6:** Advice Letter 2143-E identifies the Baja Wind co-developers as having experience in constructing facilities in Mexico. Please describe the permits and steps that must be taken by SCE or Baja Wind before the project can interconnect with the CAISO system, and whether any of these steps depend on SDG&E successfully licensing and building a new 500 kV line from the Imperial Valley area to San Diego.

**Request SCE-7:** Please describe with as much detail as possible the location, capacity, and types of renewable generation under consideration for contracts from the 2007 RPS solicitation. The final short list of successful projects was due to the CPUC in mid-July 2007. Please describe whether projects are under consideration in the Imperial Valley, Mexico, or San Diego area.

We would appreciate your prompt responses to these requests, which will allow us to maintain our current EIR/EIS schedule. If possible, please respond to these items within 10 days (by August 31, 2007). Any questions on this information request should be directed to me at (415) 703-2068.

Sincerely,

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