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Ms. Linda Wrazen
Regulatory Case Administrator
San Diego Gas & Electric
Southern California Gas Company

February 3, 2010

Subject: Data Request No. 2 - San Diego Gas & Electric ("Applicant"), East County Substation Project (CPCN Application No. 09.08.003)

Dear Ms. Wrazen:

After review of the Suitable Burrowing Owl Habitat Overview Map provided by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) on January 27 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has identified potential additional survey areas required. Please provide requested information in Attachment A in support of our analysis. We would appreciate your response to this data request no later than February 24, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at 415.355.5580 or aei@cpuc.ca.gov.

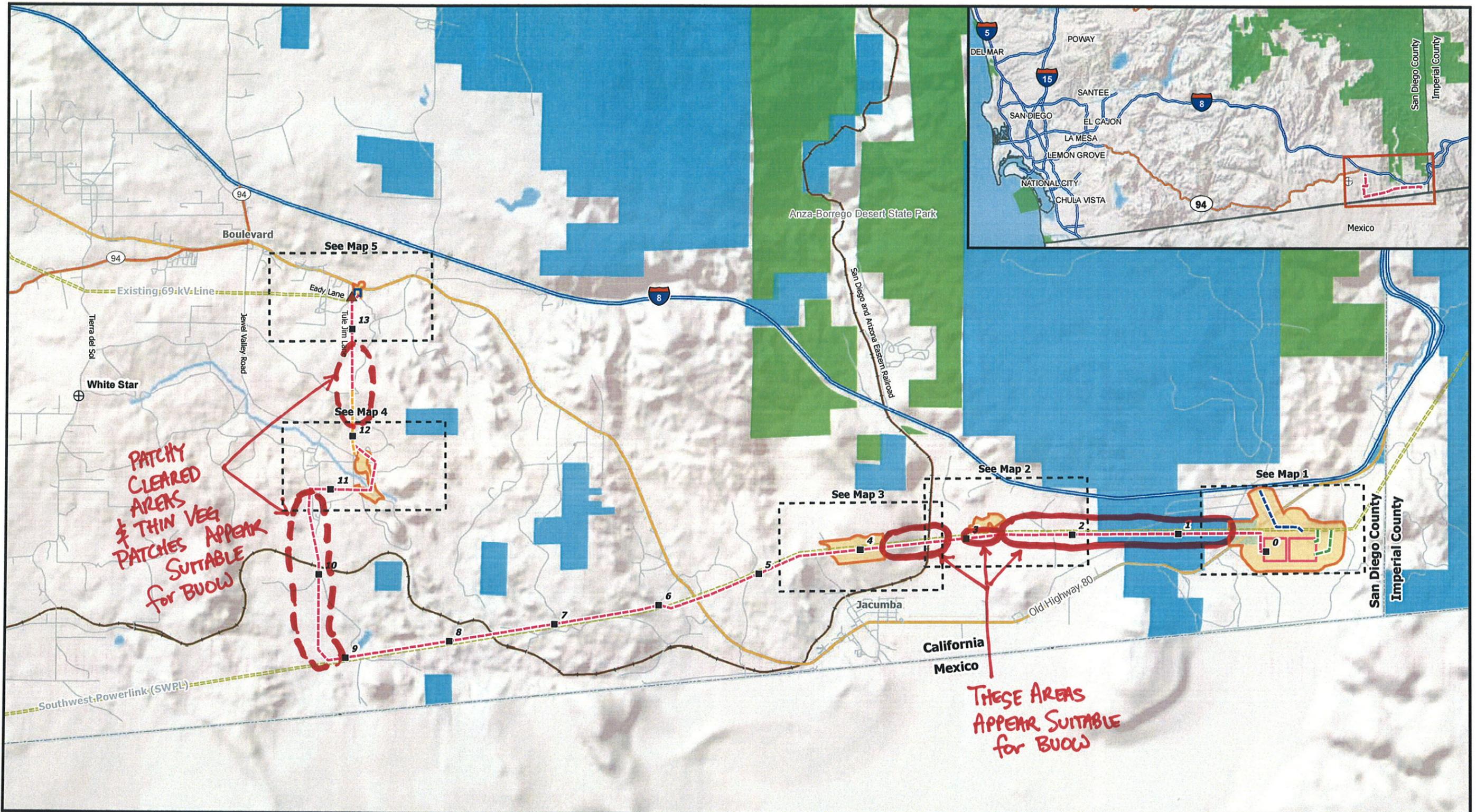
Sincerely,

Iain Fisher
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission

Western Burrowing Owl

SDG&E indicated that they conducted a burrowing owl habitat assessment of the entire Project Area, and from that habitat assessment they produced the “Suitable Burrowing Owl Habitat Overview Map” (provided to CPUC on January 27, 2010 for review). SDG&E proposes focused surveys of only the areas shown on that map. See map attachment.

Based on our knowledge of the project area, species preferences, and a review of aerial imagery, the additional areas circled on the attached marked-up map appear to have areas suitable for burrowing owl that could also require focused surveys. We understand that the habitat assessment conducted for the entire project area may have determined these areas to lack appropriate conditions (i.e., grassland, desert, scrubland and other sparse vegetation with burrows made by other species, culverts, cement, asphalt, debris piles, or other openings). Therefore, we would request that the justification for excluding these areas be provided or expand the focused survey to include these additional areas shown on attached marked-up map.



Suitable Burrowing Owl Habitat Overview Map

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| Proposed SWPL Loop-In | Proposed 138 kV Line | Proposed 12 kV Temporary Distribution Tap | 445 Circuit Collocated with 138 kV Line | Existing Transmission Line | Proposed ECO Substation | Boulevard Substation Rebuild | Existing Boulevard Substation | Proposed 138 kV Line Milepost | Communication Facility | Bureau of Land Management | California State Park | Suitable Burrowing Owl Habitat | Map Sheet | Interstate | Highway | Local Road | Major Road | Railroad |
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East County Substation Project

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