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January 28, 2016

Ms. Rebecca W. Giles
San Diego Gas and Electric Company
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San Diego, CA 92123-4150

RE: Request for Additional Data #22 – Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project – Application No. A. 14-04-011

Dear Ms. Giles:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division CEQA Unit has reviewed San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E) comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project (Proposed Project), and SDG&E's responses submitted to date for Data Requests #1 through #21.

The CPUC requests additional data to verify the locations of the Alternative 5 staging yards.

Information provided by SDG&E in response to this Request for Additional Data should be filed as supplements to Application A. 14-04-011. One set of responses should be sent to the Energy Division and one to our consultant, Panorama Environmental, in both hardcopy and electronic format. We request that SDG&E respond to this request no later than February 4, 2016. Please let us know if you cannot provide the information by this date. Delays in responding to these data needs will continue to result in associated delays in preparation of the Final EIR. If a conference call to clarify any of our questions is helpful, please let us know.

The Energy Division reserves the right to request additional information at any point in the application proceeding and during subsequent construction of the Proposed Project should SDG&E's CPCN be approved.

Please direct questions related to this application to me at (415) 703-2068 or Billie.Blanchard@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billie Blanchard".

Billie Blanchard
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DATA: DATA NEEDS #22 FOR THE SYCAMORE-PEÑASQUITOS 230-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT APPLICATION (A. 14-04-011)

REPORT OVERVIEW

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has identified additional areas where more information is needed to adequately respond to SDG&E’s comments on the Draft EIR in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Data needs are identified in bold. Clarifying information is provided below the data need.

Table 1: Application No. 14-04-011 Data Needs #22

#	Reference Source, Page #	Data Need
1	DR#20, Item 4	<p>Information provided by SDG&E for Question #4, in Partial Response #1 to Data Request #20 (ED20 1/25/2016), requires further clarification regarding the potential feasibility of locating the new SX-PQ 230-kV transmission line in an underground position along the Alternative 4 alignment. SDG&E states:</p> <p>“SDG&E has found that there is insufficient space to co-locate the 230kV line within the existing 12kV line.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The phrasing “within the existing 12 kV line” is confusing. Please explain this statement and/or clarify if this statement was intended to say “within the Carmel Mountain Bridge.” 2. Clarify if SDG&E’s evaluation of locating the 230-kV line within the bridge included relocating the existing 12-kV line, as was the case for evaluation of the 69-kV underground. 3. Clarify if SDG&E’s feasibility assessment only considered locating all of the 230-kV underground within the existing bridge or if attachment of some portion of the 230-kV underground to the outside of the bridge was also considered, as the City of San Diego has indicated to the CPUC that this may be permissible. 4. If attachment of a portion of the 230-kV underground to the outside of the bridge was not considered, please determine if this option makes locating the new SX-PQ 230-kV transmission line in an underground position feasible.
2	DR#20, Item 5	<p>The CPUC has reviewed the Traffic Information Memo prepared by KOA Corporation (January 21, 2016). Please provide a revised memo that addresses the following comments and questions regarding the traffic analysis contained therein:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It does not appear that the proposed Location #2 laydown entry

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		<p>(West of Camino Ruiz off of Carroll Canyon Road) leads anywhere as a riparian corridor separates this entry point from the adjoining quarry site where staging might occur. Additional information is required to understand how this entry point will be used.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The daily trips appear to be taken from the Draft EIR for Proposed Project Segment A (developed by the CPUC's consultant team). Segment A is an overhead alignment, not an underground alignment; therefore, the construction daily trips would be different. Use of this daily trip data needs further justification and proper notation. 3. Provide justification for the PCE values shown in Table 1. They appear to have been calculated. 4. Check and provide justification the PCE Subtotal per Day shown in Table 1 as the CPUC's consultant team calculated different values. 5. Under Table 2, Mira Mesa Boulevard: Black Mountain Rd to I-15, this segment has 6 lanes, not 4. 6. The "Lanes/Class" for Carroll Canyon Road: Black Mountain Rd to I-15 is not consistently identified under Tables 2 and 3 and the Appendices. Revise Table 3 to "4C". 7. Check for consistency throughout the document for "Lanes/Class" of each roadway segment. 8. The Mira Mesa Boulevard and Miramar Road: Black Mountain Rd to I-15 should be identified as a "Primary Arterial" rather than "Major Arterial". 9. In attachment 2, revise the 6 Lane Freeway LOS for C, D, and E under the City of San Diego Roadway Capacity Standards Table. 10. Revise the Street Classification of "Prime Arterial" to "Primary Arterial".