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Subject: San Diego Gas & Electric Mira Sorrento Substation Project Application for a Permit to Construct (Application No. 11-10-015) – Determination of Completeness

Dear Ms. Wrazen:

The Energy Division of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has completed its review of the project application (A.11-10-015), including the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) dated October 2011 and the Applicant's responses to the November 16, 2011, deficiency report and data request. Based on review of the PEA and responses to outlined deficiencies, the Energy Division has determined that the Application/PEA contains sufficient information to satisfy the requirement of CPUC's Information and Criteria List and PEA Checklist and can now be deemed complete. However, the CPUC has identified some questions and data requests as listed in *Attachment A*. These questions and data requests for additional information do not constitute a deficiency, but are necessary to complete the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for the subject project. Please note that this determination has been made with the understanding that: no changes will be made to the project as described in the Applicant's PEA dated October 2011; and additional data requests may be necessary to further review the environmental effects of the proposed project.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at 415.703.2579 or michael.rosauer@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Rosauer".

Michael Rosauer
CPUC Project Manager

Att A: Data Request No. 1

*cc: Mary Turley, SDG&E
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John Porteous, Dudek*

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The following item is in response to San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E's) biological resources completeness review responses (January 17, 2012).

SDG&E Response to Q4.3c:

The disturbed habitat designation was based on percent cover of non-native grasses, which was less than 50 percent. The determination is based upon a visual estimate by the field biologists. This mapping is also consistent with the original biological technical report prepared by Essex Environmental (2003). There are components of non-native grasslands, as noted in the species list. However, based on the evaluation from the field visit, the preponderance of the habitat type (i.e., more than 50%) is disturbed habitat.

Data Request: Please provide transect data documenting that the site is 50 percent forbs. Without transect data, the vegetation will be analyzed as non-native grassland and not disturbed habitat. Portions of the mapped area appear to have a higher percentage of grass and some areas a high percentage of weedy forbs. The City of San Diego has mapped the area as non-native grassland.