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October 23, 2019 VIA EMAIL

Ms. Elaine MacDonald
Regulatory Case Manager
San Diego Gas & Electric Company
8315 Century Park Court
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: Data Request #13 for the SDG&E San Marcos to Escondido TL6975 69kV Project Initial Study

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

As the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) proceeds with our environmental review of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E)'s San Marcos to Escondido TL6975 69kV Project (Project), we have identified additional information required. The CPUC requests SDG&E provide the following information (Data Request # 13) on or before **October 30, 2019**. Please inform the CPUC if SDG&E cannot meet this deadline request.

In addition to the aforementioned information, the Energy Division may request additional data, as necessary, to prepare a complete an adequate analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 703-1810 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joyce Steingass
Project Manager
Energy Division, CEQA Unit

cc: David D. Davis, AICP, ESA

Attachment:

1) Data Request # 13

Data Request #13
SDG&E San Marcos to Escondido TL6975 69kV Project

1. Regarding the design and engineering of proposed Segment 2, provide information to explain measures SDG&E has taken to address aesthetics of the proposed pole line such as height, spacing, alignment, color, or other attributes related to physical appearance.
2. Are there any additional measures that SDG&E could implement in the final design of proposed Segment 2 which could enhance it from an aesthetics standpoint?
3. Provide information to explain the approach that SDG&E would use in the event CPUC requested a feasibility analysis for undergrounding the proposed 69 kV facilities identified for Segment 2 which are proposed to be installed parallel to the existing Tie Line 13811/13825 138 kV transmission line. Provide a high-level cost estimate to construct this alternative, or a relative range compared to the proposed alternative.
4. Provide information to explain whether it would be feasible to underground the entire route for a 5.68-mile long 69 kV tie lie between San Marcos Substation and Escondido Substation. This refers to the Alternative C route that was disclosed in Section 5.3.4.2, System Alternatives, in the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (pg. 5-10). Provide a high-level cost estimate to construct this alternative, or a relative range compared to the proposed alternative.