

November 11, 1998

Mr. Andrew Barnsdale, Project Manager
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Subject: Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for San Diego Gas & Electric
Divestiture

Dear Mr. Barnsdale:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above noted document. Our comments are limited to the divestiture of the South Bay Power Plant, including the transmission corridor, and the decommissioned liquid Natural Gas Storage Facility located in the City of Chula Vista.

Population projections for the City of Chula Vista should be revised to reflect current regional and local data listed below:

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Page 4.2.2 Population Figures. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Series 8 Regional Growth Forecast (Attachment A) population projection for 2105 is 239, 114. The housing stock is projected to increase to 82,221 units in 2015. The vacancy factor is currently 4.06 and population per household as of 1998 is 2.975 (Attachment B).

An updated regional growth forecast (SANDBAG Series 9 Regional Growth Forecast) is pending approval and should be available in January 1999.

[End D1]

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (619) 691-5257.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Associate Planner

cc: Duane E. Bazzel, Principal Planner
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- D1 Though these suggested revisions would not change any conclusions in the Initial Study, for clarification the first full paragraph on page 4.2-2 of the Initial Study is hereby revised as follows:

The South Bay Power Plant is located in southwestern San Diego County, in the City of Chula Vista. The population of Chula Vista in 1997 was 156,148, a 16 percent increase from its 1990 population of 135,163 (SANDAG, 1998c). The estimated population in 2015 is ~~173,001~~ 239,144 (SANDAG, May 1998). The housing stock in Chula Vista in 1997 was 55,258 units and is anticipated to increase to ~~61,047~~ 82,221 units in 2015. The vacancy rate currently is ~~in 1997 was 4.1~~ 4.06 percent and ~~had~~ has remained ~~unchanged~~ relatively constant since 1990. Population per household in Chula Vista as of ~~1997-1998~~ was 2.92 2.975.

The following reference is added on page 4.2-4 of the Initial Study:

SANDAG, *Series 8 Regional Growth Forecast*,
<http://www.sandag.cog.ca.us/ftp/html/projects/ris/rgf/is8.html>, May 1995.