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April 14, 2015

Ms. Rebecca W. Giles San Diego Gas and Electric Company 8326 Century Park Court San Diego, CA 92123-4150

RE: Request for Additional Follow-up Data #11 – 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 completed its review of San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E) application (A. 14-04-011) and related Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project (Proposed Project) and SDG&E's responses to Data Requests #1 through #9.

The CPUC requests clarifications to some of SDG&E's prior data request responses as indicated in the attached data needs Table 1, below.

Information provided by SDG&E in response to this Request for Additional Follow-up 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 <u>both</u> hardcopy and electronic format. We request that SDG&E respond to this request no later than **April 27, 2015**. Please let us know if you cannot provide the information by this date. If you can provide partial responses sooner, please do so for the sake of continuing our work. Delays in responding to these data needs will continue to result in associated delays in preparation of the EIR.

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

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

Sincerely,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DATA: DATA NEEDS #11 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 prepare a complete and adequate analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project and 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 #11

#	Reference Source, Page #	Data Need
1	Data Request #8, Response #3	Provide Attachment ED08 – Q3(b) which was not included in SDG&E's partial response submittals dated March 25, 2015 and March 27, 2015.
		This attachment contains details for the new cable pole structures that would be utilized for the Alternative being considered by the CPUC.
2	Data Request #9, Response #3	Provide a list of all rare plant species and identify project locations for which rare plant surveys are ongoing and where the results of which will not be available to the CPUC by April 30, 2015.
		For any project area where the results of rare plant surveys are not provided by April 30 th , the CPUC will need to presume presence of the individual plant species and require impact avoidance as mitigation in order to meet the schedule for release of the Draft EIR. Alternatively, if desired by SDG&E, the release date of the draft EIR can be delayed until project planning surveys are completed.