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June 26, 2015

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

RE: Request for Additional Data #15 – 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) 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 #14.

The CPUC requests additional data and clarifications to some of SDG&E's prior data request responses, particularly with respect to alternatives information submitted in response to Data Request #14, 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 July 6, 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. 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 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,

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DATA: DATA NEEDS #15 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 analyze the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project, cumulative impacts, and alternatives 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 #15 # Reference Data Need Source, Page # Data Request Provide the following additional information regarding the Sycamore-1 #14, Q4 and Q5 Mission transmission corridor: 1) Identify the voltages of all existing lines located in the Sycamore-Mission corridor. 2) Identify whether or not TL 13821 and TL 13828 could be bundled together between the Sycamore Substation and Fanita Junction. 3) Identify whether or not TL13821 can be placed on a new structure in the middle of the right of way (ROW) between the existing TSP and lattice tower to make a position available for a new 230-kV line on the existing TSP. 4) In the MS-SX Section 4 (Proposed), confirm if it is feasible to swap the new 230-kV position with the existing TL13821 position. If not feasible, explain why. 5) In the MS-SX Section 1, is it possible to relocate TL671 in a split phase arrangement on steel pole, similar to the one used for TL663, 35 feet left of the TSP supporting TL23023 and install the new 230 kV line on the existing steel lattice tower? If this arrangement results in clearance issues to TL619 can this be resolved by also placing TL619 on a steel pole, similar to the one used for TL663, 35 feet left of the LST? 2 Data Request Describe and provide preliminary engineering to show how SDG&E would construct the Mission—Peñasquitos 230-kV Project following the #14, Q1 Mission-San Luis Rey line corridor north to the approximately location of

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		the Miramar Wholesale Nurseries and then heading east along an existing power line corridor to connect to the TL23013 corridor north of Miramar Wholesale Nurseries above Governor Drive and east of Interstate 805.
3	Data Request #14, Q1	In the MS-OT-PQ Section 1, identify whether or not TL670 can be placed on a new structure in the middle of the right of way (ROW) between the existing TSP to make a position available for a new 230-kV line on the existing TSP.
4	Data Request #14, Q4	Provide the minimum line/structure separation standards for 138-kV, 230- kV, and 69-kV lines located adjacent to 230-kV lines/structures. Furthermore, provide the minimum distance required between 138 kV and 230-kV lines/structures and the overhead transmission edge of ROW.
5	N/A	Identify the reason for stringing bundled wire on the east side of existing structures in Segment C of the Proposed Project as there is no readily apparent purpose for this associated with the electrical system.