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Reg.12-10/A.14-04-011 SDG&E Sycamore-Penasquitos 230kV Transmission Line CPCN

Sent Via Electronic Mail Only

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Re: SXPQ ED06-SDG&E Response – Q1

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

Attached please find SDG&E's Response to ED's Data Request 6 issued on January 23, 2015. This completes the response to this data request.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (858) 636-6876 or e-mail: RGiles@semprautilities.com.

Sincerely,

Signed

Rebecca Giles Regulatory Case Manager

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ED06-SDGE 01/29/2015 Response A.14-04-011 SXPQ 230kV Transmission Line CPCN Project Energy Division DR 06 Dated January 23, 2015 ED06-SDGE Question 1

Question 1:

The CPUC found an error in the Geographic Information System (GIS) data provided for rare plant occurrences. A total of 378 points in the GIS data set were missing data and contained null values. This may be the result of a bad export of the original data. The CPUC requests that SDG&E export and resend the GIS data for rare plant occurrences. Please verify that 1) missing data is corrected in the revised GIS data and 2) the GIS data set includes the results of all rare plant surveys, including the 2014 survey.

SDGE Response to Q1:



The raw data used to generate the shapefile in question, RarePlantsGPS.shp, were GPS Latitude/Longitude coordinates collected during field surveys on a handheld GPS unit. The coordinates were exported into an Excel spreadsheet. Since ArcGIS 10.2 is able to read Excel spreadsheets and plot coordinates stored in their fields, the shapefile was generated from the XY plot of the coordinates in the Excel spreadsheet of survey data. During shapefile generation, numerous empty Excel rows were inadvertently included in the export process. The 378 records in question with "*Null*" values in the originally-transmitted file (RarePlantsGPS.shp) correspond to the empty rows from the spreadsheet. The empty rows are not actual data and have been safely purged from the GIS files. The corrected GIS Shapefile has been included within Attachment ED06 – Q1_RarePlantGIS, which also includes other 2014 Rare Plant data collected for the project. See attached file for details.