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May 31, 2005

Mr. Andrew Barnsdale California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: San Onofre Nuclear Generating Stem Generation Replacement Project SCH# 2004101008

Dear Mr. Barnsdale:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned document. The Commission was able to perform a record search of its Sacred Lands File for the project area, which failed to indicate the presence of Native American cultural resources in the immediate project area. The absence of specific site information in the Sacred Lands File does not indicate the absence of cultural resources in any project area. Other sources of cultural resources should also be contacted for information regarding known and recorded sites.

Early consultation with tribes in your area is the best way to avoid unanticipated discoveries once a project is underway. Enclosed is a list of Native Americans individuals/organizations that may have knowledge of cultural resources in the project area. The Commission makes no recommendation of a single individual or group over another. Please contact all those listed; if they cannot supply you with specific information, they may be able to recommend others with specific knowledge. By contacting all those listed, your organization will be better able to respond to claims of failure to consult with the appropriate tribe or group. If you have not received a response within two weeks' time, we recommend that you follow-up with a telephone call to make sure that the information was received.

Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude the existence of archeological resources. Lead agencies should consider avoidance, as defined in Section 15370 of the CEQA Guidelines, when significant cultural resources could be affected by a project. Provisions should also be included for accidentally discovered archeological resources during construction per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §15064.5 (f). Health and Safety Code §7050.5; and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandate the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery and should be included in all environmental documents. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 653-6251.

Sincerely,

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