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January 7, 2013

Rebecca W. Giles, Regulatory Case Manager
San Diego Gas & Electric Company
8330 Century Park Court, CP32D
San Diego, CA 92123

Re: Completeness of San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Application A.12-05-020 for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project

Ms. Giles:

The Energy Division has completed its review of San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E's) Application A.12-05-020 to construct the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project (SOCRE project). With the supplemental data and information provided by SDG&E (SDG&E responses to CPUC Deficiency Letters dated June 15, 2012, and September 13, 2012), I find that the Application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment contain sufficient information to satisfy the Commission's requirements, and can now be deemed complete. Please note that this determination has been made with the understanding that the Energy Division will request additional data, as necessary, to review and analyze the environmental impacts of the proposed project, in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

On a preliminary basis, we have identified the following areas where we believe additional information may be required:

- Project Description
 - Construction schedule detail
- Air Quality
 - Break out of construction air emissions that would occur within San Diego County
- Biological Resources
 - Information related to number and type of trees to be removed during project construction
- Fire Hazards
 - Information related to SDG&E's vegetation clearance practices

As we move forward, we anticipate additional information gaps and needs will be identified.

We expect that a series of meetings and phone calls between your technical experts and our consultants will be beneficial and necessary. Our expectation is that SDG&E will be able to assist us with these data requests and meetings.

We look forward to completing the CEQA analysis for the SOCRE project. Please give me a call at 415-703-3221 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Barnsdale", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Barnsdale
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