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July 10, 2015

Ms. Rebecca W. Giles  
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**RE: Request for Additional Data #16 – 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 #15.

The CPUC requests additional data and clarifications to some of SDG&E's prior data request responses as indicated in the attached data needs Table 1 below. Also, the draft EIR project description is attached for your review and input in response to your request in our conference call discussion on July 8<sup>th</sup>. If it is SDG&E's intention to commit to reduced habitat impacts in order to assure application of and compliance with SDG&E's existing Subregional Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) in the Draft EIR (i.e., reduce impacts to the 29.41 acres that SDG&E reported to the Wildlife Agencies), such revisions need to be incorporated into the project description text and GIS exhibits now so that we can update our analysis accordingly. Please note that the work necessary to address changes in the EIR project description and analysis will require additional time on our end that will delay completion of the Draft EIR.

Information provided by SDG&E in response to this Request for Additional 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 both hardcopy and electronic format. We request that SDG&E respond to this request no later than July 17, 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](mailto:Billie.Blanchard@cpuc.ca.gov).

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Sincerely,

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# REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DATA: DATA NEEDS #16 FOR THE SYCAMORE-PEÑASQUITOS 230-KILOVOLT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT APPLICATION (A. 14-04-011)

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## 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 #16**

#	Reference Source, Page #	Data Need
1	Data Request #14, Q1; Data Request #15, Q2	<p><b>Per SDG&amp;E's request, the map in Attachment 1 indicates the area described in item #2 below from Data Request #15.</b></p> <p>"Describe and provide preliminary engineering to show how SDG&amp;E would construct the Mission—Peñasquitos 230-kV Project following the Mission-San Luis Rey line corridor north to the approximately location of 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."</p>
2	Data Request #15, Q5	<p><b>In following up to SDG&amp;E's response to Q5 (<i>Bundling the wire on the east side of Segment C preserves the ampacity between the Mission and San Luis Rey Substations once TL23001 and TL23004 are consolidated to make room for the new SX-PQ 230kV transmission line</i>), provide the existing wire size for circuit 23004 between structures Z519809 and Z226547 and Z226548.</b></p> <p>In the Encina Hub re-routing previously provided to the CPUC circuit TL23004 shows the existing conductors on one side of Structure Z519809 being "bundled together. On the other side of Structure Z519809 the conductors are not bundled. Preserving the ampacity between Mission and San Luis Rey implies that the existing wire on one side of Structure Z519809 has twice the ampacity as on the other side. Since Structure Z159809 appears to be a tangent structure this does not seem</p>

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		immediately intuitive or logical. Refer to mark-up in Attachment 2.
3	N/A	<p><b>Provide identification information for the steel H-frame located just west of the Peñasquitos Junction (as shown in Attachment 3) and identify whether or not it will be utilized, abandoned on place, or removed as part of the Proposed Project. Additionally, would this H-frame structure be utilized, abandoned on place, or removed as part of Alternative 1 (LPCP Mercy Road; refer to SDG&amp;E preliminary engineering in response to Data Request #8)</b></p> <p>For the Proposed Project, it appears that the transfer of the 138 kV line to the right hand side of the lattice tower and stringing of the 230 kV line on the left hand side of the lattice tower could be done such that there is sufficient ground clearance through this area, thereby eliminating the need for the steel H-frame.</p>
4	N/A	<p><b>Please review and provide any project work area changes to the attached draft EIR Project Description (Attachment 4) that SDG&amp;E would like to make including track change edits in the MSWord file and GIS data for any revised work space limits (e.g., stringing sites, staging yards, access, temporary work areas, retaining wall locations).</b></p> <p>A copy of the current project description detailed maps and the work space GIS data are provided in Attachment 4 for SDG&amp;E to use in your review. Please note that the Torrey Santa Fe staging yard is currently included in the proposed project description; however, if written permission to consider the site for staging is not provided to the CPUC, this site will be removed from the project description as the only written correspondence that the CPUC has on file to date from the landowner indicates that the site is not available to SDG&amp;E.</p>
5	Data Request #14, Q6	<p><b>Provide focused survey results and GIS data for the proposed Poway Unified School District staging yard site including presence/absence of special-status plants, western burrowing owl, and a wetland delineation. In addition, provide the GIS data for the vegetation mapping shown in the Chambers Group Biological Survey Memo dated June 22, 2015.</b></p>
6	Data Request #14, Q6	<p><b>Provide a copy of the supplemental records search results for the five previously recorded sites identified in the ASM Affiliates Supplemental Survey dated June 9, 2015 (only two of which are illustrated in the survey report figures). In addition, provide the field observation results for P-37-011744 which occurs within the pedestrian survey area but is not mentioned at all in the survey report.</b></p>