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Ms. Billie Blanchard  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) received a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Sycamore –Penasquitos 230 Kilavolt Transmission Line Project located near SR-56, I-15, I-5 and I-805. We have the following comments:

SDG&E shall prepare and submit to Caltrans closure plans as part of the encroachment permit application. Than plans shall require that closure or partial closure of SR-56 and I-15 be limited to times as to create the least possible inconvenience to the traveling public and that signage be posted prior to the closure to alert drivers of the closure in accordance with Caltrans requirements. Traffic shall not be unreasonably delayed. The plan shall also outline suggested detours to use during the closures, traffic, including routes and signage.

The Highway Closure Plan, as part of the encroachment permit, should be submitted to Caltrans at least 30 days prior to initiating installation of the crossings. No work shall begin in Caltrans Right of Way (R/W) until an encroachment permit is approved.

Any work performed within Caltrans R/W will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide an approved final environmental document including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination addressing any environmental impacts with the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies.

Please see Section 600 of the Encroachment Permits Manual for requirements regarding utilities and state R/W: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/pdf/manual/Chapter\\_6.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/pdf/manual/Chapter_6.pdf)

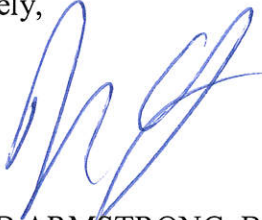
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Sincerely,



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