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VIA EMAIL (COVER LETTER) and OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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RE: A.13-12-013 - SoCalGas/SDG&E Application for Authority to Recover North-South Project Revenue Requirement in Customer Rates and for Approval of Related Cost Allocation and Rate Design Proposals

Dear Eric:

On July 7, 2014, the Energy Division requested additional information from SoCalGas related to the above-referenced application ("North-South Project"). On September 5, 2014, SoCalGas submitted much of the requested information and noted that additional information would be provided as it becomes available. Furthermore, SoCalGas committed to provide additional information regarding physical components of the project and requested construction details as well as GIS data layers in January 2015, which is set forth below.

Attached to this letter, please find the following materials:

- One hard-copy set of engineering plans (approximately 160 sheets) depicting the preliminary pipeline design and construction corridor within which the 36-inch pipeline will be placed and constructed including potential temporary staging and work areas adjacent to the corridor. The plans also show existing components (e.g., ROWs, facility locations, , pipelines, transmission lines, etc.). Drawings of the Pressure Limiting Stations at Whitewater, Shaver Summit and Desert Center depicting the existing station and preliminary staging and work area at each location.
- One CD, which includes PDF files of the engineering plans and the associated GIS data layers for project features.

SoCalGas would welcome the opportunity to review the PEA and supplemental materials with the Energy Division in person to facilitate the release of a notice of preparation (NOP) and initiate preparation of an EIR¹.

¹ As described in our September 5, 2014 letter, SoCalGas believes the PEA already provides sufficient information for the CPUC to determine that an EIR is necessary.

Releasing the NOP and initiating the scoping process will enable Energy Division staff to engage the public and incorporate comments early on in the EIR process.

Biological Survey Status Update

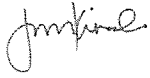
SoCalGas has initiated a robust biological data collection program to understand and avoid or minimize impacts to sensitive resources resulting from the North-South Project. A summary of the biological data collection to date and in the future is shown below.

- **Desert Tortoise:** performed a habitat assessment to identify suitable habitat. Conducted surveys in October in accordance with USFWS protocol. Results of surveys are under analysis.
- **Rare Plant:** performed a CNDDDB and CNPS search to identify species with potential to occur. Conducted surveys in October in accordance with USFWS protocol. None of the target species were identified within survey area. One CNPS special status species observed: Southern California black walnut (*Juglans californica*) within the study area.
- **Listed Brachiopods** (e.g., fairy shrimp): Phase I of fairy shrimp habitat assessment and sampling initiated. Wet survey in progress per the USFWS protocol. No fairy shrimp detected. A dry survey will be conducted in summer 2015.
- **Wetland Delineation:** ongoing along the project alignment and will continue into February 2015. Tree surveys will be conducted concurrently in early 2015.
- **Burrowing Owl:** habitat assessment will be conducted concurrently with wetland delineation. Breeding season surveys will commence in February 2015 consistent with CDFW protocol.
- **Mohave Ground Squirrel:** habitat assessment in progress. Focused trapping will be initiated in March 2015 and continue through July 2015 per CDFW protocol.
- **Stephen's Kangaroo Rat and San Bernardino kangaroo rat:** habitat assessment conducted in November.
- **Raptor Surveys:** will begin in December 2014 and continue through March 2015. CDFW/USFWS approved contractor has been identified (Pete Bloom).
- **Arroyo Toad:** Surveys will be conducted commencing in mid-March 2015 in suitable aquatic habitat.
- **Bat surveys:** Spring – summer 2015 bat surveys will be conducted in suitable habitat.
- **Riparian bird surveys:** will be conducted from March to July 2015 within suitable habitat.

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Please feel free to contact me at 805-680-5032 or jkinnahan@semprautilities.com if you have questions about this critical infrastructure project.

Sincerely,



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