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March 24, 2010

Beth Musich
Southern California Gas Company
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Re: Completeness of the Proponent's Environmental Assessment for A..09-09-020

Ms. Musich:

This letter is to inform you that I am deeming complete as of today the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement project filed in A.09-09-020 by Southern California Gas Company (SCG).

We have identified an environmental consultant who does not have any conflict of interest with either Southern California Gas Company or Southern California Edison, and we expect our contracting process will be complete by April 15, 2010.

In order to expedite our efforts, we request that SCG make its technical staff and environmental consultants available to the Commission's Energy Division staff who will be conducting the environmental review for the SCG application. Commission staff may require such consultations for the purposes of gaining further clarity, obtaining further data and information, and for whatever other tasks are necessary to the successful and legally defensible conclusion of an environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in this proceeding.

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

- Project Description
 - SCE project element detail
 - Construction schedule and potentially simultaneous activity
 - Existing operations, including pipelines
- Air Quality
 - Toxic Air Contaminants and potential health risks
- Hazards
 - Existing conditions should be fully described
- Water Resources
 - Data on volumes of water required for both construction and operation of all project elements

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

We expect that a series of meetings between your technical experts and our consultants will be beneficial and necessary in the early stages of the project. Additionally, we are interested in at least one series of site visits to allow our consultants to become familiar with the project site and environs. Our expectation is that SCG will be able to assist us with these data requirements; meetings; and site visits.

We look forward to initiating our CEQA analysis for the Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project, and expect that we will be able to begin scheduling our initial meetings within a few weeks. Please give me a call at 415-703-3221 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Andrew Barnsdale
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