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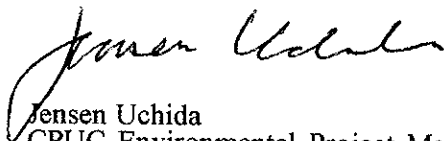
Shannon Keithley
Environmental Project Manager
San Diego Gas and Electric
8315 Century Park Court, CP21G
San Diego, CA 92123-1548**RE: Otay Mesa Power Purchase Agreement Transmission Project: Variance Request #15**

Dear Ms. Keithley:

San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) submitted Variance Request #15 on September 21, 2006 for use of a stringing/pull site between steel poles 300 and 310 on Segment 2 that was not previously identified in the EIR. The stringing/pull site is necessary to complete stringing activities over Interstate 805. SDG&E requests approval from the CPUC to use the stringing/pull site as depicted on Attachments A of the variance request. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC based on the following factors:**

- A stringing/pull site is necessary between steel poles 300 and 310 to complete stringing activities on Segment 2.
- The proposed stringing/pull site location is on SDG&E's right-of-way and will be used as is. No grading or site improvement will be required to use the work area.
- The site is located within disturbed, non-native grassland. No known cultural resources have been identified within or adjacent to proposed work area.
- **The conditions noted below shall be implemented by SDG&E and its contractors:**
 - All project mitigation measures, compliance plans, and permit conditions shall be implemented during site preparation, uses, and restoration of the stringing/pull site.
 - The four corners of the stringing/pull site shall be staked in the field according to the dimensions listed on Attachments A and shall not exceed 8,000 square feet.

Sincerely,

Jensen Uchida
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: A. Keochekian, Dudek.