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NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

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In accordance with Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E") hereby gives notice of the following *Ex Parte* communications in the above proceeding.

On Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission's offices located at 505 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco, Dave Geier, Vice President of Transmission and Engineering; Dan Skopec, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs; and Billy Blattner, Manager of Regulatory Relations for SDG&E, met with Ehren Seybert, Advisor to Commissioner Peterman. On Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Mr. Geier, Mr. Skopec and Mr. Blattner met with Leuwam Tesfai, Advisor to Commissioner Randolph. On Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., Mr. Geier, Mr. Skopec and Mr. Blattner met with Charlyn Hook, Advisor to Commissioner Florio. The meetings were requested by SDG&E to discuss the pending Proposed Decision (PD) and Alternate Proposed Decision by President Picker. The content of the meetings was substantially similar, lasted approximately 30 minutes each and included oral and written communications (attached).

Mr. Geier explained that SDG&E's proposed South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) project will ensure continued public safety and reliable electric service for the more than 300,000 residents and 12,000 businesses in the community. He noted that the region is served by a single power source and that a failure there could result in power outages that could last hours, days or weeks; the SOCRE project will provide a second source of power and ensure that SDG&E continues to meet mandatory National Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) reliability standards. Mr. Blattner stated that the SOCRE project would use existing transmission corridors, underground facilities and the Capistrano substation property and that there is not sufficient space to construct Alternative J at the Trabuco site, which would be approved by the PD. He added that the Capistrano substation must be rebuilt regardless, the costs and impacts of which were not included in the PD. Mr. Geier explained that Alternative J would reduce transfer capability on the transmission system by up to 1000 MW and almost certainly require additional transmission upgrades; years of new studies and approvals would need to be completed before a project could be constructed. Mr. Blattner noted that the SOCRE project was approved by the CAISO Board of Governors in its 2010-11 Transmission Plan, that SDG&E filed for a Certificate of Convenience and Public Necessity well over four years ago, and that SDG&E, the CAISO and other stakeholders strongly support President Picker's Alternate Proposed Decision.

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Dated this 21st day of October, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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