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February 2, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re:

Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave: Duce

Thank you for taking the time to brief me and my staff regarding the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE). I was thrilled to learn that SDG&E is taking a pro-active approach to upgrade infrastructure that is decades old and in need of modernization. Thanks to the SOCRE, SDG&E customers will continue to receive the high quality service to which they have grown accustomed.

As Southern California residents increase their use of electricity, it is clear that the region's electrical infrastructure will need to be upgraded to continue to meet and exceed the expectations of safe and reliable power by the residents and businesses in my 33<sup>rd</sup> Senatorial District. Thank you for your extensive bilingual outreach. I appreciate your recognition of the fact that providing English and Spanish outreach material is critical to ensuring a comprehensive public information and education campaign in my district. It is wonderful to learn that you personally visited more than 2,000 homes to inform them about this project.

I support SDG&E's South Orange County Reliability Enhancement and look forward to keeping track of its progress as it moves through the two-year permitting process. Please keep me and my staff updated via e-mail and regular project briefings.

Sincerely,

MIMI WALTERS

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January 31, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re: Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave:

I appreciate the briefing San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) provided to my staff about the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE). My staff briefed me on this proposed electric reliability project and it is clear that to ensure future safety and reliability, this project is much needed.

For decades, SDG&E has had a stellar reputation of providing safe and reliable power to residents and businesses throughout my 38<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District. It is wonderful to learn that this project will not only help update infrastructure but will create and protect hundreds of jobs. For example, the substation in San Juan Capistrano that will be upgraded was last renovated in the 1950's. In addition to this substation, decades-old poles and lines will be replaced with state-of-the-art modern equipment to help meet the needs of SDG&E's customer base.

I strongly support SDG&E's South Orange County Reliability Enhancement. I look forward to hearing updates from you on the significant progress in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

Mark Wyland
Senator Mark Wyland

California State Senator-38<sup>th</sup> District



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February 9, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re: South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Cave:

Thank you for your briefing on the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project intended to modernize and improve reliability to the existing electrical system.

I am pleased that SDG&E has made a commitment to community outreach and public education during this process. Keeping the affected community informed at all times will be vitally important to the success of this large-scale infrastructure project. I have confidence that SDG&E's level of commitment to public outreach will continue through the permitting process and the four years of construction.

I appreciate you keeping me informed and look forward to continued updates as the project progresses.

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Sincerely,

Patricia C. Bates

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April 3, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re: SDG&E's

Dear Mr. Cave:

SDG&E's South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

We appreciate the briefing San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has provided to the City of San Clemente regarding its South Orange County Reliability Enhancement project. Electric infrastructure and power reliability are essential to preserving and maintaining the quality of life of the residents of San Clemente. The infrastructure is decades old and our community would benefit from the replacement and modernization of this outdated equipment. Additionally, the project will provide much-needed system redundancy, which will reduce the likelihood of regional power outages.

The City of San Clemente also recognizes SDG&E for its extensive community outreach effort. SDG&E has held three open houses and has sent its community outreach team door-to-door in our City informing residents about the proposed project. We look forward to SDG&E keeping us informed and involved throughout the public regulatory review process and during the construction period to follow.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

RE: Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE)

Dear Mr. Cave,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) is a non-profit organization established to be a resource for elected officials and municipal staff. Our three key initiatives are:

- To serve as an educational resource for city leaders
- To be the hub for good public policy in Orange County
- To preserve local control while serving as a catalyst for regional collaboration

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) recently presented to the ACC-OC Legislative Committee about its South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE). The Committee strongly endorsed this project and the ACC-OC Board of Directors agrees. Orange County needs power reliability projects like this, which will provide enhanced safety and system redundancy to the electrical transmission grid in South Orange County.

Although the construction for this project is not expected to begin for approximately two years, we understand the importance of public involvement throughout the permitting process and would like to remain involved so that our voice is heard. We encourage the California Public Utilities Commission to support this power reliability project and look forward to the completion of this project that will provide jobs as well as reliable power to our county.

Sincerely,

Robert Ming President

Association of California Cities - Orange County



### SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

### Chamber of Commerce

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External Affairs Manager

San Diego Gas & Electric

662 Camino de los Mares

San Clemente, CA 92673

Re:

Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave:

Mr. Duane Cave

The San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit, volunteer driven organization representing approximately 300 local businesses in San Juan Capistrano, CA. Our chamber strives to create and promote a climate where business can operate in a productive and profitable manner.

One key to running a successful business is reliable power. Our city's businesses have grown accustom to receiving reliable power from San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and this project will greatly assist with minimizing the number of businesskilling power outages. Further, the project will bring much needed jobs and economic growth to our community and the surrounding region during construction.

With that in mind, the San Juan Capistrano supports the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement project. In addition to supporting the overall project, our Board of Directors specifically commended the public outreach efforts that SDG&E has carried out with regard to this project. We felt that their dedication to ensuring public awareness was exceptional.

We look forward to continued involvement in the public process as the permitting for this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

CEO/President

Mark Bodenhamer

San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce

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January 13, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re: Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave:

Thank you for your presentation to the San Clemente Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors on January 13, 2012. The economic strength of our city and our region is reliant on quality infrastructure including safe and reliable electric power. The South Orange County Reliability Enhancement is a project that will not only provide jobs and economic growth to the region during the four-year construction effort, but it will provide decades of continued power reliability that we have come to enjoy and expect from San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E).

The San Clemente Chamber of Commerce recognizes the responsible planning that is being undertaken by SDG&E to ensure a redundant electric system that will enhance safety and reduce the chance for regional power outages.

Replacing the older wooden poles with stronger and fewer steel poles will enhance safety and reduce the chance of damage or power interruption from wind, fire or earthquakes. We look forward to taking part in the public process as the permitting for this project moves forward to the California Public Utilities Commission.

The San Clemente Chamber of Commerce is proud to offer its strong endorsement and support of SDG&E's South Orange County Reliability Enhancement.

Sincerely,

Lynn Wood

Chief Executive Officer





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April 17, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92763

RE: South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) - SUPPORT

Dear Mr. Cave:

On behalf of Orange County Business Council (OCBC), representing the largest and most innovative employers in America's sixth largest county, we support the San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE.) OCBC understands how important infrastructure projects like this one are to improving Orange County and enhancing our business climate and economy.

An adequate infrastructure system is critical to meeting the growing needs of Orange County's residents and businesses. As our County's need for electrical power increases, it is imperative that electric utility companies keep up with the demand by improving and modernizing their infrastructure. Quite simply, Infrastructure needs to be created so that the physical assets for economic growth are in place throughout the County. SOCRE is a needed forward-thinking project focused on upgrading our critical electric system.

Through its four core initiatives, one being infrastructure, OCBC works to help the region's vibrant economy to continue to expand, bringing the benefits of prosperity to every corner of the county. This project will not only create and protect hundreds of jobs throughout the planning and construction phases, but once operational, the SOCRE will provide safe and reliable power for decades to come.

The South Orange County Reliability Enhancement is a much needed project to ensure Orange County's infrastructure is able to meet the demands of a growing population and expanding economy. OCBC stands ready to assist you for Orange County's future.

Sincerely,

Kate Klimow

Vice President of Government Relations

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February 10, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re: Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave:

For the past 43 years, the South Orange County Regional Chamber of Commerce (SOCRCC) has been dedicated to the support of business and economic growth through the region. The reliability of power through the region has been exceptional and has been a positive factor in the attraction of business to the area. However, it is notable that the electrical infrastructure that has supported that growth has remained virtually unchanged since the Chambers' incorporation in 1969.

SOCRCC recognizes that upgrades and modernization is a necessary component of continued growth and improvement. Our electrical needs in 2012 are far greater than they were in the 50's when San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) San Juan Capistrano substation was last upgraded. For the good of the residents and businesses throughout the SDG&E service area, the South Orange County Regional Chamber of Commerce offers its unmitigated support for the construction and completion of the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE).

The level of public outreach and education conducted by SDG&E and its communications consultants for this project has been exceptional. As the Chairman of the Chamber, I'm involved in several business and community groups and have seen that SDG&E has provided information in a variety of formats and media throughout the region with a depth and breadth that is unmatched.

Please keep me informed about the progress of the permitting process and let me know what SOCRCC can do to support the SOCRE and facilitate its completion.

Sincerely,

John Whitman Chairman

South Orange County Regional Chamber of Commerce



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February 10, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re: Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave:

Thanks so much for the briefing San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) provided to the South Orange County Economic Coalition on October 28, 2011. While SDG&E has provided safe and reliable power to South Orange County for decades, it's clear from the presentation that much of the infrastructure that provides that power is outdated and in need of replacement. Additionally, the electric needs of Orange County have increased significantly over the past three decades as we have become more reliant on computers, electronic mobile devices and home entertainment systems. Again, it's clear from your presentation that the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement project will provide redundancy in the electrical transmission system throughout South Orange County and provide a badly-needed, modernized and upgraded substation in San Juan Capistrano.

The South Orange County Economic Coalition enthusiastically supports infrastructure projects that will promote economic and job growth throughout the region. The South Orange County Reliability Enhancement will do both. By providing hundreds of direct jobs throughout the four-year construction process the power reliability project will generate economic growth in the short term. Providing continued safe and reliable electric power is a critical decision-making component of businesses interested in operating in Orange County.

The South Orange County Economic Coalition fully supports SDG&E's South Orange County Reliability Enhancement and looks forward to actively advocating for it throughout the public process.

Sincerely,

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January 24, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave:

Re:

The Orange County Taxpayers Association (OCTax) is the only countywide organization whose exclusive focus is to represent taxpayers on governmental tax and spending policy issues. Its mission is to ensure that taxes and tax-supported programs are fair, understandable, cost-effective, and good for the economy.

OCTax supports infrastructure projects that are developed by private industry and financed by user fees rather than taxes. The South Orange County Reliability Enhancement is such a project. It will ensure continued safe and reliable power to South Orange County for generations to come. The San Juan Capistrano substation nearing six decades of use; it is time to modernize and upgrade the facility.

It makes sense to increase the power capacity for the region by replacing one of the existing 138KV transmission lines with a 230KV line. The transmission line replacement will remain in the existing transmission corridor, but the upgrade of the poles from wood to steel will enhance the safety of the system and protect against wind, fire or earthquake damage.

As the public review process for this project commences, OCTax will be a stalwart supporter. We look forward to explaining that support to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) throughout the public comment process.

Sincerely,

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President

Orange County Taxpayers Association

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### RANCHO MISSION VIEJO

April 20, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re: Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project

Dear Mr. Cave:

Thank you for your meeting with us to discuss the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement on January 10, 2012. As Rancho Mission Viejo continues its tradition of Master Planned Community development designed to meet the future housing and employment needs of South Orange County, it is heartening to know that San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) is investing in the modernization of its electrical infrastructure system to continue to provide safe and reliable power to the region.

While Rancho Mission Viejo and SDG&E have already partnered, through the construction of your latest substation located within the Rancho Mission Viejo development, to provide for the energy needs of that community, RMV supports SDG&E's plan as proposed, to upgrade its transmission and substation system to bring an additional 230 kV source into the region. The project will provide improved safety, reliability and increased capacity of the South Orange County power system..

Rancho Mission Viejo appreciates the pro-active outreach approach SDG&E has undertaken to educate and inform the community and key stakeholders about this project before it even submits its application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Please keep me informed of the progress of this important and needed infrastructure improvement project and I look forward to communicating Rancho Mission Viejo's support for this project in the proper public meeting forums.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Broming

Senior Vice President, Planning & Entitlement

Rancho Mission Viejo





A Step Ahead

March 28, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Subject: Support for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave:

The Orange County Association of REALTORS® (OCAR) is committed to the principles of sustainability, energy conservation and the safe extraction and transmission of domestic energy supplies.

Our 10,000 REALTOR® and Affiliate members appreciate the reliable service that San Diego Gas & Electric offers to provide for the reliable transmission of electricity and gas. Because of SDG&E's investment and work on the network over the years, we rarely experience the kinds of outages that used to be common place and that used to cause disruptions for homeowners, even causing economic loss because of lost refrigeration and in the most extreme cases, health crises for patients who relied on medical devices and monitors to treat their condition.

As our communities continue to grow we understand that the utilities that we rely on require upgrades and enhancements. Our association is supportive of SDG&E's foresight in making the necessary improvements to transmission lines, substations, and utility poles as part of the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement project. These changes will ensure that homeowners and businesses throughout our growing communities will continue to enjoy the same uninterrupted, safe, and reliable power they enjoy today.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Governmental Affairs Director Dave Stefanides if you should have any questions, at (949) 268-0416 or <a href="mailto:Dave@OCAR.org">Dave@OCAR.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Maria Elena Banks, ePro, SFR, SRES

**President** 

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April 25, 2012

Mr. Duane Cave, External Affairs Manager San Diego Gas & Electric 662 Camino de los Mares San Clemente, CA 92673

Re: South Orange County Reliability Enhancement

Dear Mr. Cave:

Thank you for the personal briefing on San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE). While I understand that legally SDG&E may proceed with or without approvals from local or state government, I do appreciate that you are making a concerted effort to keep my constituents and me updated about the project through community outreach.

Over the past several decades, it is obvious that our need for electrical power has increased significantly. The state seems to be unwilling to accommodate those needs but rather insists that we can add millions of people over the next two decades and do more with less. New technology products are becoming staples in every household, electric automobiles are being encouraged, which will add the equivalent of another house on to the grid for each car. Yet the state will be penalizing producers of electricity, however produced, under the implementation of AB 32 the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, approved by the Democrat majority in Sacramento and signed into law by the Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger. And so, I do understand the need for SDG&E to modernize and upgrade the infrastructure system within the district, as we will need every supply source allowable in future years.

As SDG&E moves forward with the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement, I encourage you to continue to work with community and the San Juan Capistrano City Council to accomplish the best possible solutions and outcome. I trust that you will work with city leaders to mitigate to the extent possible any impacts of the proposed improvements. Please advise me if there is anything I can do to assist as the project moves through the regulatory process or any legislation that might allow you to facilitate the development and help you to work with the community. I look forward to updates from you as the project moves forward.

Sincerely, ATM