March 25, 2013

Quail Brush Genco, LLC
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Regarding: QUAIL BRUSH GENERATION PROJECT (11-AFC-3), Staff’s Request for Applicant to Confirm or Update the Project Objectives

Dear Ms. Ziebart,

Currently the applicant’s project objectives include “responding to San Diego Gas & Electric’s (SDG&E) Request for Offer (RFO)”. Among other things, the RFO requested proposals for new electric power generation that could come online in 2014. As part of the alternatives analysis in its Preliminary Staff Assessment, Energy Commission staff must assess whether project alternatives will meet “most of the basic objectives of the project” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Ch. 3, §15126.6).

Staff is aware that at the time the applicant filed the Application for Certification (11-AFC-3), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) had previously authorized SDG&E to solicit additional generation through the RFO process and that a power purchase toling agreement (PPTA) negotiated with SDG&E anticipated this project would begin operating in 2014. However, in light of the CPUC’s recent decision denying SDG&E’s request to enter into the PPTA with the applicant, Energy Commission staff is requesting the applicant to either confirm that the applicant’s project objectives have not changed or alternatively submit revised project objectives to the staff. Staff will independently assess the impact of the CPUC decision on project objectives as part of its alternatives analysis, but would benefit from having the applicant’s position on this matter prior to undertaking that assessment.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please call me at (916) 651-0966.

Sincerely,

Eric Solorio
Siting Project Manager

cc: Docket (11-AFC-3)
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE QUAIL BRUSH GENERATION PROJECT

Docket No. 11-AFC-03

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I, Diane L. Scott, declare that on March 25, 2013, I served and filed copies of the attached QUAIL BRUSH GENERATION PROJECT (11-AFC-3), Staff’s Request for Applicant to Confirm or Update the Project Objectives, dated March 25, 2013. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service, which I copied from the web page for this project at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/qualibrush/index.html.

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Dated: March 25, 2013

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