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The Honorable Bruce L. Birchman  
Administrative Law Judge  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
Docket Nos. EL00-95-045, et al

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REGULATORY COMMISSION

Dear Judge Birchman:

It is unfortunate that the California Power Exchange ("PX"), in a letter filed today, has felt it necessary to burden you with unfounded complaints about data production. As I understand the facts, while it is true that the ISO decided it best not to send the data to the PX until it was available for a full month, because daily production would have interfered with and delayed the settlement rerun effort, it is my understanding that this has not impacted the PX as it requires monthly results in the first instance. In any event, and whether or not that is the case, the ISO has in point of fact kept very close to schedule notwithstanding the enormity of the burdens that have been placed on limited professional and hardware resources. The ISO transmitted 30 days worth of data, covering the month of October, 2000, to the PX on August 24<sup>th</sup>, transmitted the data for the month of November on August 28<sup>th</sup>, and will provide the PX with the remaining data for the 62 days of December and January within the next 24 hours. The PX, as a result, will have the complete data more than three weeks before the due date of its own submission, the amount of time its Counsel claimed to be required.

As to the accuracy of the data, the PX is on no better footing. Indeed, we know of no basis for its claims. More to the point, the ISO has made three people available to work with the PX to clarify any discrepancies.

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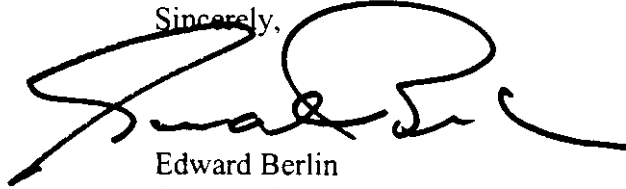
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We have no doubt that the limited resources that remain available to the PX are placing a considerable strain on its ability to discharge its responsibilities in the refund proceeding as it struggles to meet its other obligations. It is simply incorrect, however, even to imply that the ISO has contributed to the difficulties encountered by the PX. To the contrary, the ISO has done whatever reasonably is possible to be of assistance to the PX.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Berlin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Edward Berlin  
Counsel for the California  
System Operator Corporation

cc: Secretary  
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