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A.15-09-010  
Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account

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**Re: SDG&E Response to ORA Data Request 16 – Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account**

Dear Mr. Stannik,

Attached please find SDG&E's response to ORA Data Request 16 (ORA-SDG&E-A.15-09-010-16), dated September 19, 2016. SDG&E's response includes narrative responses.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone at (858) 637-7914 or e-mail: [SSidhar@semprautilities.com](mailto:SSidhar@semprautilities.com).

Sincerely,

**Signed**

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Enclosures

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**ORA DATA REQUEST  
ORA-SDG&E DR-16, Q1  
SDG&E WEMA PROCEEDING - A.15-09-010  
SDG&E RESPONSE  
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**I. GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

1. SDG&E objects generally to each request to the extent that it seeks information protected by the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine, statutory mediation confidentiality (see Cal. Evid. Code §§ 1115-28) or any other applicable privilege or evidentiary doctrine. No information protected by such privileges will be knowingly disclosed.
2. SDG&E objects generally to each request that is overly broad and unduly burdensome. As part of this objection, SDG&E objects to discovery requests that seek “all documents” or “each and every document” and similarly worded requests on the grounds that such requests are unreasonably cumulative and duplicative, fail to identify with specificity the information or material sought, and create an unreasonable burden compared to the likelihood of such requests leading to the discovery of admissible evidence. Notwithstanding this objection, SDG&E will produce all relevant, non-privileged information not otherwise objected to that it is able to locate after reasonable inquiry.
3. SDG&E objects generally to each request to the extent that the request is vague, unintelligible, or fails to identify with sufficient particularity the information or documents requested and, thus, is not susceptible to response at this time.
4. SDG&E objects generally to each request that: (1) asks for a legal conclusion to be drawn or legal research to be conducted on the grounds that such requests are not designed to elicit facts and, thus, violate the principles underlying discovery; (2) requires SDG&E to do legal research or perform additional analyses to respond to the request; or (3) seeks access to counsel’s legal research, analyses or theories.
5. SDG&E objects generally to each request to the extent it seeks information or documents that are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
6. SDG&E objects generally to each request to the extent that it is unreasonably duplicative or cumulative of other requests.
7. SDG&E objects generally to each request to the extent that it would require SDG&E to search its files for matters of public record such as filings, testimony, transcripts, decisions, orders, reports or other information, whether available in the public domain or through FERC or CPUC sources.
8. SDG&E objects generally to each request to the extent that it seeks information or documents that are not in the possession, custody or control of SDG&E.

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9. SDG&E objects generally to each request to the extent that the request would impose an undue burden on SDG&E by requiring it to perform studies, analyses or calculations or to create documents that do not currently exist.

10. SDG&E objects generally to each request that calls for information that contains trade secrets, is privileged or otherwise entitled to confidential protection by reference to statutory protection. SDG&E objects to providing such information absent an appropriate protective order. With respect to the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, however, SDG&E will produce such information subject to the requirements of Public Utilities Code Section 583 and General Order 66-C.

**II. EXPRESS RESERVATIONS**

1. No response, objection, limitation or lack thereof, set forth in these responses and objections shall be deemed an admission or representation by SDG&E as to the existence or nonexistence of the requested information or that any such information is relevant or admissible.

2. SDG&E reserves the right to modify or supplement its responses and objections to each request, and the provision of any information pursuant to any request is not a waiver of that right.

3. SDG&E reserves the right to rely, at any time, upon subsequently discovered information.

4. These responses are made solely for the purpose of this proceeding (A.15-09-010) and for no other purpose.

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**Request 1:**

As used or defined in October 2007, please provide a brief description or summary for each of the following SDG&E positions or titles:

- a. Forester
- b. Troubleman
- c. Lineman
- d. Transmission Construction & Maintenance Manager
- e. Construction Supervisor
- f. Fire Coordinator
- g. Back-up Fire Coordinator

**Response:**

- a. **Forester:** A Forester is a person that has the proper training and experience, and in some cases the certifications or credentials for identifying and managing a variety of tree species and ground vegetation in proximity to utilities.
- b. **Troubleman:** Electric Troubleshooters are first responders to emergency calls. They determine the cause of electrical distribution malfunctions and power outages. In addition they also independently perform skilled electrical repair work on overhead and underground electric distribution facilities.
- c. **Lineman:** A Lineman is a trained electrical line worker that constructs and maintains SDG&E's electrical transmission and distribution systems.
- d. **Transmission Construction & Maintenance Manager:** This position directs and manages, through subordinate supervision, the activities of the construction operations department involving the construction, maintenance and repair of 69kV – 500kV electric transmission facilities.
- e. **Construction Supervisor:** A Construction Supervisor manages the line crews, ensures safe working practices, writes repair orders and helps with manning of crews and material ordering.
- f. **Fire Coordinator:** A Fire Coordinator is responsible for providing situational awareness on fires burning in the service territory, electric safety training to first responders and fire safety training to utility personnel.
- g. **Back-up Fire Coordinator:** A Back-Up Fire Coordinator serves as a second Fire Coordinator during busy times when the Fire Coordinator is committed or otherwise unavailable for fire response.