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[Date]

SDG&E

Attn:

Street Address

City, State

Zip

Subject: San Diego Gas & Electric Company’s (“SDG&E”) Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff Program (“BioMAT Program”) – Fuel Resource Attestation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Together herewith, and in accordance with the BioMAT Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (“BioMAT Tariff”), [Insert Applicant’s full legal name], a [Insert Applicant’s form of entity and state of registration] (“Applicant”), submits a Program Participation Request (“PPR”) for its electric generating Project to SDG&E. In order for such Project to be eligible for participation in the BioMAT Program, Applicant must, among other things, submit this attestation describing its planned Fuel Resource Category and its compliance with the Fuel Resource Requirements set forth in the BioMAT Tariff. Applicant hereby represents, warrants and covenants that:

1. The fuel resource(s) Applicant intends to use for such Project are eligible for the Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) in accordance with the California Energy Commission’s (CEC) RPS eligibility requirements.
2. The fuel resource(s) Applicant intends to use for such Project meet(s) the definition and requirements of one of the Fuel Resource Categories defined in the BioMAT Tariff.
3. The fuel resource(s) and percentages of Fuel Use, as applicable, that Applicant intends to use for such Project are [check one Fuel Resource Category and all percentages of Fuel Use, as applicable, within that Fuel Resource Category] :

Fuel Resource Category

Fuel Use

<input type="checkbox"/> Category 1	
Wastewater treatment	_____ %
Municipal organic waste diversion	_____ %
Food processing	_____ %
Codigestion	_____ %
Other	_____ %

OR

<input type="checkbox"/> Category 2 (Dairy)	_____ %
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OR

<input type="checkbox"/> Category 2 (Other Agricultural)	_____ %
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_____ Other _____ %

OR

Category 3

Fire threat reduction	_____ %
Fire safe clearance activities	_____ %
Infrastructure clearance projects	_____ %
Other sustainable forest management	_____ %
Other	_____ %

Total

Applicants submitting a PPR for a Category 3 Project utilizing feedstock from “other sustainable forest management” must also submit the attached form as provided in Appendix A of this attestation. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this letter have the meanings set forth in the BioMAT Tariff.

Very truly yours,

[Insert Seller’s full legal name, form of entity and state of registration]

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

APPENDIX A

CATEGORY 3 “OTHER SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT” ELIGIBILITY FORM

Section I

1. Ownership Category:

[Identify if the parcel on which the Category 3 Project is conducted is owned by a private entity, state or federal government.]

2. Number of Acres:

[Identify how many acres are being treated / harvested by the forest management project.]

3. Type of harvest document (If applicable):

[Identify the type of harvest document, state permit, federal permit or exemption that apply to the forest management project.]

4. Harvest Document Designator:

Identify the state or federal entity that issued the harvest permit, exemption or other document that applicable to the forest management project.]

5. Facility Identifier:

[Provide the identifier for the Facility which will receive and utilize the forest biomass to generate energy.]

Section II

To qualify as a Category 3 Project utilizing feedstock from other sustainable forest management activities, the fuel procured from these activities must provide at least 12 of the 16 co-benefit items identified in Sections A through E below. In addition, the forest management project must meet at least one of the activities listed in each of Sections A through D. A Registered Professional Forester must certify that the planned forest management activities meet the sustainability criteria under Section 2.2.3.4 of CPUC Decision 14-12-081.

Note: Please keep responses brief (under 250 words) and focused on the basis for the determination that the forest management project will support sustainability of the specific objective. In lieu of providing a written response, or in addition to the written response, where appropriate, provide source references to the approved harvest/NEPA document where discussion of potential significant adverse impacts, evaluation and mitigation measures are provided.

A. Habitat Temporal and Spatial Diversity Objectives (Describe all that apply)

1. Openings for shade intolerant species were created to promote regeneration and habitat diversity.

Please describe percent and distribution of areas in small openings less than 2.5 acres in size and planned regeneration methods.

2. Multi-age, multi-species tree habitats were created at the project level.

Please describe how the forest management project will support maintenance, enhancement and/or restoration of canopy cover and maintain or increase the quadratic mean diameter of an overstory of multi-age, multi-species tree habitat immediately post-harvest.

3. Understory vegetation was retained and distributed across the immediately post-harvest forest management project site consistent with fire threat reduction and habitat objectives and contributes to spatial heterogeneity by varying treatments to retain untreated patches, openings, and widely spaced single trees and clumps.

Please describe objectives for retention of understory shrubs and trees and estimate post-harvest areas of untreated patches and openings.

B. Habitat Elements: (Describe all that apply)

1. Snags are retained consistent with safety, FPRs, and fire threat reduction goals.

Please describe post-harvest snag retention objectives and estimate the percentage of existing snags to be removed as part of the planned forest management activities.

2. Down logs with benefit to habitat diversity are retained consistent with fire threat reduction goals.

Please describe forest management project treatment objectives for retention of existing or forest management project related down woody material.

3. Large hardwoods and legacy trees are retained as post-treatment stand components and habitat.

Please describe post-harvest retention objectives for hardwoods and legacy trees.

4. Management practices and harvesting associated with the forest management project impacts are consistent with the objectives of retaining or recruiting large trees at the forest management project and landscape level.

Please describe post-harvest old growth tree retention objectives.

C. Forest Health and, Fire Management Objectives: (Describe all that apply)

1. Fire threat is reduced through treatment of ladder fuels and surface fuels to achieve reduction in incidence of crown torching in overstory trees and to avoid active crown fires under most conditions.

Please describe post-harvest spatial arrangement objectives for retention of understory shrubs and trees in relation to overstory trees.

2. Outcomes support reintroduction of prescribed fire.

Please describe, if applicable, post-harvest surface and ladder fuel conditions and proposed use of prescribed fire.

3. Improvement of overall forest health through reduction in overstocking in small tree sizes and reduction of competition for soil moisture with overstory trees.

Please describe.

D. Air and Water Quality Protection: (Describe all that apply)

1. Avoided emissions by eliminating need for open burning of slash piles and/or decomposition.

Please describe the relative reduction in emissions attributable to removal of material from the forest management project site for use as fuel for energy generation in comparison to piling and burning or piling and decomposition.

2. Measures have been incorporated to address moist microsites, and near stream habitats.

Please describe what measures will be employed to protect moist microsites and near-stream habitats.

3. Soil protection measures used to minimize compaction and loss of A-horizons and soil carbon.

Please describe.

4. Operational plans provide for the retention of fine woody debris to minimize potential threats to soil productivity (and meet fire threat reduction objectives).

Please describe.

E. Societal and Economic Benefits: (Describe all that apply)

1. The forest management project contributes to societal benefits of local communities by way of fire safety, improved environmental health and overall quality of life.

Please describe.

2. The forest management project contributes to local economies by way of providing additional to local employment opportunities and investment.

Please describe.

Seller hereby certifies that the above statements are true and complete.

[Insert Seller name]
[Date]

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

I certify that the planned forest management activities described above meet the sustainability criteria under Section 2.2.3.4 of CPUC Decision 14-12-081.

[Insert name of Registered Professional Forester]
[Insert name of agency]

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____