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Date: August 9, 2011

Alan Colton  
Manager - Sunrise Powerlink Environmental Services  
San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
8315 Century Park Court, CP21E  
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Mr. Colton:

I have reviewed the July 29, 2011 request by San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) for authorization to construct on National Forest System lands, including the Attachment A preconstruction status reports and the Attachment B status of special use permit exhibits. I concur with your preconstruction status report. I approved an updated version of Exhibit 6 on August 2, 2011, and with that minor change I also concur with your summary of approved special use permit exhibits. My approval of the various exhibits required prior to construction meets the requirements of special use permit condition II. B. and the preconstruction requirements outlined in the Forest Service July 9, 2010 Record of Decision (ROD).

SDG&E is authorized to begin ground disturbing preconstruction and construction activities on August 16, 2011 in areas released by the special use administration team, with the exception of activities that include tree trimming and removal, which may start on September 16, 2011 (reference Mitigation Measure B-8a).

Mitigation measure B-2a requires that construction areas be delineated on the ground prior to construction. I will be using the same preconstruction site review process adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission. My special use permit administration team, led by Brian Paul, will review all sites prior to construction. I have delegated authority to Brian Paul and his staff to release sites for construction, once field review is complete. Sites released by the special use permit administration team will be documented by email to SDG&E environmental services staff.

This notice authorizing SDG&E to proceed with construction is limited in scope to the lands and activities subject to Forest Service jurisdiction as defined by the terms of the special use permit. As required by permit conditions I. F. and IV. A., SDG&E must comply with a broad range of present and future applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. This notice is not a substitute for approvals required by other agencies, and in particular, this authorization does not allow take of any migratory birds or listed species unless it is authorized by a permit or Biological Opinion issued by the US Fish and Wildlife Service.



All work on the National Forest is subject to the terms, conditions, and approved exhibits of the special use permit. Permanent and temporary improvements are limited to those project features identified in the special use permit and exhibits. Please submit any proposed modifications of the exhibits to me for review and approval. I will document any approved modifications of the exhibits by letter.

SDG&E may appeal my decision to issue the notice to proceed under Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 251, Subpart C. I would be glad to meet with you to hear and discuss any concerns or issues related to this decision. Appeal of my decision related to the notice to proceed may be filed with Forest Supervisor Will Metz at:

Cleveland National Forest  
10845 Rancho Bernardo Road  
Suite 200  
San Diego, CA 92127

To appeal this decision, your notice of appeal must be filed within 45 days of the date on this notice and you must simultaneously send a copy of your notice of appeal to me.

Thank you for your request. I recognize the careful effort made by SDG&E staff to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit, and look forward to a safe and successful construction effort starting on August 16, 2011. Please contact me at 619-445-6235 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



JERILYNNE C. HAYES  
Acting District Ranger

Cc: Public Utilities Commission  
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