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Ms. Kirstie Reynolds Environmental Compliance Lead San Diego Gas and Electric Company 1010 Tavern Road Alpine CA, 91901

> Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #10—Addition of Staging Area and Shift of Pole P257776, C78 -- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On October 16, 2017, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #10 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), requesting the following project refinements be approved to support activities associated with Circuit (C) 78:

- <u>Pole 257776</u>: SDG&E proposes to shift Pole P257776 approximately 50 feet east of its approved location to the eastern side of Red Oak Road. The temporary pole work area associated with Pole P257776 will also move approximately 50 feet southeast, but will remain approximately the same size and configuration.
- <u>Staging Yard</u>: SDG&E proposes to add a staging area just north of the eastern terminus of the C78 alignment. The requested staging area is located approximately 309 feet north of Pole P172713 and will be accessed using an existing, approved navigation road. Mowing will be required for use of the staging area, which is approximately 0.23 acre of non-native grassland. The staging area will be used for approximately two months.

The CPUC voted on May 26, 2016 to approve the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Decision 16-05-038) and a Notice of Determination was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH#2013091070).

The Commission decision approving the Permit to Construct (PTC) authorizes Energy Division staff to approve requests by SDG&E for minor project refinements. The decision states that minor project refinements that may be necessary due to final engineering of the project may be approved so long as such minor project refinements are located within the geographic boundary of the study area of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and do not, without mitigation, result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the EIR/EIS; conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy; or trigger an additional permit requirement.

This letter documents the CPUC's thorough evaluation of all activities covered in MPRR #10 and that the changes requested in MPRR #10 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In

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accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #10 was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at 415.703.1966 or lisa.orsaba@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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