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Subject: Notice to Proceed (NTP) 13 – Master Special Use Permit and Permit to Construct Power Line Replacement Projects – Reconstruction Activities associated with Transmission Line (TL) 682 Phase III (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence reconstruction activities associated with TL 682 Phase III, which consists of two segments including a staging yard on private land off Cucca Loop Road and facilities located on the on the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians reservation (Pole Z617763 to Pole Z118101), as described in the SDG&E NTP Request #13 dated February 15, 2018.

The Power Line Replacement Projects were evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Permit to Construct (PTC) was issued by the CPUC on June 2, 2016 (Decision D. 16-05-038, dated May 26, 2016). **NTP 13 is granted by CPUC for proposed construction activities based on the following factors:**

- The Final EIR prepared for the Power Line Replacement Projects defined required mitigation measures to be implemented prior to project construction. The relevant mitigation measures for construction activities under this Notice to Proceed are summarized in *Attachment A* and shall be implemented by SDG&E and its designated contractor. SDG&E's compliance with the pre-construction component for each measure is noted in the status table.

NTP 13 also authorizes SDG&E to proceed with activities identified in Attachment A of the NTP 13 request, Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) 14, which describes and analyzes the changes between the final engineering for Phase III of TL 682 and the 2015 baseline data, as well as changes between the final engineering for Phase II of TL 682 and the federal preferred alternative. The federal preferred alternative included included underground transmission and distribution lines for approximately 1,500 feet between Poles Z118079 and Z118082, but that section will be reconstructed as overhead at the request of the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, per the amended Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Record of Decision (ROD). In addition, MPRR 14 describes activities at the Cucca Loop Staging and Fly Yard,

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which will include helicopter staging, take-off, and landing, as well as parking, fueling, and storage of construction materials and equipment.

The conditions noted below shall be met by SDG&E and its contractors for NTP 13 and MPRR 14:

- Per the request of the La Jolla Band of Luiseño tribal representatives, a Native American cultural monitor will be on-site for all ground disturbing work conducted on reservation lands.
- MM BIO-29/PHS-3/NOI-3: Blasting activities are not approved at this time. Should blasting activities be required, a blasting plan is required to be reviewed and approved prior to blasting.
- MM BIO-7/HYD-1: The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Notice of Intent (NOI) approval for enrollment under the 2017 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Construction General Permit will be submitted to CPUC and the United States Forest Service (USFS).

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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Att: Attachment A – Mitigation Measures

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