March 16, 2017

Subject: Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009) – Tie Line (TL) 682 – Data Request 4, SDG&E Response

Approximately 3 of the 20 miles of the Tie Line (TL) 682 component of the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Project traverses the La Jolla Reservation. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) understands that San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) is currently working to resolve an easement issue with the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (Tribe) for the portion of TL 682 that traverses the La Jolla Reservation. As a result, SDG&E has indicated that it will request Notices to Proceed for construction of segments individually (off-reservation lands to the west and east and on-reservation lands) while the easement and resolution process is ongoing with the Tribe to keep the project on schedule.

Resolution of easement concerns related to the portion of TL 682 that traverse the La Jolla Reservation is required prior to the start of construction on that segment. Because the easement and resolution process could potentially affect the design and construction of TL 682 components not located on the La Jolla Reservation, CPUC requests the following information prior to considering Notice to Proceed requests for construction of TL 682:

1. A copy of the existing easement between SDG&E and the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians for existing facilities associated with TL 682 on the La Jolla Reservation.

SDG&E Response:

Attached to this response are the following:

- Existing SDG&E Easement RW#79463, Tribal Indent. No. 378-La Jolla-427, grants and approves a 50 foot wide 69KV transmission and a 20 foot wide12KV distribution line for a term of 50 years from September 22, 1972.
- *Exhibit "A" survey design sketch associated with said existing easement, L-1379 consisting of five (5) sheets.*
- 2. Any current tribal resolution and new or amended easements for the portion of TL 682 that traverses the La Jolla Reservation. Please include documents, if any, indicating the approval for the overhead wood-to-steel fire-hardening component on reservation lands and the 1,500-foot underground component (between poles Z118079 to Z118082), as approved in CPUC Decision D.16-05-03 dated May 26, 2016; by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Record of Decision dated March 30, 2016; and by the United States Forest Service Record of Decision dated March 11, 2016.

SDG&E Response:

SDG&E has been in on-goings meetings with the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians (Tribe) since February of 2013 regarding the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects. The objectives of these meetings has been to; 1) inform the tribe about the public safety, fire hardening and system reliability objectives of the project 2) work in good faith to understand the tribes proposed future economic development plans 3) discuss the scope of the project and incorporate, to the extent feasible, the tribes development plans 4) receive all necessary land rights and a signed tribal Resolution authorizing the planned work and 5) attain an agreement with the tribe on the terms of the existing easement which expires in 2022.

In our most recent meetings, the Tribe has indicated they will issue a resolution for the planned work but they do not intend to discuss terms of the expiring easement, including whether or not they intend to renew the easement in 2022. SDG&E believes it is prudent for all stakeholders involved to pursue an agreement on this now before a significant capital investment is made on tribal land. This investment includes rebuilding the overhead transmission, underground conversion of approximately 1,500 feet of transmission and rebuilding and extending areas of the distribution system.

3. SDG&E's current plan for phasing construction of TL 682, pending the easement and resolution process with the Tribe. SDG&E shall state whether or not proposed fire-hardening of structures off-reservation can continue to provide electric service independent of the proposed fire-hardening and undergrounding sections of the line located on the La Jolla Reservation.

SDG&E Response:

The planned hardening of structures off tribal land can be completed and continue to provide electric service independent of whether or not structure hardening, including undergrounding, occurs on La Jolla tribal land. Upon completion of planned work off tribal land, the entire line will be energized and operational.

Refer to the attached map for an illustration of construction phasing plan for TL682. Phase 1 is the segment from the Warner substation to the area near the eastern boundary of tribal land, Phase 2 is the segment from Rincon substation to near the western tribal boundary, Phase 3 is the segment on private land surrounded by tribal land to the east and west and Phase 4 i) and ii) are the sections of line located on La Jolla tribal land.

4. Should CPUC approve fire-hardening activities (i.e., wood-to-steel pole replacement) along TL 682 off-reservation, and should a tribal resolution and easement for TL 682 facilities crossing reservation lands not be executed in the near-term or distant future, please provide SDG&E's course of action for this scenario, including foreseeable reengineering efforts along the components off-reservation.

SDG&E Response:

The following fire-hardening activities can be completed without resolution from the Tribe because they take place off tribal land. These activities may require some minor re-engineering of structures near the boundary lines with La Jolla Reservation lands.

- Phase 1 Approximately 10.7 miles from Z118106 to Warners Substation.
- Phase 2 Approximately 2.8 mile from Rincon substation to Z118024.
- Phase 3 Approximately 2.35 miles from Z118033 to Z617763.

The following sections would not be able to be completed as they fall within reservation land.

- Phase 4
 - *i)* Approximately 0.73 miles, from Z118024 to Z118033 would not be fire-hardened based on the current design as approximately 0.36 miles of the 0.73 miles are on tribal land.
 - *ii)* Approximately 3.5 miles, from Z617763 to Z118106 would not be fire-hardened based on the current design as approximately 3.2 miles of the 3.6 miles are on tribal land.

If we cannot reach resolution then the transmission line can be undergrounded within Highway 76. This would convert approximately 5.14 miles of existing overhead transmission to 6.0 miles of underground transmission. However, this change would result in increased cost and schedule impacts for the Project.

5. In addition to the information above, please clarify if SDG&E requires further approval from the Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians to conduct work associated with TL 682 on the segment traversing the Pauma-Yuima Reservation, and the status of such approval.

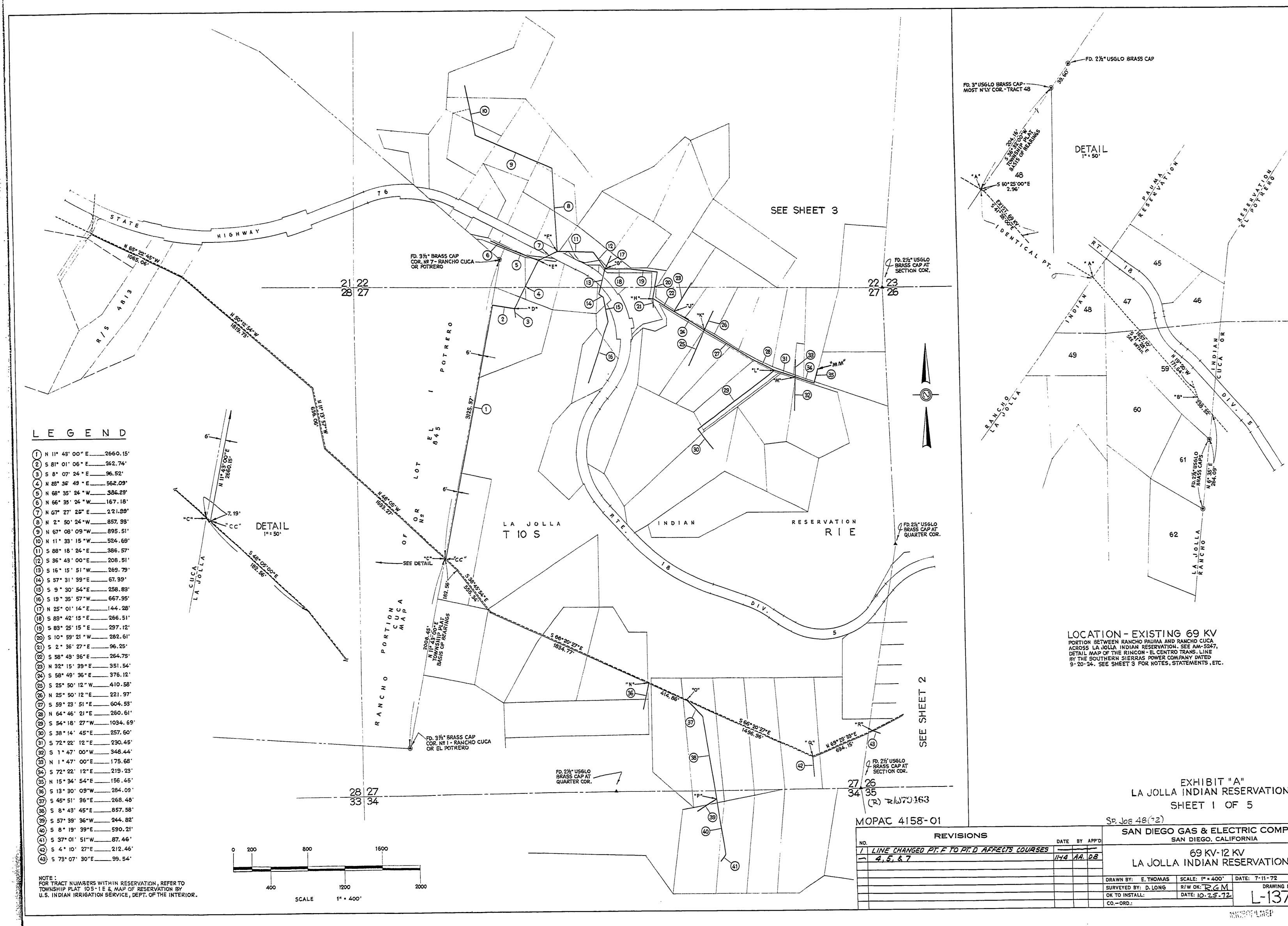
SDG&E Response:

The existing easement for the facilities located on Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians are sufficient to perform the planned fire hardening activities.

SDG&E Easement RW#79463 Tribal Indent. No. 378-La Jolla-427

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Exhibit "A" Survey Design Sketch



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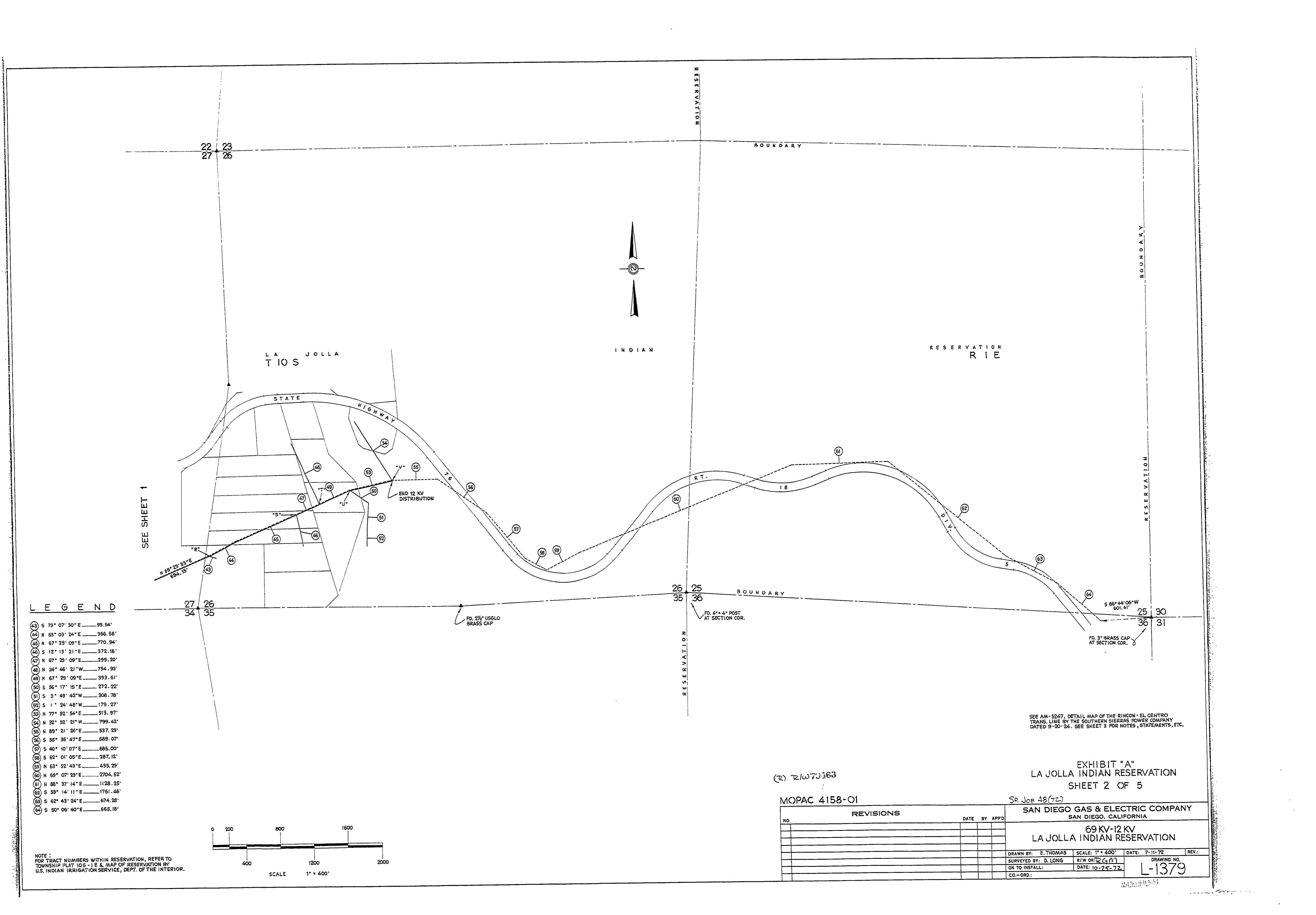
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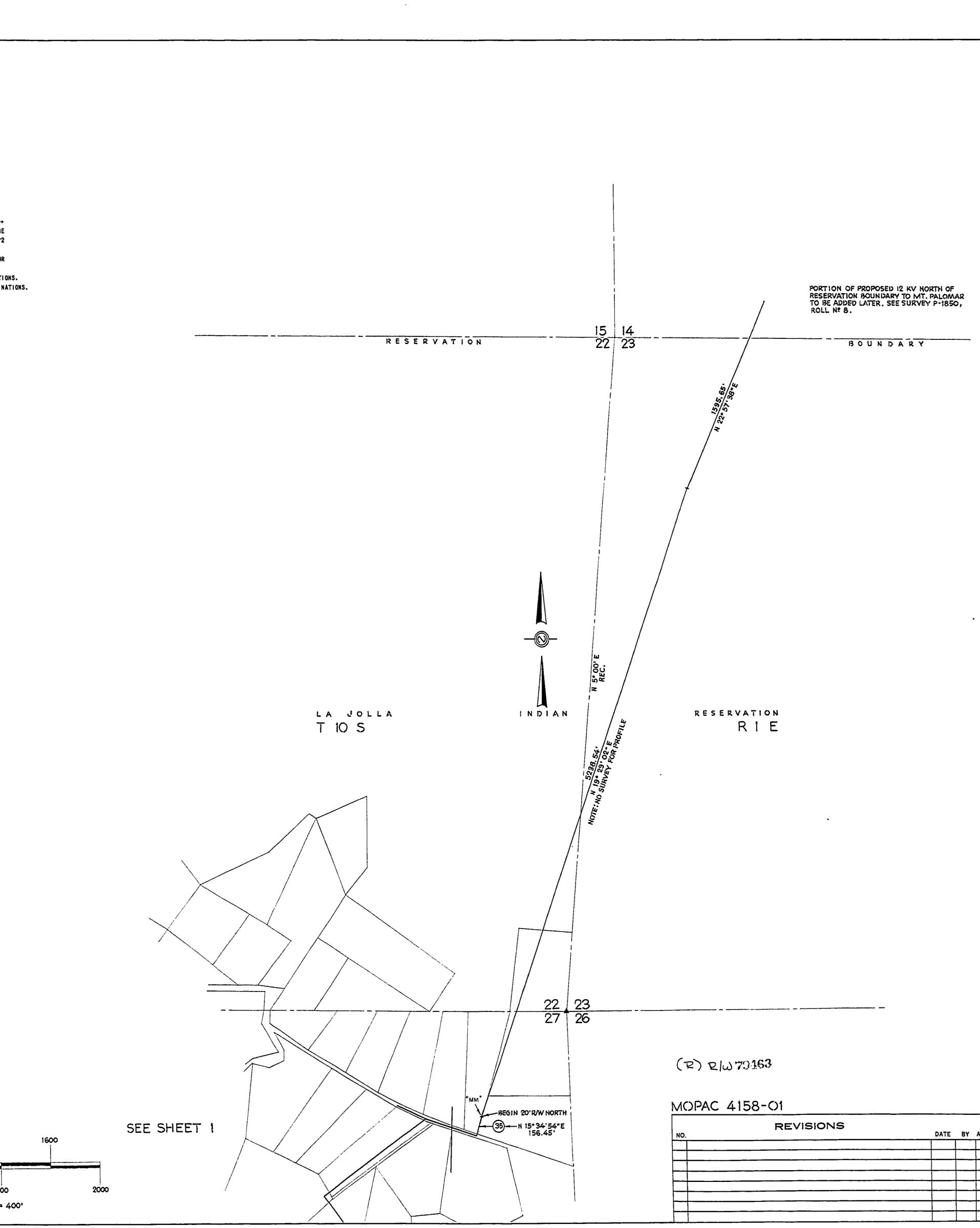
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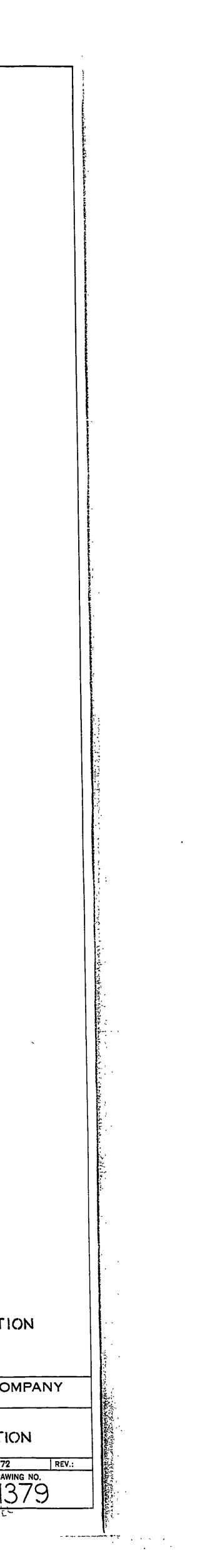
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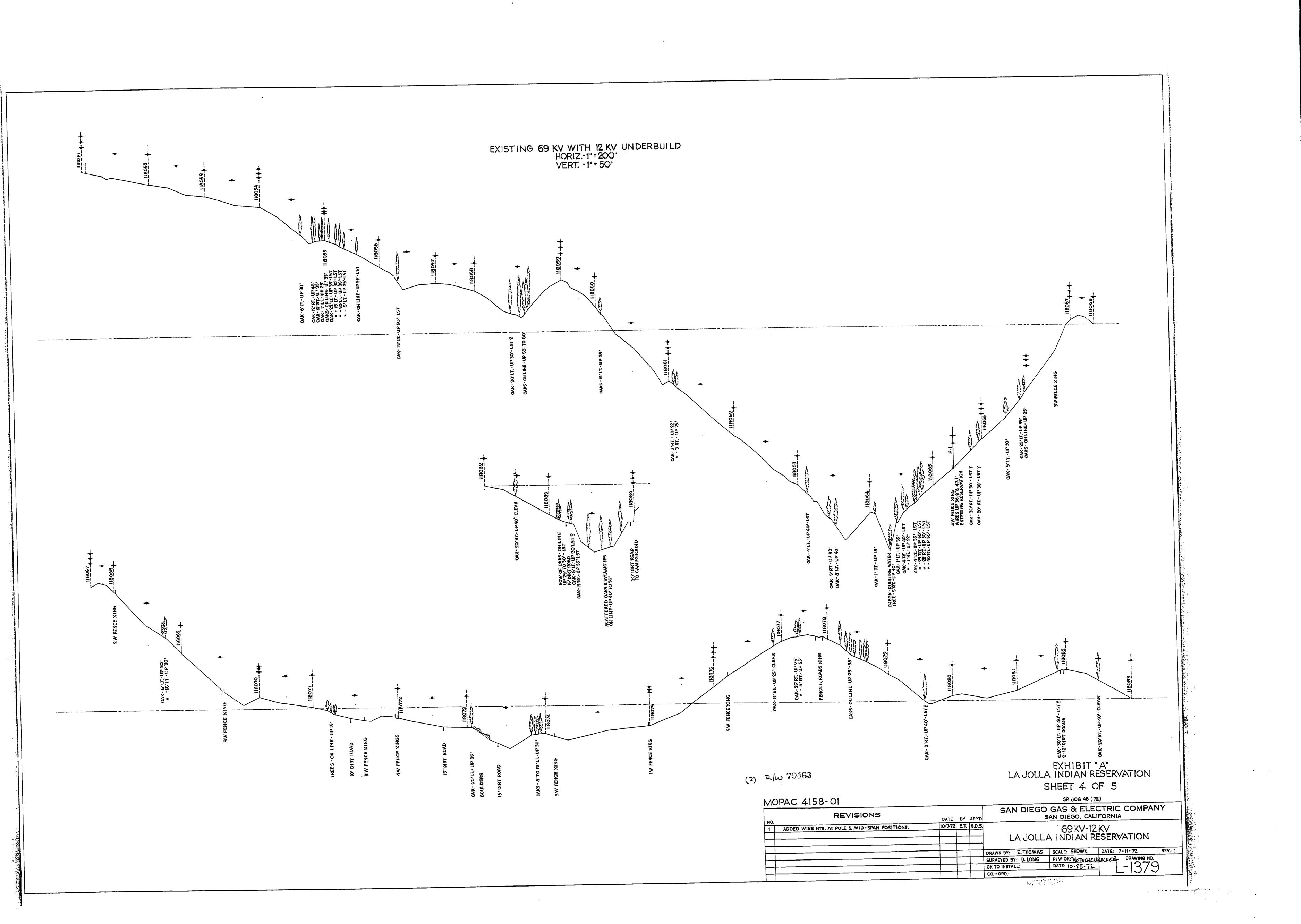


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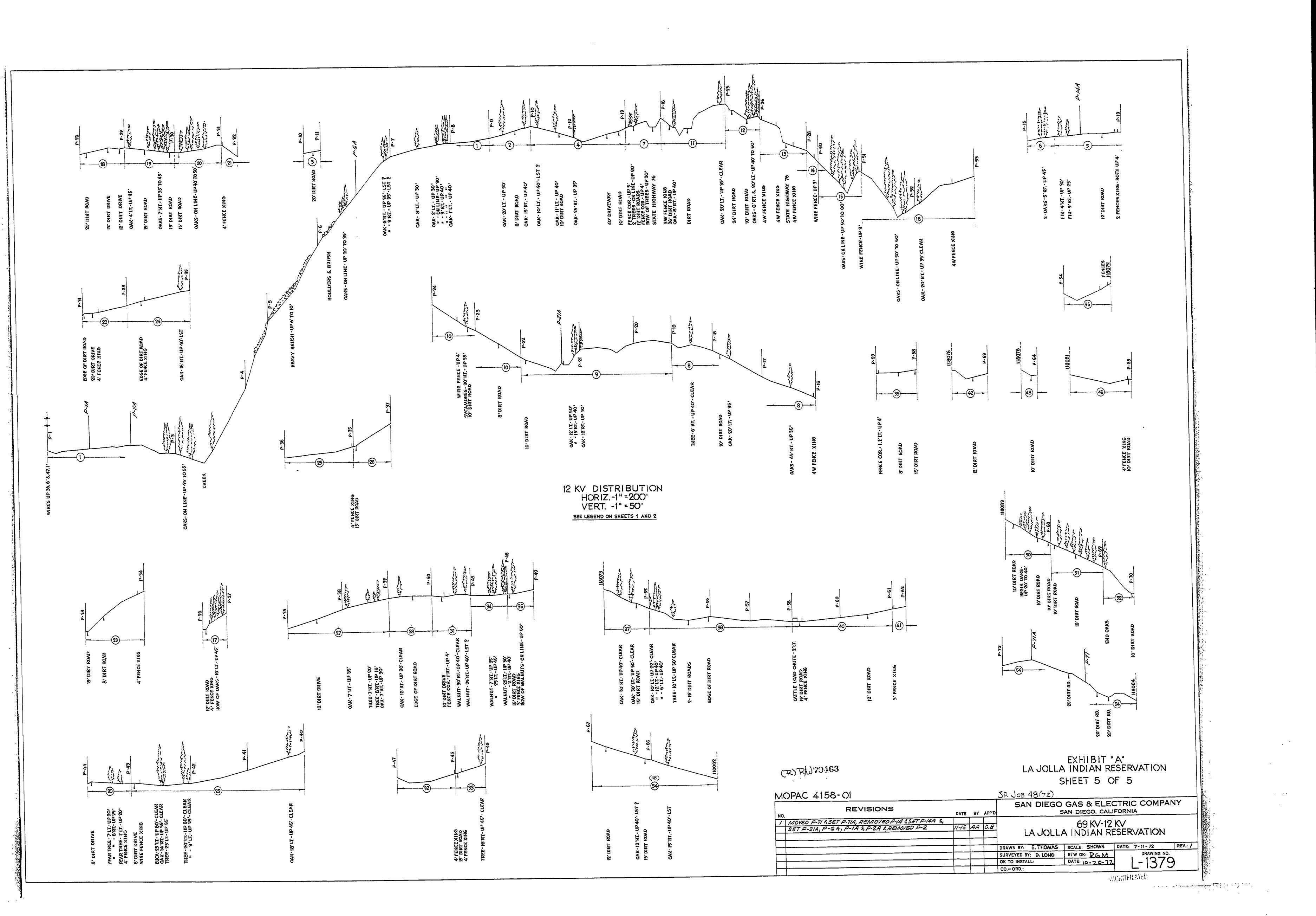
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TL682 Construction Phases Map

