



CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS



MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted:	06-20-17	Request #:	006
Date Approval Required:	07-11-17	Landowner:	Sweetwater Authority
APN:	XXXXXXXXXXXX		
Refinement from (check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> APM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
Identify source (mitigation measure, project description, etc.):			
<p>Minor Project Refinement (MPR) #2 was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on February 10, 2017, and included an access road realignment at Pole Z272867. The access road realignment is described in MPR #2 and depicted in TL625B Map 8 of 14 of Attachment B: Survey Area Map and TL625B Map 14 of 39 of Attachment D: Compare Map. Since the approval of MPR #2, it has been determined that drainage improvements are required along the approved access road realignment.</p> <p>The information in this MPR request form discusses the requested refinement along Transmission Line (TL) 625B, which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> installation of a permanent drainage structure, including a concrete swale, a high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) pipe, and an energy dissipation device; and additional temporary workspace to facilitate installation of the drainage structure. <p>A brief description and justification of the refinement is provided on page 2 of this MPR request.</p>			
Attachments (check all that apply):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refinement Request Screening Form (see Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Photos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maps (See Attachment B: Compare Map)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Under Order 2 of the Decision Granting SDG&E Permit to Construct the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (D.16-05-038), the CPUC may approve minor project refinements under certain circumstances. In accordance with Order 2 of the Decision, respond “yes” or “no” to the following questions (a) through (d).			
(a) Is the proposed refinement outside the geographic boundary of the EIR/EIS study area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(b) Will the proposed refinement 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(c) Does the proposed refinement conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(d) Does the proposed refinement trigger an additional permit requirement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Describe refinement being requested (attach drawings and photos as needed):					
<p>SDG&E requests the following refinement on TL625B to complete the previously approved access road realignment at Pole Z272867:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • installation of a permanent drainage structure, including an approximately two-foot-wide and 160-foot-long concrete swale that will be installed approximately one foot deep, a 24-inch HDPE pipe, and a rip-rap energy dissipation device, along the access road realignment; and • additional temporary workspace to facilitate installation of the drainage structure. <p>Installation of the drainage structure will occur primarily within the existing temporary workspace approved in MPR #2. However, additional temporary workspace will be required north and south of the existing access road to install the drainage structure.</p> <p>Attachment B: Compare Map depicts the previously approved road realignment and workspace (as shown in MPR #2) in comparison with the refinement described in this MPR request. The activities associated with the construction and utilization of the refinement area will occur in the same manner as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project.</p>					
Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and photos as needed):					
<p>The installation of the drainage structure is required to manage storm water runoff along the access road, prevent potential flooding of the road, and prevent off-site erosion and sedimentation. The additional temporary workspace is required to facilitate installation of the drainage structure.</p>					
Date refinement is expected to be implemented:				07-12-17	
Resource Agency Coordination					
Resource Agency	Name	Action Required	Date	Documentation (see attached if yes)	
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATTACHMENT A: MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

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RESOURCE EVALUATION

The requested refinement was evaluated to verify that they will not 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 Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Project). The following Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist answers the consistency questions for each resource category and includes a description and justification, as necessary. The consistency questions were developed using the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Checklist provided in the Final EIR/EIS. Refer to the Final EIR/EIS for the details on the Project impact evaluation.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	Not Applicable
<p>Aesthetics (e.g., adversely affect scenic vistas, damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, create sources of light or glare, or result in an inconsistency with applicable scenic integrity objectives)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation¹: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Aesthetics:</p> <p>The realignment and use of an existing access road at Pole Z272867 was previously approved in Minor Project Refinement (MPR) #2. The requested refinement will result in an increase in temporary and permanent impacts by approximately 0.06 acre and 0.02 acre, respectively. The temporary workspace will be restored to pre-construction conditions in accordance with Applicant-Proposed Measure VIS-01. The requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or result in a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to aesthetics as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			
<p>Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, conflict with applicable local air quality plans, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality:</p> <p>Activities associated with construction and utilization of the requested refinement area (such as the type of equipment used and the number of truck trips) are consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2. The requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or result in a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to air quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.</p>			

¹ The Final EIR/EIS evaluations of significance are defined for each impact discussed for each resource; this table notes the most significant determination within each resource section identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	Not Applicable
<p>Biological Resources (e.g., result in temporary or permanent loss of native vegetation, preserve areas, native wildlife and/or their habitats; cause an adverse effect to jurisdictional waters or sensitive or special-status species; result in the introduction of invasive, non-native, or noxious plant species; conflict with local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan; or interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory wildlife)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:

The refinement was previously surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities, as well as special-status plant and wildlife species during initial surveys that were conducted for the Project, and supplemental focused surveys that were conducted in 2016. The requested refinement will result in an increase in temporary and permanent impacts by approximately 0.06 acre and 0.02 acre, respectively. This includes approximately 0.05 acre of temporary impacts and approximately 0.01 acre of permanent impacts to southern mixed chaparral.

Special-status butterfly host plants, including spiny redberry (*Rhamnus crocea*), are located within or adjacent to the requested refinement. In addition, approximately 0.06 acre of temporary impacts and 0.02 acre of permanent impacts are located within United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service- (USFWS-) designated critical habitat for Arroyo toad (*Anaxyrus californicus*). All mitigation measures as defined in the Project’s Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP), as well as other permit conditions will be implemented as applicable to minimize or mitigate for additional impacts.

No new sensitive plant or wildlife species were identified during supplemental surveys conducted for the refinement. Data associated with the biological surveys conducted for the Project in this area were submitted with MPR #2.

The requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or result in a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to biological resources.

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Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	Not Applicable
<p>Cultural and Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse change to Traditional Cultural Properties or historical, archeological, or paleontological resources; or disturb any human remains)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural and Paleontological Resources:</p> <p>The refinement areas were previously surveyed for cultural resources during pre-construction and cultural resources inventory work, as described in the <i>Inventory, Evaluation and Treatment of Cultural Resources in the Cleveland National Forest Transmission and Distribution Line Increased Fire Safety Project in support of the Proponent’s Environmental Assessment</i>. In addition, supplemental intensive pedestrian surveys were conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2016. No new cultural resources were recorded, and no change in the significance of known cultural resources will occur on the Project as a result of the requested refinement. Therefore, the refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified potential impact to cultural resources.</p> <p>The requested refinement is located within the same geological formations along TL625B as analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2. The refinement area is not underlain by sedimentary rock units with a Potential Fossil Yield Classification Class 3 ranking, and disturbance caused by the refinement will not be deep enough to affect any paleontological resources. Therefore, additional paleontological monitoring will not be required, and the refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified potential impact to paleontological resources</p>			
<p>Greenhouse Gases (e.g., result in a net increase of greenhouse gas emissions, or conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant (Class III)/Not adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases:</p> <p>The refinement is consistent with the Greenhouse Gases analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2, and will not change the amount of heavy equipment utilized or the number of trips needed to complete construction as contemplated in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to greenhouse gas emissions.</p>			

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Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	Not Applicable
<p>Public Health and Safety (e.g., result in a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials; emit hazardous waste within one-quarter mile of a school; be located on a hazardous materials site; result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the Project area; interfere with an adopted emergency plan; or create safety hazards due to structural failure)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Health and Safety:</p> <p>The refinement is consistent with the Public Health and Safety analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2. There are no known hazardous materials sites located in the refinement area according to the <i>Report on ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Cleveland National Forest Electric Safety and Reliability Project San Diego County, California</i>. Therefore, the refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to public health and safety.</p>			
<p>Fire and Fuels Management (e.g., increase the probability of a wildfire, reduce the effectiveness of firefighting, or introduce non-native plants that would contribute to ignition potential)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Fire and Fuels Management:</p> <p>The refinement is consistent with the Fire and Fuels Management analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2. The refinement will be located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, and the potential risk of wildfire ignition and spread associated with the refinement will be managed in compliance with the Project's Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. Therefore, the refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact to fire and fuels management.</p>			
<p>Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., result in increased levels of turbidity, introduce contaminants, deplete groundwater supplies, or degrade water quality)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	☒	☐	☐
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Hydrology and Water Quality:</p> <p>The installation of the drainage structure will result in approximately 0.02 acre of permanent impacts and approximately 0.06 acre of temporary impacts. As discussed in this MPR request, the installation of the drainage structure is required to manage storm water runoff along the approved road realignment and prevent off-site erosion and sedimentation. No additional potentially jurisdictional wetlands or waters of the U.S. have been identified in the refinement area. The requested refinement will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to hydrology and water quality.</p>			

Final EIR/EIS Consistency Checklist			
Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	Not Applicable
<p>Land Use (e.g., disturb land uses at or near the Project components, divide an established community, or conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse²</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:</p> <p>In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and MM LU-1, property owners within 1,000 feet of TL625B were notified of construction activities, and the property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinement were already included in that notification process. The refinement is consistent with the Land Use analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2; therefore, the requested refinement will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to land use.</p>			
<p>Noise (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Noise:</p> <p>The refinement is consistent with the Noise analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2. The requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to noise.</p>			
<p>Public Services and Utilities (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, facilities for fire protection, municipal water supplies, telecommunications, and solid waste; or disrupt electric service)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities:</p> <p>The refinement is consistent with the Public Services and Utilities analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2, and will not require new or expanded facilities or services associated with fire protection, municipal water supplies, telecommunications infrastructure, or landfills. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to public services and utilities.</p>			

² SDG&E's proposed work on C157 is considered adverse and unavoidable under the National Environmental Policy Act and significant and unmitigable under CEQA (Class I).

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Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact to:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	Not Applicable
<p>Recreation (e.g., reduce access and visitation to recreation areas, preclude recreational activities, or result in increased, unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation:</p> <p>The refinement area will not cross or be adjacent to any recreational facilities. Therefore, the requested refinement is consistent with the Final EIR/EIS analysis and will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to recreation.</p>			
<p>Transportation and Traffic (e.g., conflict with an applicable congestion management program or a plan, ordinance, or policy associated with the circulation system or alternative transportation; increase hazards due to a design feature; or result in inadequate emergency access)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation:</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic:</p> <p>The refinement is consistent with the Transportation and Traffic analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2. The total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and the refinement will affect the same roadways analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS and MPR #2. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact to transportation and traffic.</p>			

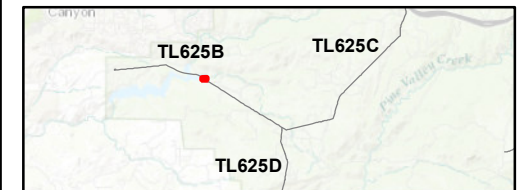
ATTACHMENT B: COMPARE MAP

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Compare Map**


**Cleveland National Forest
Power Line Replacement Projects**

Approved Design



-  Removal
-  Wood-to-Steel Replacement
-  Maintained Access
-  Wood-to-Steel Replacement
-  Access Road Work - Permanent Disturbance
-  Temp Pole Work Area



Approved Design

-  Removal
-  Wood-to-Steel Replacement
-  Maintained Access
-  Wood-to-Steel Replacement
-  Access Road Work
-  Temp Pole Work Area

MPR #6

-  Drainage Structure - Permanent Disturbance
-  Temp Pole Work Area



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