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Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #2-- Modifications to Tie Line (TL) 625B and 629E-- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On December 21, 2016, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #2 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to modify several components of TL 625B and TL 629E as described in the MPRR. In summary, SDG&E requested the following project refinements:

- Re-alignment and use of an existing access road (TL625B);
- Re-configuration or enlargement of nine and addition of 49 temporary workspaces to accommodate equipment and conduct pole work;
- Addition of temporary workspaces for either removal or reinstallation of a guy anchor associated with a distribution pole;
- Addition of 11 construction-only access roads¹ for access to various poles and work areas;
- Relocation of 10 approved temporary guard structure work areas and addition of 6 temporary guard structure work areas;
- Addition of the Miller Valley Staging/Fly Yard and the Japatul Fly Yard;
- Addition of an existing maintained access road on TL625B and 26 existing navigation access roads for use;
- Re-configuration of 6 approved stringing sites, reconfiguration of 1 approved stringing site into 2 separate stringing sites, and addition of 11 stringing sites, for a total of 19 stringing sites;
- Change in use of the Sweetwater Staging and Fly Yard from a stringing site to a staging and fly yard as well as a reduction in its size;
- Addition of 13 temporary work entry areas and enlargement of one approved temporary work entry area in order to provide safe access, vehicle turnaround, and parking;
- Addition of two bore pits associated with undergrounding utilities into the Crestwood Substation;
- Addition of one temporary workspace for a vault associated with the replacement of an underground distribution line;

¹ See SDG&E's MPRR #2, dated December 21, 2016, for definitions

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- Removal of 33 existing distribution poles and colocation of the 12 kV circuit to the TL629E alignment;
- Addition of four wood-to-steel replacement poles; and
- Re-alignment of the underground trench near Crestwood Substation.

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 #2 and that the changes requested in MPRR #2 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #2 was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

MPRR#2 is approved with the following conditions:

- MM CUL-1/CUL-3: SDG&E shall not proceed with activities covered under MPRR#2 until USFS has completed a National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 findings for MPRR#2.
- MM CUL-1/CUL-3: SDG&E shall obtain CPUC concurrence prior to proceeding at these locations along TL 629E: Z44226, P165714, and P40860.
- NOI-1: Prior to commencing work associated with activities covered under MPRR#2, SDG&E shall notice landowners in accordance with this measure and the Construction Notification Plan (CNP). Updates to the CNP, including updates to Attachment A-C, shall be provided to CPUC prior to commencing work.
- PSU-1: Prior to commencing work along the 12kV distribution line paralleling TL 629E (transfer of 12kV wire, AT&T facilities, and removal of poles), SDG&E shall provide CPUC with an updated record of written verification from AT&T that telecommunication facilities will be relocated on new poles and the timing of the relocation of facilities.
- Distribution Pole P165714 was inadvertently identified by SDG&E as both a 12kV removal pole and a wood-to-steel replacement. The latter is approved consistent with SDG&E's clarification provided on January 25, 2017.

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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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