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Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #4—Orchard Staging Yard and Nursery Staging Yard -- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On March 20, 2017, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #4 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), requesting the following project refinements be approved to support activities associated with Tie Line (TL) 682:

- Nursery Staging and Fly Yard: This staging and fly yard will be approximately 10.55 acres, and minor vegetation removal and grading will occur. The staging and fly yard will be used for approximately 18 months, and all activities associated with the yard will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS for helicopter activities (i.e., take-off, landing, and refueling) and storage and preparation of construction materials and equipment.
- Orchard Staging Yard: This staging yard will be approximately 12.42 acres, and will require the removal of several small boulders on the edge of Community Church Drive in order to access the site. Minor vegetation removal will also occur. The staging yard will be used for approximately 18 months, and all activities associated with the yard will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS for storage and preparation of construction materials and equipment.

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.

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This letter documents the CPUC's thorough evaluation of all activities covered in MPRR #4 and that the changes requested in MPRR #4 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #4 was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

MPRR#4 is approved with the following conditions:

- SDG&E shall not proceed with the Orchard Staging Yard until such time that the State Historic Preservation Officer has approved the modified Area of Potential Effect (APE) to include the Orchard Staging Yard and the USFS has completed a National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 findings for MPRR#4.

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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