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Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #9—Refinements for Tie Line (TL) 682 (with Workspace Adjustment #18) -- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On October 10, 2017, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #9 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), requesting the following project refinements be approved for Tie Line (TL) 682 Phase I and II:

- addition of 36 anchors, replacement of 27 anchors, removal of 13 anchors, as well as the addition of 74 associated temporary anchor work areas;
- addition of approximately 0.07 mile of a construction-only access road for access to various poles and work areas (vegetation brushing will be required and minor grading may occur);
- addition of approximately 2.26 miles of navigation access roads (no vegetation clearing or ground disturbance is required);
- addition of 27 guard structure work areas;
- reconfiguration and/or enlargement of 11 approved stringing sites and addition of 15 stringing sites, for a total of 26 stringing sites;
- addition of 53 temporary access/entry/turnaround work areas to provide safe access, vehicle turnaround, and parking;
- addition of one temporary work area for use as a helicopter drop-off area;
- addition of approximately 237 feet of undergrounding and two associated temporary underground work areas;
- addition and enlargement of 78 temporary pole work areas to accommodate equipment and conduct pole work;
- replacement of 46 distribution tap poles and removal of three distribution poles; and
- addition of 32 pole-top work areas.

On November 17, 2017, SDG&E submitted Workspace Adjustment Notification (WSA) #18 for two workspace adjustments associated with MPRR #9 requesting the following changes be made to the MPRR #9:

- an alternate location for one stringing site, which will shift the location approximately 125 feet northwest of the location proposed in MPRR #9 and reduce it in size; and

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- a shortening of the temporary access/entry/turnaround workspace proposed in MPRR #9 associated with the alternate stringing location, which will reduce the size of the proposed workspace.

On November 22, 2017 SDG&E submitted a revised iteration of WSA #18 to remove the work area north of Pole Z118179.

Because MPRR #9 had not yet been approved, WSA #18 is intended to act as an amendment to MPRR #9 and SDG&E is seeking approval of both simultaneously.

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 #9 and that the changes requested in MPRR #9 and WSA #18 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #9 and WSA #18 were reviewed by CPUC simultaneously to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

MPRR #9 is approved with the following conditions:

- SDG&E shall provide CPUC with documentation of approval from California Department of Fish and Wildlife for the work within the temporary access/entry/turnaround work area within the Plaisted Creek Ecological Reserve prior to use.
- SDG&E shall provide CPUC with an updated plan for ESA fencing installation to reflect the changes made in WSA #18. In particular, ESA fencing shall be installed completely outside of the boundaries of archaeological site locations including, but not limited to TL682-S-10, LP-S-682-1, LP-S-682-2 (CA-SDI-22158), LP- 682-12, CA-SDI-19739, SDI-509, and CA-SDI-789. ESA fence installation shall be monitored by an archaeological and Native American monitor.

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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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