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***Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #16—Refinements for Transmission Line (TL) 629E -- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)***

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On March 29, 2018, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #16 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). SDG&E requested the following project refinements be approved for Transmission Line (TL) 629E:

- addition of two anchors and the associated anchor work areas;
- addition of approximately 30 feet of footpath to the existing location for Pole Z44226;
- relocation of the new Pole Z44226 approximately 160 feet southeast and a pole height increase of approximately 22 feet, as well as reconfiguration of the temporary pole work areas as the new pole location and the removal pole location;
- addition of a temporary pole work areas and footpath for the removal of Pole P40860;
- conditional release of work at Poles P480860 and P165714; and
- relocation of AT&T facilities from parallel distribution structures to between Poles Z44225 and Z44227.

On September 21, 2016, Notice to Proceed (NTP) request #1 was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and USFS for the rebuild of TL 625B and TL629E. MPRR #2 was approved by both agencies on February 10, 2017 for changes associated with TL625B and TL629E. Since the approval of NTP #1 and MPRR #2, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) has made revisions to the scope of work included in NTP #1 and MPRR #2.

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,

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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 #16 and that the changes requested in MPRR #16 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #16 was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

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](mailto:lisa.orsaba@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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