

# **CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS**

# MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted:	12-11-18		Request #:		025		
Date Approval Required:	01-04-19		Landowners: Various		Various		
APN: XXX-XXX-XX, XXX-XXX, XXX-XXX-XX							
Refinement from (check all	that apply):						
□ Mitigation Measure	$\Box$ APM	🛛 Pro	ject Description		Drawing	$\boxtimes$	Other
Identify source (mitigation	measure, project desc	ription,	etc.):				
In April 2015, San Diego Ga the California Public Utilities for the Cleveland National Fe yards. Pages B-45 of the Fin the Project's staging yards w poles, conductors, and constr The information in this Mino baseline Bartlett Staging Yar MPR request.	s Commission (CPUC). prest Power Line Repla al Environmental Impa ill be used for storage a uction equipment befor r Project Refinement (M	The resp cement P ct Report nd prepare e deliver	ponses included Att Projects (Project), w //Environmental Im ration of construction y to the individual p uest discusses the r	achme hich de pact St on mate pole we econfig	nt B.5 TL6 epicted app atement (E erials, inclu- ork areas. guration ar	5923 Rout proved stag EIR/EIS) st uding repla nd shift of	e Map <sup>1</sup> ging tates that acement the
Attachments (check all that	apply):						
☑ Refinement Request Screening Form (see Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Reques Screening Form)		: 1	⊠ Maps (See Attachment C: Surv Area Map)	ey		□ Other	
Under Order 2 of the Decis Line Replacement Projects circumstances. In accordan (a) through (d).	(D.16-05-038), the CP	UC may	approve minor pr	oject	refinemen	ts under c	ertain
(a) Is the proposed refinement area? The requested refinement is l area, which is depicted in Fig However, part of the refinement supplemental hydrological, b Additional details regarding to resource section in Attachment boundaries of the survey area	ocated within the geographic test of the specific surveys corn nt A: Minor Project Re	raphic bo erview M of the ba resources inducted c finement	undary of the Final ap in the Final EIR seline survey areas surveys were cond an be found in each Request Screening	EIR/E /EIS. As a ucted i applic	IS study result, n 2018. able	□ Yes	⊠ No
(b) Will the proposed refine increase in the severity of a used in the EIR/EIS?						□ Yes	🖾 No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Attachment B.5 TL6923 Route Map depicts the 2015 baseline components.

(c) Does the proposed refinen or policy?	nent conflict with any n	nitigation measure	or applicable l	aw 🗆 Y	es 🛛 No
(d) Does the proposed refiner	nent trigger an addition	nal permit require	ment?	□ Y	es 🛛 No
Describe refinement being re	quested (attach drawin	gs and photos as n	eeded):		
As depicted in Attachment B: I baseline Bartlett Staging Yard approximately 12.40 acres. In northeastern and northwestern will result in an increase of app acre of temporary impacts <sup>2</sup> to s pastureland/cultivated agricultu fire-prevention maintenance. T support of construction on Tran of the yard will be consistent w <b>Provide need for refinement</b>	approximately 260 feet r addition, two temporary corners of the yard to fac proximately 11.90 acres of southern mixed chaparral ure. Minor grading and y The Bartlett Staging Yard nsmission Line (TL) 695 vith the project description	orth and reconfigur access/entry/turnard ilitate access via Bi of temporary impact , as well as a decrea regetation removal l is anticipated to be 8 and TL6923. The n provided in the Fi	e from approxim ound work areas g Potrero Truck s to bare ground use of 8.23 acres will be required used for approx activities assoc	nately 8.23 as s will be added Trail. These l and approxi of temporary for yard utili ximately 18 r iated with the	eres to d to the e changes mately 0.42 r impacts to eation and nonths in e utilization
The Bartlett Staging Yard was the area for a different purpose the additional space gained fro conductors and hardware) need	approved as part of the 2 so the yard needs to be s m reconfiguring the yard	015 baseline data; h hifted to an unoccu will be used for sto	pied part of the pring poles and r	property. Fu	rthermore,
Date refinement is expected t	o be implemented:	1-05-19			
Resource Agency Coord	ination				
Resource Agency	Name	Action Required	Date		entation hed if yes)
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	□ Yes	□ No

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Temporary impacts from the baseline pole work areas within the refinement area have been subtracted from these totals.

ATTACHMENT A: MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

## MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

#### **RESOURCE EVALUATION**

The requested refinement was evaluated to verify that it 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 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 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	N/A
<b>Visual Resources</b> (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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation<sup>3</sup>: Significant and unavoidable</i>			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Visual Resources:

The requested refinement is consistent with the visual resource analysis as defined in the Final EIR/EIS, and will not impact scenic vistas or substantially affect existing views from an eligible State Scenic Highway or a County of San Diego Scenic Route (i.e., Lake Morena Drive). Impacts to the visual character of the area that may occur as a result of minor grading, vegetation removal, and the use of the refinement area will be temporary and reduced with implementation of Applicant-Proposed Measure (APM) VIS-01 and APM VIS-02. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to visual resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, conflict with applicable local air quality plans, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class</i> <i>I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i>			
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#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality:

Activities associated with construction and utilization of the requested refinement area (e.g., the type of equipment used and the number of truck trips) will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS and will not increase air emissions beyond what was analyzed. The refinement area is not located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors; therefore, the additional minor grading and vegetation removal from the reconfiguration will not expose nearby sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations. In addition, these activities will result in a negligible increase in air quality impacts to the localized area because they are short-term, temporary, and intermittent. With the implementation of APM AIR-01 through APM AIR-05, use of the refinement area will be consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to air quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Final EIR/EIS evaluations of impact significance are provided 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	N/A
<b>Biological Resources</b> (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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with</i> <i>mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>			

#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:

The requested refinement area was partially surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities and special-status plant and wildlife species during the initial surveys that were conducted for the Project. Therefore, a supplemental survey of the refinement area was conducted in 2018 to determine if sensitive biological resources occur within or adjacent to the refinement area. No special-status plant or wildlife species or other biological resource issues were identified within or adjacent to the refinement area that were not analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Attachment C: Survey Area Map depicts the locations of the refinement area and biological survey results.

Reconfiguration of the refinement area will result in an increase of approximately 11.90 acres of temporary impacts to bare ground and approximately 0.42 acre of temporary impacts to southern mixed chaparral, as well as a decrease of approximately 8.23 acres of temporary impacts to pastureland/cultivated agriculture.<sup>4</sup> The refinement area does not occur within United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service-designated critical habitat or U.S. Forest Service occupied habitat. No impacts will occur to the two coast live oak trees (*Quercus agrifolia*) located in the center of the yard, the coast live oak tree located at the southern edge of the yard, or the Engelmann oak (*Quercus engelmanii*) located on the northern edge of the yard. Impacts to the sticky geraea (*Geraea viscida*) along Big Potrero Truck Trail will be avoided to the maximum extent possible by installing fencing or flagging near known locations.

All mitigation measures (MMs) defined in the Project's Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program—as well as other permit and plan conditions—will be implemented as applicable to minimize or mitigate for any additional impacts. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to biological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Bare ground and pastureland/cultivated agriculture falls in the Agricultural/Disturbed/Developed/Bare Ground impact category for SDG&E's Subregional Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) and southern mixed chaparral falls in the Native Vegetation impact category for SDG&E's Subregional NCCP.

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	N/A
<b>Cultural and Paleontological Resources</b> (e.g., cause an adverse change to Traditional Cultural Properties or historical, archeological, or paleontological resources; or disturb any human remains)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			

#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural and Paleontological Resources:

The requested refinement area was partially surveyed for cultural resources during initial surveys for the Project, in 2009 in association with the Sunrise Powerlink Project, and in 2017 in association with the Intrusive Inspection surveys. Therefore, an intensive supplemental pedestrian survey of the refinement area was conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2018. No new cultural resources were recorded during the supplemental survey, and no previously recorded cultural resources were identified near the refinement area. In addition, the requested refinement area occurs within the Project's area of potential effect, as defined in the Project's Programmatic Agreement. Therefore, the requested refinements will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to cultural resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

The requested refinement is underlain by a geological formation assigned a rank of Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 1 (very low sensitivity). Because the refinement does not require pole installation underlain by rock units with a PFYC Class 3 (moderate or unknown sensitivity) ranking, additional paleontological monitoring and an update to the Paleontological Monitoring & Treatment Plan will not be required. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to paleontological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

<b>Greenhouse Gases</b> (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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant (Class III)/Not adverse</i>			
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#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases:

Activities associated with utilization of the requested refinement area are consistent with the greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Although additional minor grading and vegetation removal will occur due to the reconfiguration, the requested refinement will not trigger an exceedance of the GHG threshold of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year or an exceedance of the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan criteria for annual grading. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to GHG emissions as 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	N/A
<b>Public Health and Safety</b> (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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>			

#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Health and Safety:

The requested refinement occurs within the area assessed in the *Report on ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Cleveland National Forest Electric Safety and Reliability Project San Diego County, California.* In addition, a supplemental survey of the refinement area was conducted by Haley & Aldrich, Inc. on November 29, 2018. No known hazardous materials sites are located in the refinement area. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to public health and safety as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

<b>Fire and Fuels Management</b> (e.g., increase the probability of a wildfire, reduce the effectiveness of firefighting, or introduce non-native plants that would contribute to ignition potential)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with</i> <i>mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>			
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#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Fire and Fuels Management:

The requested refinement will be located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which is consistent with the Fire and Fuels Management analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. The potential risk of wildfire ignition and spread associated with the refinement area will be managed in compliance with the Project's Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to fire and fuels management as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

IR/EIS Consistency Checklist	
the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or e the severity of a previously analyzed impact to: Potentially Significant Change	N/A
ogy and Water Quality (e.g., result in increased   f turbidity, introduce contaminants, deplete   vater supplies, or degrade water quality)?   Image: R/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class	
<i>R/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class se and unavoidable)</i>	

#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Hydrology and Water Quality:

The requested refinement area was partially surveyed for the presence of waters of the state and/or the U.S. (i.e., jurisdictional wetlands or non-wetland waters) during initial surveys that were conducted for the Project. As a result, a supplemental survey of the refinement area was conducted in 2018. The requested refinement does not contain any waters of the state or U.S. Although Hauser Creek is located on the opposite side of Big Potrero Truck Trail from the refinement area, impacts to this creek will be avoided and no additional jurisdictional water permitting will be required. To minimize potential impacts from erosion and off-site sedimentation during construction, the refinement area will be incorporated into a Change of Information (COI) to the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for Circuit (C) 440, C442, C449, Transmission Line (TL) 629C, and TL6958 (Waste Discharge Identification #9 37C381630). The COI will be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Multiple Applications and Report Tracking System. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to hydrology and water quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

<b>Land Use</b> (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)?		
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable		

#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:

Property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinement area have not been notified of construction activities. In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and MM LU-1, these property owners will be notified 15 days prior to use of the refinement area. The requested refinement will not introduce a new land use, establish a permanent barrier or obstacle between uses, or create a physical division or separation of use. In addition, the requested refinement will not conflict with the applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations of an agency with jurisdiction over the Project, as they are located in the same County of San Diego land use and zoning designations that were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to land use as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

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	N/A
<b>Noise</b> (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			

Additional construction-related noise will be generated within the requested refinement area due to minor grading and vegetation removal. As stated previously in the Air Quality section, the refinement area is not located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors; therefore, temporary increases in noise levels will not disturb sensitive receptors. With the implementation of noise-related MMs and APMs, noise impacts from construction activities associated with the refinement area will be the same as those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to noise as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

<b>Public Services and Utilities</b> (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)?	$\boxtimes$	
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse		

#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities:

The requested refinement is consistent with the public services and utilities analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, and will not require new or expanded facilities or services. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to public services and utilities as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

<b>Recreation</b> (e.g., reduce access and visitation to recreation areas, preclude recreational activities, or result in increased, unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas)?	$\boxtimes$	
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse		

#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation:

The requested refinement areas will be located near the approved TL6923 and TL6958 alignments, including near the Hauser Wilderness, proposed pathways (i.e., Buckman Springs Road Pathway and Lake Morena Drive Pathway), and existing pathways (i.e., Big Potrero Truck Trail and Big Potrero Spur Trail). Consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, use of the refinement area will not reduce or preclude access or visitation to the previously mentioned recreational areas, nor will it increase the possibility of unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas. Therefore, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to recreation as 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	N/A
<b>Transportation and Traffic</b> (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)?			
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			

#### Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic:

The requested refinement will not require additional or different types of construction vehicles and equipment than those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS for construction of the approved Project. In addition, the total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and use of the refinement area will affect the same roadways analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS, including Big Potrero Truck Trail, Lake Morena Drive, and Buckman Springs Road. Therefore, with the implementation of APM TRANS-01 through APM TRANS-05, potential temporary impacts to the existing levels of service (LOS)<sup>5</sup> will be adequately addressed. Thus, the requested refinement will not result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously analyzed impact to transportation and traffic as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Big Potrero Truck Trail, Lake Morena Drive, and Buckman Springs Road have an LOS of A through C.

**ATTACHMENT B: PHOTOGRAPHS** 



Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects Minor Project Refinement Request #26 Attachment B: Photographs



### Photograph 1:

West-facing view of the requested Bartlett Staging Yard, as observed on November 15, 2018.



## Photograph 2:

East-facing view of the requested Bartlett Staging Yard, as observed on November 15, 2018.



### Photograph 3:

North-facing view of the eastern temporary access/entry/turnaround work area, as observed on November 15, 2018.



### Photograph 4:

Northwest-facing view of the western temporary access/entry/turnaround work area, as observed on November 15, 2018. ATTACHMENT C: SURVEY AREA MAP

