



CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS



MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM

Date Submitted:	05-06-19	Request #:	032
Date Approval Required:	06-14-19	Landowner:	XXX
APN:	XXX-XXX-XX		
Refinement from (check all that apply):			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation Measure	<input type="checkbox"/> APM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Identify source (mitigation measure, project description, etc.):			
<p>Table B-2: Summary of Applicant's Proposed Power Line Replacement Projects of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) lists the maximum height for poles on Circuit (C) 440. The information in this Minor Project Refinement (MPR) request discusses the height increase for one pole along Phase I Overhead of C440 that is above the maximum pole height described in the Final EIR/EIS. A brief description and justification of the refinement is provided on page 2 of this MPR request.</p>			
Attachments (check all that apply):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Refinement Request Screening Form (see Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Photos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maps (See Attachment B: Pole Exceeding the Maximum Height)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<p>Under Order 2 of the Decision Granting SDG&E Permit to Construct the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (D.16-05-038), the CPUC may approve minor project refinements under certain circumstances. In accordance with Order 2 of the Decision, respond "yes" or "no" to the following questions (a) through (d).</p>			
<p>(a) Is the proposed refinement outside the geographic boundary of the EIR/EIS study area? The requested refinement is located within the geographic boundary of the Final EIR/EIS study area, which is depicted in Figure ES-1 Regional Overview Map in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the refinement area occurs within the baseline biological, hydrological, and cultural survey areas.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>(b) Will the proposed refinement 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? Discussion of changes in significant impacts due to the requested refinement is based on criteria used in the Final EIR/EIS and is resource area-specific. The changes to each resource area are fully analyzed in Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>(c) Does the proposed refinement conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<p>(d) Does the proposed refinement trigger an additional permit requirement?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Describe refinement being requested (attach drawings and photos as needed):				
Pole P40001 will be approximately 65.5 feet above ground level, which exceeds the 62-foot maximum height described in the Final EIR/EIS for poles on C440 by approximately 3.5 feet. Because just the height of the pole is changing, the pole is only analyzed in the Visual Resources section of Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Request Screening Form. The location of Pole P40001 is displayed in Attachment B: Pole Exceeding the Maximum Height.				
Provide need for refinement (attach drawings and photos as needed):				
The height of Pole P40001 was slightly increased in order to maintain power line height clearances for a long span over Interstate 8.				
Date refinement is expected to be implemented:		06-17-19		
Resource Agency Coordination				
Resource Agency	Name	Action Required	Date	Documentation (see attached if yes)
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

ATTACHMENT A: MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

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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 below each resource category, 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 details on the Project’s 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
<p>Visual Resources (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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation¹: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Visual Resources:</p> <p>The requested refinement will exceed the maximum height described in Table B-2 of the Final EIR/EIS by approximately 3.5 feet. As described in the Final EIR/EIS, the existing wood poles on the Project already create noticeable obstructions to views of the background sky, ridgelines, and surrounding terrain and vegetation; thus, the installation of wider and taller replacement poles will not substantially block features that are not already blocked by existing poles. In addition, the wood-to-steel replacement of existing distribution circuits will produce weak visual contrast in the landscape as the form, line, and color of replacement poles will appear visually similar to existing wood poles. Thus, replacement poles will not substantially affect the existing visual character or quality of the sites and surroundings. Further, Pole P40001 is not located within a sensitive viewshed per the Project’s Scenery Conservation Plan and the Final EIR/EIS. Therefore, because the increase in the pole height is relatively small compared to the difference in height between the existing wood poles and new steel poles along Circuit 440, it will not create additional impacts to visual resources beyond what was already analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS.</p> <p>The requested refinement will be 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 (i.e., Interstate 8) or a County of San Diego Scenic Route (i.e., Old Highway 80). 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.</p>			

¹ 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
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)/Adverse and unavoidable</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to air quality is not applicable.			
Biological Resources (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 mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to biological resources is not applicable.			
Cultural and Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse change to Traditional Cultural Properties or historical, archeological, or paleontological resources; or disturb any human remains)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Cultural and Paleontological Resources: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to cultural and paleontological resources is not applicable.			
Greenhouse Gases (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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to greenhouse gases is not applicable.			

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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
<p>Public Health and Safety (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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Health and Safety: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to public health and safety is not applicable.</p>			
<p>Fire and Fuels Management (e.g., increase the probability of a wildfire, reduce the effectiveness of firefighting, or introduce non-native plants that would contribute to ignition potential)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Fire and Fuels Management: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to fire and fuels management is not applicable.</p>			
<p>Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., result in increased levels of turbidity, introduce contaminants, deplete groundwater supplies, or degrade water quality)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Hydrology and Water Quality: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to hydrology and air quality is not applicable.</p>			
<p>Land Use (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)?</p> <p><i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to land use is not applicable.</p>			

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
Noise (e.g., disturb sensitive receptors and violate local rules, standards, and/or ordinances; or cause ground borne vibration)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Noise: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to noise is not applicable.			
Public Services and Utilities (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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Public Services and Utilities: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to public services and utilities is not applicable.			
Recreation (e.g., reduce access and visitation to recreation areas, preclude recreational activities, or result in increased, unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Recreation: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to recreation is not applicable.			
Transportation and Traffic (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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic: As the only change that will occur to the requested refinement is a change in height, additional analysis of impacts to transportation and traffic is not applicable.			

ATTACHMENT B: POLE EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT

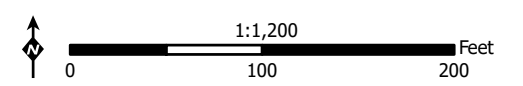
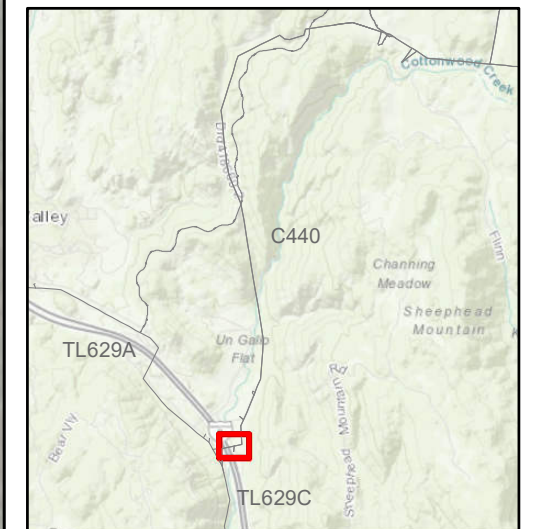
**Attachment B:
Pole Exceeding the Maximum Height
Phase I Overhead of C440 Map 1 of 1**

**Cleveland National Forest
Power Line Replacement Projects**

- Existing Pole
- Pole Top Work Only
- Wood-to-Steel Replacement 12 kV Only
- Wood-to-Steel Replacement

- Pole Exceeding Maximum Height**
- Wood-to-Steel Replacement 12 kV Only

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