

CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST POWER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

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Date Submitted:	10-21-20		Request #:	(050		
Date Approval Required:	10-28-20		Landowner:		Various		
APN:	XXX-XXX-XX; XX	XXX-XXX-XX; XXX-XXX-XX; XXX-XXX-XX					
Refinement from (check all	that apply):						
□ Mitigation Measure	\Box APM	🛛 Pro	oject Description		Drawing	\boxtimes	Other
Identify source (mitigation	measure, project des	cription,	etc.):			·	
Notice to Proceed (NTP) req Conversion South of the Clev California Public Utilities Co April 28, 2020. Since this ap shifts, as well as additional w private property. A descripti	veland National Forest ommission (CPUC) on proval, San Diego Gas ork area and access, al on and justification of	Power La April 23, s & Electr long TL6	ine Replacement Pro 2020 and by the Ur ric Company (SDG& 26 Conversion Sout	ojects (P nited Star &E) has the hat with that with the second se	roject) wa tes Forest identified ill minimi	as approve Service of pole and ize impact	ed by the on anchor ts to
Attachments (check all that	t apply):						
⊠ Refinement Request Screening Form (See Attachment A: Minor Project Refinement Reques Screening Form)			⊠ Maps (See Attachment B: Comparison Map))		Other (Se nent C: In Table)	
Under Order 2 of the Decis Line Replacement Projects circumstances. In accordan (a) through (d).	(D.16-05-038), the Cl	PUC may	y approve minor pr	oject re	efinement	ts under c	ertain
(a) Is the proposed refinem area? The requested refinements ar Environmental Impact Repor depicted in Figure ES-1 Regi within the baseline biological hydrological survey areas. S surveys were conducted in 20 surveys conducted are provid Project Refinement Request	e located within the ge t/Environmental Impac onal Overview Map in l survey area and partia upplemental hydrologi 018, 2019, and 2020. A led in each applicable	cographic ct Study (1 the Fina ally withi ical, biolo Additiona	boundary of the Fin (EIR/EIS) study area I EIR/EIS. The refin n the baseline cultur ogical, and cultural ru I details regarding th	al a, which nements al and esources he specif	is occur s fic	□ Yes	⊠ No
(b) Will the proposed refine increase in the severity of a used in the EIR/EIS? A discussion of changes in si criteria used in the Final EIR area are fully analyzed in Att	previously identified gnificant impacts due /EIS and is resource ar	to the req	uested refinements i ic. The changes to e	n the cri	on	□ Yes	🖾 No
(c) Does the proposed refine or policy?	ement conflict with a	ny mitiga	ntion measure or ap	oplicable	e law	□ Yes	🛛 No

(d) Does the proposed refiner	nent trigger an additio	nal permit require	nent?		es 🛛 No	
Describe refinement being re	quested (attach drawin	ngs and photos as no	eeded):			
SDG&E requests the following	refinements along TL6	26 Conversion South	1:			
approximately 14 feet and Service Drop 3 by	or west of Pole P874922 north, the associated ne approximately 16 feet	w anchor for Pole P2 southwest; and	258468 by appr	oximately 23	feet north,	
 addition of temporary pole work area, anchor work area, a temporary access/entry/turnaround, and approximately 310 feet of construction-only access road¹ for Pole P258468 and anchor work area for Pole P874922. 						
Attachment B: Comparison Map depicts the data approved in NTPs #25 and #26 in comparison to the requested refinements, as described in this MPR request. The requested refinements will result in a total of approximately 0.05 acre of temporary impacts. ² The breakdown of the temporary impacts is summarized in Attachment C: Impacts Table.						
Provide need for refinement	(attach drawings and p	photos as needed):				
The refinements are requested	for the following reason	s:				
 Pole P258468 is located along a chain-link fence that is separating two properties. Shifting the replacement pole location for Pole P258468 will avoid impacts to the chain-link fence and the property line between the two landowners. Due to this pole shift, the new anchor associated with Pole P258468 and the new anchor west of Pole P874922 will need to be shifted to accommodate the new angles and tensions, and additional pole work area and anchor work area will be needed to accommodate the shift in facilities. 						
• The approved construction-only access road that accesses Pole P258468 from the south is currently obstructed by thick vegetation, rocky/uneven terrain, and a chain-link fence. In addition, the landowner requested that SDG&E not utilize the approved access road. The requested construction-only access road and temporary access/entry/turnaround will provide access to Pole P258468 without requiring the substantial improvements that would be needed to use the approved road, as well as will accommodate the landowner's request.						
• Since the design phase of TL626 Conversion South, the location for Service Drop 3 has changed. The shift to the Service Drop 3 location will ensure that the mapping matches what is present in the field.						
Date refinement is expected t	o be implemented:	10-29 - 20				
Resource Agency Coordination	on		1	1		
Resource Agency	Name	Action Required	Date		entation hed if yes)	
Not Applicable (N/A)	N/A	N/A	N/A	□ Yes	🖾 No	

¹ The construction-only access road will utilize an existing, disturbed road for approximately 250 feet and overland travel will occur for approximately 60 feet.

² The approved temporary pole work area associated with Service Drop 3 and the approved anchor work area and constructiononly access road associated with Pole P258468 have not been impacted and are no longer needed. This will result in a reduction of approximately 0.08 acre of temporary impacts to pastureland/cultivated agriculture. The acreage for components that are no longer needed has been subtracted from this total.

ATTACHMENT A: MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST SCREENING FORM

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RESOURCE EVALUATION

The requested refinements were evaluated to verify that they 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 (SDG&E) 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
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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation³: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable</i>			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Visual Resources:

Shifting Pole P258468 will not substantially increase impacts to visual resources as the pole is located within the existing transmission corridor. Shifting Service Drop 3 will affect the mapping, but not what is currently in the field. The additional work areas and access may impact the visual character of the surrounding areas due to vegetation removal; however, temporary impacts will be reduced with the implementation of Applicant-Proposed Measure (APM) VIS-01 and APM VIS-02. In addition, the requested refinements will be consistent with the visual resource analysis defined in the Final EIR/EIS and will not impact scenic vistas or substantially affect existing views from eligible State Scenic Highways or County of San Diego Scenic Routes. 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 visual resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

³ 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>			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Air Quality:

Activities associated with utilization of the requested refinement areas (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 areas are located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors. Potential air quality impacts to sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of Project components were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. The additional vegetation removal and change in access required for use of the refinement areas may result in a minor increase in air quality impacts in localized areas; however, these activities will be short-term and temporary. With the implementation of APM AIR-01 through APM AIR-05, use of the refinement areas will not expose nearby sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations, which is consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. 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 air quality as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

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)?

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Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Biological Resources:

The requested refinement areas were surveyed for sensitive vegetation communities and special-status plant and wildlife species during initial Project surveys. Supplemental surveys conducted in 2018, 2019, and 2020 conducted along Transmission Line (TL) 626 Conversion South included a bat roost assessment and focused surveys for Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) and all other bat species, focused surveys for special-status plants, and site verification surveys.

The requested refinements will result in a total of approximately 0.05 acre of temporary impacts. This includes an increase of approximately 0.13 acre of temporary impacts to urban and developed/ornamental landscaping and a decrease in approximately 0.08 acre of temporary impacts to pastureland/cultivated agriculture.⁴

One special-status plant, Cleveland's bush monkeyflower (*Mimulus clevelandii*), is located within one of the refinement areas. Impacts to this plant will be avoided to the maximum extent possible by installing fencing or flagging near known locations.⁵ One coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) will be removed and multiple trees will be trimmed in order to conduct work associated with the refinement areas. No special-status butterfly host plants, United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service-designated critical habitat, or U.S. Forest Service occupied habitat occur within or adjacent to the requested refinements. All APMs and mitigation measures (MMs) defined in the

⁴ These impacts fall in the Agricultural/Disturbed/Developed/Bare Ground impact category for SDG&E's Subregional Natural Communities Conservation Plan.

⁵ Per the Project's approved Special-Status Plant Species Salvage and Relocation Plan, no treatment is required for this plant.

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		
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. 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 biological resources as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.					
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)? Image: Cultural Properties or Paleontological Properties or Pale					

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

The requested refinement areas occur within the Project's area of potential effect, as defined in the Project's Programmatic Agreement. The refinement areas were partially surveyed for cultural resources during initial surveys for the Project in 2009. In addition, intensive supplemental pedestrian surveys of the refinement areas were conducted by ASM Affiliates, Inc. in 2019 and 2020. No new cultural resources were recorded, and no previously recorded cultural resources were identified during the supplemental surveys. 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 areas are underlain by geologic rock units/formations assigned a rank of Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 1 (i.e., very low sensitivity) and Class 3 (i.e., moderate or unknown sensitivity). Some of the refinements are underlain by a PFYC Class 3 ranking; however, the disturbance from vegetation removal associated with these refinements will not be deep enough to affect any paleontological resources. Therefore, additional paleontological monitoring and an update to the Paleontological Monitoring & Treatment Plan will not be required. In conclusion, the requested refinements 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.

Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant (Class III)/Not adverse		, policy, or ?		
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Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Greenhouses Gases:

Activities associated with the utilization of the requested refinement areas are consistent with the greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. Although additional vegetation removal will occur, these activities will not trigger an exceedance of the GHG threshold of 10,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year or the County of San Diego Climate Action Plan criteria for annual grading and land clearing. 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 GHG emissions 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
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)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation</i> (<i>Class II</i>)/Adverse			

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

The requested refinements occur 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.* No known hazardous materials sites are located within the refinement areas. 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 public health and safety as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

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)?	\boxtimes	
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse		

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Fire and Fuels Management:

The requested refinements are located within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, which was included in the Fire and Fuels Management analysis in the Final EIR/EIS. The potential risk of wildfire ignition and spread associated with the refinement areas will be managed in compliance with the Project's Construction Fire Prevention/Protection Plan. 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 fire and fuels management as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., result in increased levels of turbidity, introduce contaminants, deplete groundwater supplies, or degrade water quality)? <i>Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class</i>		
I)/Adverse and unavoidable		

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

The refinement areas were 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 Project surveys. Supplemental water resource surveys of the refinement areas were conducted in 2018, 2019, and 2020. No waters of the state or the U.S. are located within or adjacent to the requested refinements. To minimize potential impacts from erosion and off-site sedimentation during construction, the refinement areas will be included in a Change of Information for the Circuit (C) 79A, TL625C, TL626, and TL629A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (Waste Discharge Identification #9 37C386349) and submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board's Stormwater Multiple Applications and Report Tracking System. In conclusion, the requested refinements 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.

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
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)?	\boxtimes		
Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Significant and unavoidable (Class I)/Adverse and unavoidable			

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Land Use:

In accordance with the Construction Notification Plan and MM LU-1, property owners within 1,000 feet of TL626 Conversion South were notified of construction activities associated with Notice to Proceed #26 on March 10 and 19, 2020. The property owners within 1,000 feet of the requested refinements were included in that notification process. The requested refinements 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 refinements 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 refinements 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.

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

Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Noise:

Construction-related noise will be generated within the requested refinement areas due to pole and anchor work, vegetation removal, and large equipment operation. The refinement areas are located within 1,000 feet of sensitive receptors. Potential noise impacts to sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of Project components were analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. Use of the refinement areas may result in temporary increases in noise levels; however, the construction activities will be short-term and temporary. In addition, with implementation of noise-related MMs and APMs, noise impacts from construction activities associated with the refinement areas will be equivalent to those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS. 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 noise as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

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>		

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

The requested refinements will be consistent with the public services and utilities analysis in the Final EIR/EIS and will not require new or expanded public facilities or services. 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 public services and utilities 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		
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)?					
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 within or adjacent to the approved TL626 Conversion South alignment and adjacent to the California Riding and Hiking Trail and the existing Boulder Creek Road Pathway. Consistent with the analysis in the Final EIR/EIS, use of the refinement areas will not require the temporary closure of Boulder Creek Road or trail facilities. In addition, implementation of MM LU-1, which has already occurred as described in the Land Use section, will reduce potential conflicts between trail-based recreationists and construction activities. Therefore, use of the refinement areas will not reduce or preclude access or visitation to these recreational areas, nor will it increase the possibility of unauthorized access to specially designated or restricted areas. In conclusion, the requested refinements 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.

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)?Final EIR/EIS evaluation: Less than significant with mitigation (Class II)/Adverse			
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Summary of Proposed Minor Project Refinement Impacts on Transportation and Traffic:

The requested refinements will not require additional or different types of construction vehicles and equipment than those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS. In addition, the total number of truck trips associated with construction of the Project will not change, and the use of the requested refinement areas will affect the same roadways as those analyzed in the Final EIR/EIS (i.e., Boulder Creek Road and Sundance View Lane), as well as some smaller private roads. With the implementation of APM TRANS-01 through APM TRANS 05, potential temporary impacts to the existing levels of service (LOS)⁶ will be adequately addressed. 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 transportation and traffic as identified in the Final EIR/EIS.

⁶ Boulder Creek Road has an LOS of A through C; an LOS does not exist for Sundance View Lane or the smaller private roads.

ATTACHMENT B: COMPARISON MAP



ATTACHMENT C: IMPACTS TABLE

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Table 1: Impacts Table lists the temporary impacts⁷ of this Minor Project Refinement request by vegetation type.

Table 1: Impacts Table

Impost Location	Approximate Impacts (acres)			
Impact Location	Native Vegetation	Non-Native Grassland	Agricultural/Disturbed/ Developed/Bare Ground	
Access Roads ⁸			0.01	
Anchor Work Area			<0.01	
Pole Work Area			0.04	
Temporary Access/Entry/Turnaround			<0.01	
Total				
MPR #50 Total			0.05	

⁷ The acreage for components that are no longer needed has been subtracted from these totals.

⁸ San Diego Gas & Electric Company uses three types of access roads—maintained, navigation, and construction-only. Construction-only access roads can sometimes require improvements and maintenance, which create temporary impacts to vegetation.