

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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***Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #23— Expansion of the Buckman Springs Fly Yard and addition of the Old Buckman Springs Staging Yard and Rodriguez Staging Yard — Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)***

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On November 15, 2018, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #22 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to expand the Buckman Springs Fly Yard and add two staging yards, the Old Buckman Springs Staging Yard and Rodriguez Staging Yard in order to support construction on TL629C, as well as TL629A, TL6958, Circuit (C) 449, and C440.

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 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 #23 and that the changes requested in MPRR #23 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #23 was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

MPRR #23 is approved with the following condition:

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- At this time, work at the Rodriguez Staging Yard is not approved. SDG&E shall conduct shovel probing at CA-19348 and provide results and recommendations for avoidance/mitigation measures at this site for approval by CPUC prior to proceeding with work at the yard.

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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