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***Subject: Notice to Proceed (NTP) 3– Master Special Use Permit and Permit to Construct Power Line Replacement Projects – Geotechnical Activities for Tie Line (TL) 682 (Application No. 12-10-009)***

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence geotechnical activities associated with TL 682 as described in the SDG&E NTP Request #3 dated February 6, 2017.

The Power Line Replacement Projects were evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Permit to Construct (PTC) was issued by the CPUC on June 2, 2016 (Decision D. 16-05-038, dated May 26, 2016). **NTP 3 is granted by CPUC for proposed construction activities based on the following factors:**

- The Final EIR prepared for the Power Line Replacement Projects defined required mitigation measures to be implemented prior to project construction. The relevant mitigation measures for construction activities under this Notice to Proceed are summarized in *Attachment A* and shall be implemented by SDG&E and its designated contractor. SDG&E's compliance with the pre-construction component for each measure is noted in the status table.

The conditions noted below shall be met by SDG&E and its contractors:

- MM BIO-28: SDG&E shall conduct remaining pre-construction surveys per the Avian Protection Plan/Nesting Bird Management Plan prior to commencing geotechnical activities. Confirmation that SDG&E has completed California spotted owl surveys and survey results shall be provided to CPUC prior to commencing geotechnical activities.
- MM BIO-30: SDG&E shall conduct follow-up surveys to confirm no Townsend's big-eared bats are roosting at previously identified locations prior to conducting geotechnical activities adjacent to those locations.
- MM BIO-31: SDG&E shall provide a report to the CPUC and USFS upon completion of habitat avoidance management.

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- MM CUL-1: SDG&E shall implement all avoidance recommendations provided in the ASM Affiliates' letter report titled: "Cultural Resources Inventory for the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Cleveland National Forest (CNF) Powerline Replacement Projects Tie Line 682, La Jolla Reservation, California (ASM Project #26400.01)," dated March 10, 2017.

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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**ATTACHMENT A**  
*Mitigation Measures*