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Mr. Don Houston  
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**Subject: *Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #2 – Adjustments to the Domingo Lake and Jewel Valley Construction Yards – East County Substation Project (Application 09-08-008)***

Dear Mr. Houston:

On March 22, 2013, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted a Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to make adjustments to the Domingo Lake and Jewel Valley Construction Yards. SDG&E requested to shift the Domingo Lake Construction Yard approximately 550 feet to the northwest and the following adjustments at the Jewel Valley Construction Yard; (a) Addition of a new temporary access road, (b) Addition of a temporary 12 kilovolt (kV) distribution service line extension (distribution tap) and (c) Additional grading activities at the intersection of Jewel Valley Road and the existing access road located north of the Jewel Valley Construction Yard.

In addition, SDG&E is requesting to redefine the uses at the Domingo Lake and Jewel Valley Construction Yards that were originally approved as part of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) to include all general construction activities, such as staging and storage of materials and to continue to allow for helicopter use as defined in the Permit to Construct (PTC).

The CPUC voted on June 21, 2012 to approve the East County (ECO) Substation Project (Project) (Decision 12-06-039) and a Notice of Determination was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH#2009121079).

The Commission decision approving the PTC authorizes Energy Division staff to approve requests by SDG&E for minor project refinements. The decision states that minor project refinements 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

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identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the environmental document; 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 #2 and that the changes requested in MPRR #2 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the MMCRP, the MPRR was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy Baker

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