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Subject: Notice to Proceed (NTP) 1 – Geotechnical Activities for DCR Transmission, LLC

Ten West Link Project (Application No. 16-10-012)

Dear Mr. Rogers:

DCR Transmission, LLC (DCRT) has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to conduct geotechnical activities for the Ten West Link Project, specifically, locations along the transmission line right-of-way west of the Colorado River to the western edge of the agricultural area south of the City of Blythe in California, as described in the NTP request dated November 9, 2021, as amended.

The Ten West Link Project was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was issued by the CPUC on November 4, 2021 (Decision D. 16-05-038). **NTP 1 is granted by CPUC for proposed construction activities based on the following factors:**

• The Final Environmental Impact Statement and its CEQA Appendix prepared for the Ten West Link Project 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 DCRT and its designated contractor. DCRT compliance with the pre-construction component for each measure is noted in the status table.

The conditions noted below shall be met by DCRT and its contractors for NTP 1:

• Geotechnical activities shall not commence until all applicable resource survey reports (including survey data and affiliated GIS files (LPK & KMZ formats)) are provided to the CPUC.



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- Geotechnical activities shall not commence until documentation of applicable local permits have been obtained to perform geotechnical activities (e.g. encroachment permits) have been provided to CPUC.
- Geotechnical activities shall not commence until referenced documentation of landowner denial of access to conduct Class III surveys is provided.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at (415) 703-1956 or eric.chiang@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: Robert Hall, Allison Rice (Dudek) Jason Crew, Lowell Rogers (Starwood) Ellen Hopp (Galileo)

Att: Attachment A – Mitigation Measures