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Sent via email to: JKaminsky@semprautilities.com

RE: South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) Project – Notice to Proceed No. 2 (NTP-2) to conduct site preparation activities and construction staging at the future San Juan Capistrano Substation

Dear Ms. Kaminsky:

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) is requesting authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence construction on select activities for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) Project. Notice to Proceed No. 2 (NTP-2) shall include site preparation and construction staging activities at the future San Juan Capistrano Substation. Construction for NTP-2 will be confined to the following activities:

Substation Components

- Prepare San Jan Capistrano Substation for ongoing construction staging, to consist of:
 - Clearing all vegetation from substation property.
 - Installing construction fencing and associated screening material around the perimeter of the substation property.
 - Relocation of the interior fence separating the upper and lower yards.
 - Installing security systems, including cameras, lights and motion detectors.
 - Removing two abandoned communication utility poles and the wired connection to the former utility structure.
 - Placement of aggregate material onsite, as needed, to create an all-weather surface.
 - Plugging and abandoning the onsite water well located in the lower yard.
 - Mobilization of construction trailers onsite.
- Demolish east wing of the former utility structure.
 - The foundation and footings will not be removed as part of NTP-2 activities.
 - Retain 12 inches of roof and walls where the east wing intersects the west wing of the existing structure.
- Pothole to identify existing underground plumbing (sewer lines/septic tank) in preparation for future grading activities; all potholes will be immediately backfilled.

These activities comprise limited construction activities supporting the full buildout of the proposed San Juan Capistrano Substation, further described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for SOCRE (Decision D.16-12-064).

NTP-2 is granted by the CPUC for the proposed construction activities based on SDG&E's Notice to Proceed Request 2 (dated December 12, 2017) and the understanding that SDG&E and its contractor(s) will meet the following Conditions:

- SDG&E will comply with all Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) and Mitigation Measures (MMs) included in the Mitigation, Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) for SOCRE.
- Copies of any relevant permits, compliance plans (i.e., MMCRP, SWPPP, etc.), and this Notice to Proceed shall be available on-site for the duration of construction activities. Copies of permits shall be provided to the CPUC upon request.
- Preconstruction clearance surveys for biological, cultural, and paleontological resources will be conducted as appropriate prior to construction activities.
- All crew personnel shall be appropriately trained on environmental issues, including requirements of the MMCRP, prior to starting work. A log with the names of all crew personnel trained through the Safety Environmental Awareness Program (SEAP) shall be maintained on-site and made available to the CPUC upon request.
- If construction debris or spills enter into environmentally sensitive areas, the jurisdictional agency and the CPUC shall be notified immediately.
- SDG&E will identify vegetation disposal locations and the amount of vegetation debris hauled off-site and provide this information to the CPUC by reporting it in the regular monthly environmental compliance report(s).
- Prior to initiating an activity requiring a permit, SDG&E will provide a copy of the required permit to the CPUC.
- All staging, laydown areas, equipment storage and Project vehicle parking necessary to support the activities included in NTP-2 will be conducted within the existing substation property. No Project equipment or vehicle parking will occur on Camino Capistrano or other public streets in the vicinity of the substation site. Construction workers driving personal vehicles to the site may park in legal parking locations on public streets near the substation site in accordance with local parking restrictions.
- CPUC must review and approve any additional temporary workspace areas or access routes, and/or changes to construction techniques.
- To minimize any potential impacts to public safety, SDG&E will implement APM TR-1 (Avoid Traffic Near Schools), APM TR-2 (Avoid SR-74 Traffic), APM TR-3 (Emergency Access) and APM TR-4 (Off-Peak Deliveries).
- If the CPUC determines that any work activities require the need to obtain a traffic control permit (e.g., associated with a large delivery to the site), SDG&E will obtain the appropriate permit(s) prior to performing those activities.
- SDG&E will not conduct any ground-disturbing activities as part of this NTP-2 request. Ground-disturbing activities are defined herein as activities that would alter the existing elevations of the site or involve site development, grading, grubbing, or tree root

removal. Ground-disturbing activities do not include minor potholing to identify existing underground plumbing (sewer lines/septic tank) in preparation for future grading activities, minor excavations for placement of fence posts, and similar minor excavations or soil-filling activities.

- SDG&E will provide biological monitors on site, as needed, during vegetation removal activities to ensure protection of sensitive biological resources.

Sincerely,



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CPUC Environmental Project Manager

Cc:

Joe Donaldson, E & E Project Manager

Mary Turley, San Diego Gas & Electric Project Manager

Attachment 1: Notice to Proceed Request 2 to conduct site preparation activities and construction staging at the future San Juan Capistrano Substation as part of South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project (dated December 12, 2017)

