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Subject: State Route 35 Distributed Antenna System Project – Notice to Proceed #1

Dear Ms. Ringo:

A Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the State Route 35 Distributed Antenna System Project (Project) was evaluated and adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on October 11, 2011. The mitigation measures (MMs) and Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) described in the project IS/MND were adopted as conditions of project approval. The CPUC has also adopted a Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) to ensure compliance with all mitigation measures imposed on the project during implementation.

ExteNet Systems (ExteNet) would like to commence construction of this project; however, ExteNet is required to obtain a Notice to Proceed (NTP) from the CPUC in order to commence any project related activities. ExteNet has requested permission to perform all approved construction activities related to the project in their NTP #1 request, made verbally on April 3, 2012.

This letter provides NTP authorization once certain conditions are met by ExteNet, as described here.

NTP #1 Conditional Approval

ExteNet must fulfill pre-construction requirements prior to commencing any construction activities. The IS/MND requires that the following pre-construction plans be provided and approved by the CPUC prior to construction:

- A Spill Prevention Contingency Plan (SPCP)
- A Health and Safety Plan
- An Erosion Control Plan (ECP)
- A Geotechnical Investigation
- A worker environmental training program (WEAP)

These plans have been submitted by ExteNet, and all of these plans have all been reviewed and approved by the CPUC. Construction may begin once written approval of each plan is provided to ExteNet by the CPUC. Written approvals for each of these plans were provided to ExteNet on April 18 and April 19.

Additional pre-construction requirements must also be met prior to the commencement of construction under NTP #1. ExteNet must:

1. Perform all pre-construction surveys, provide written results to the CPUC, and perform all follow up action in the case of positive survey results (e.g., for nesting birds or rare plants) as required in APM Biology-1, MM Biology-1, and MM Biology-4.
2. Demonstrate to the CPUC that all utility lines within the project alignment have been identified in compliance with APM Hazards-3 (i.e., through construction plans that show the utilities).

Written pre-construction survey results for surveys performed on March 21, March 26, and March 31 have been submitted that comply with the requirements of APM Biology-1, MM Biology-1, and MM Biology-4. However, ExteNet should be aware that it will need to repeat the avian surveys for any areas for which construction doesn't occur within 30 days of the previous survey, as per MM Biology-4.

The email message that Anita Taff-Rice provided on April 19, 2012 provides the methodology ExteNet will use to identify all utility lines within the project alignment. This methodology will satisfy the requirements of APM Hazards-3. Documentation that this methodology has been performed will need to be submitted to the CPUC prior to the commencement of ground disturbing construction activities in any given project segment.

Areas and Actions Included in NTP #1

NTP #1 authorizes ExteNet to commence with all construction activities related to the approved project once the aforementioned conditions are met. These activities include:

- **Phase 1:** Installation of 1,187 linear feet (0.23 miles) of fiber-optic PVC conduit and fiber optic junction boxes (hand holes). Installation will occur via trenching, excavation, and HDB.
- **Phase 2:** Installation of 17 fiber-fed antenna nodes with associated fiber-optic communications equipment. These nodes contain the panel antenna array and associated electronic equipment for cellular communication services. The nodes will be placed on either existing or newly-installed wooden utility poles. The installation of new wooden utility service poles at specific node locations will bring fiber-optic cable and electricity to these node locations.

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- **Phase 3:** Installation and splicing of 66,898 feet (12.67 miles) of fiber-optic cable in existing conduit, in newly installed conduit, and on existing and newly installed utility poles.
- **Phase 4:** Connection of the DAS system to an existing cell site base station located approximately 0.75 miles south of Node # 52.

Areas and Actions Not Included in NTP #1

All areas and actions are included in NTP #1 once the aforementioned conditions are met.

Construction Requirements

All applicable project MMs, APMs, compliance plans, and permit conditions must be implemented during construction. The CPUC requests constant communication between ExteNet and the CPUC regarding the construction schedule and location of work prior to, and during construction, in order for the CPUC to verify that all applicable requirements are being implemented.

Please contact me or Jeff Smith at Panorama Environmental, Inc. if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Barnsdale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andrew Barnsdale
CPUC Project Manager