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March 31, 2017

Ms. Jennifer Kaminsky
San Diego Gas and Electric Company
1010 Tavern Road
Alpine, CA 91901

RE: Approval of Nest Buffer Reduction Request #1

Dear Ms. Kaminsky,

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division CEQA Unit has reviewed the Nest Buffer Reduction Request #1 submitted by San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) on March 30, 2017 for the Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-kV Transmission Line Project. The CPUC's comments on the Request are provided below, which has been uploaded as a response attachment to SDG&E's SharePoint site for the Nest Buffer Reduction Request #1 (SXPQ-10141-ENV-TR).

Nest Buffer Reduction Request #1 is approved with the following conditions:

- Clarify the approach for morning monitoring
- Clarify how the kestrel nest will be inspected since this species is a cavity nester
- Increase or reinstate the buffer if there are signs of significant disturbance and risk of project-induced nest abandonment consistent with Mitigation Measure Biology-7.

Please direct questions related to these comments to me at (415) 703-2168 or billie.blanchard@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billie Blanchard".

Billie Blanchard
Project Manager
Energy Division, CEQA Unit

cc: Jeff Thomas, Panorama Environmental
Susanne Heim, Panorama Environmental
Sheila Hoyer, Panorama Environmental

