## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 12, 2017

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

## **RE:** Approval of Nest Buffer Reduction Request #3

Dear Ms. Kaminsky,

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division CEQA Unit has reviewed the Nest Buffer Reduction Request #3 submitted by San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) on April 11, 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 #3 (SXPQ-10160-ENV-TR).

Nest Buffer Reduction Request #3 is approved with the following conditions:

• 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,

Billie Blanchard Project Manager

Energy Division, CEQA Unit

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

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