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**Subject: *Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #5-- Modifications to Circuit (C) 78-- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)***

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On May 9, 2017, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #5 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to modify components of Circuit (C) 78 as described in the MPRR. In summary, SDG&E requested the following project refinements:

- addition of 35 permanent guy anchors;
- addition of the C78 Fly Yard and one staging area for helicopter use and materials storage;
- addition of six existing navigation roads for access to various poles and work areas (no vegetation clearing or ground disturbance is required);
- replacement of five existing tap poles;
- addition of three new steel poles and the elimination of two proposed new steel poles from the final design;
- addition of one wood-to-steel replacement pole;
- addition of pole top work to Pole P172713; and
- reconfiguration of three approved stringing sites and the addition of five stringing sites.

The CPUC voted on May 26, 2016 to approve the Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Decision 16-05-038) and a Notice of Determination was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH#2013091070).

The Commission decision approving the Permit to Construct (PTC) authorizes Energy Division staff to approve requests by SDG&E for minor project refinements. The decision states that minor project refinements that may be necessary due to final engineering of the project may be approved so long as such minor project refinements are located within the geographic boundary of the study area of the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) and do not, without mitigation, result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the EIR/EIS; conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy; or trigger an additional permit requirement.

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This letter documents the CPUC's thorough evaluation of all activities covered in MPRR #5 and that the changes requested in MPRR #5 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #5 was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or need additional information, please contact me at 415.703.1966 or [lisa.orsaba@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:lisa.orsaba@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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