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Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #15—Refinements for Transmission Line (TL) 682 -- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On February 22, 2018, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #15 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), requesting the following project refinements be approved for Transmission Line (TL) 682:

- addition of seven anchors, work at two existing anchors, and removal of three anchors, as well as the associated anchor work areas;
- addition of approximately 0.05 mile of construction-only access roads (vegetation clearing and minor grading may occur) and 0.04 mile of navigation access roads (no vegetation clearing or ground disturbance will be required);
- addition of four 12 kilovolt (kV) wood-to-steel replacement poles, six pole-top-only work locations, and one new steel distribution tap pole, as well as associated temporary pole work areas;
- shifting of Pole P419890 and the associated temporary pole work area by approximately 19 feet; and
- removal of the existing Pole P258156S and inclusion of associated temporary pole work area.

On August 23, 2018, Notice to Proceed (NTP) request #6 was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and United States Forest Service and MPRR #9 was approved by both agencies on November 22, 2017. Since the approval of NTP #6 and MPRR #9, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) has determined that additional work is required within and adjacent to the Rincon Substation and associated with poles approved in MPRR #9.

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

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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.

This letter documents the CPUC's thorough evaluation of all activities covered in MPRR #15 and that the changes requested in MPRR #15 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #15 was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

MPRR #15 is approved with the following condition:

- SDG&E shall provide CPUC with an updated copy of the Paleontological Monitoring & Treatment Plan that includes additional poles underlain by Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) Class 3 (moderate or unknown sensitivity).

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.

Sincerely,



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