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Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #1-- Modifications to Merrigan, Japatul Spur, and Anderson Staging Yards-- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On October 5, 2016 and as revised on October 18, 2016 San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #1 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to modify the temporary Merrigan, Japatul Spur, and Anderson Staging Yards that were originally approved as part of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS), as described in the MPRR. In summary, SDG&E requested to reconfigure or shift the location of the staging yards; add existing or new temporary roads to access the staging yards; and install temporary poles that would support a temporary 120/240V distribution line intended to provide electric power to the yards (Anderson and Japatul Spur only).

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.

This letter documents the CPUC's thorough evaluation of all activities covered in MPRR #1 and that the changes requested in MPRR #1 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #1 was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

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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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