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Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #7—Love Valley Staging and Fly Yard-- Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On August 1, 2017, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #7 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to modify components of Tie Line (TL) 682 as described in the MPRR. In summary, SDG&E requested the following project refinements:

- Addition of the Love Valley Staging and Fly Yard: This staging and fly yard will measure approximately 4.45 acres, and will be used for approximately 18 months. Improvements required at the yard include minor vegetation removal (i.e., mowing), as well as minor grading. The existing navigation road just north of the Love Valley Fly Yard will be graded from the northwestern corner of the yard to East Grade Road (approximately 0.88 mile). The navigation road is an existing USFS road that was scheduled for maintenance. Due to SDG&E's use of the yard, SDG&E will conduct the required maintenance (i.e., grading) within the existing road footprint to allow safe access. All activities associated with the yard will be consistent with those discussed in the Final EIR/EIS for helicopter activities (i.e., take-off, landing, and refueling) and the storage and preparation of construction materials and equipment.

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 #7 and that the changes requested in MPRR #7 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #7 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.

Sincerely,



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