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Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #25 — Bartlett Staging Yard — Cleveland National Forest Power Line Replacement Projects (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

On December 11, 2018, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #25 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), to modify components of Transmission Line (TL) 6958 and 6923 as described in the MPRR. In summary, SDG&E requested the following project refinements:

- A shift of the baseline Bartlett Staging Yard approximately 260 feet north and a reconfiguration from approximately 8.23 acres to approximately 12.40 acres,
- Addition of two temporary access/entry/turnaround work areas to be added to the northeastern and northwestern corners of the yard to facilitate access via Big Potrero Truck Trail, and
- Addition of approximately 930 feet of construction-only access road south of Poles Z100049 and Z100050.

The requested refinement will result will result in an increase of approximately 11.90 acres of temporary impacts to bare ground and approximately 0.42 acre of temporary impacts to southern mixed chaparral, as well as a decrease of 8.23 acres of temporary impacts to pastureland/cultivated agriculture. Minor grading and vegetation removal will be required for yard utilization and fire-prevention maintenance. The Bartlett Staging Yard is anticipated to be used for approximately 18 months in support of construction on TL6958 and TL6923.

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 EIR/EIS and do not, without mitigation, result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the

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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 #25 and that the changes requested in MPRR #25 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, MPRR #25 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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