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Subject: Notice to Proceed (NTP) 5– Master Special Use Permit and Permit to Construct Power Line Replacement Projects – Geotechnical Activities for Circuit (C) 440 and 449 (Application No. 12-10-009)

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence geotechnical activities associated with Circuit (C) 440 and 449 as described in the SDG&E NTP Request #5 dated May 26, 2017.

The Power Line Replacement Projects were evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Permit to Construct (PTC) was issued by the CPUC on June 2, 2016 (Decision D. 16-05-038, dated May 26, 2016). **NTP 5 is granted by CPUC for proposed construction activities based on the following factors:**

- The Final EIR prepared for the Power Line Replacement Projects defined required mitigation measures to be implemented prior to project construction. The relevant mitigation measures for construction activities under this Notice to Proceed are summarized in *Attachment A* and shall be implemented by SDG&E and its designated contractor. SDG&E's compliance with the pre-construction component for each measure is noted in the status table.

The conditions noted below shall be met by SDG&E and its contractors:

- MM BIO-30: SDG&E shall provide documentation that the bat roost assessment and focused survey report for Townsend's big-eared bat has been submitted to the CDFW prior to conducting the geotechnical investigations.
- MM CUL-1: SDG&E shall implement all avoidance recommendations provided in the ASM Affiliates' letter report titled: "Archaeological Survey and Review for the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Cleveland National Forest (CNF) Powerline Replacement Projects, Notice to Proceed #5, San Diego County, California (ASM Project #26400.01)" dated June 8, 2017.

Ms. Kirstie Reynolds

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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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ATTACHMENT A
Mitigation Measures