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Mr. Don Houston
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> **Subject:** **Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #7 – Relocation of Temporary Retention Basin – East County Substation Project (Application No. 09-08-008)**

Dear Mr. Houston:

On August 16, 2013, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted a Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to relocate the temporary retention basin, which is currently located within the southwestern quadrant of the 500 kV substation yard to the eastern half of the 500 kV substation yard.

The CPUC voted on June 21, 2012 to approve the East County (ECO) Substation Project (Decision 12-06-039) and a Notice of Determination was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH#2009121079). 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 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 severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the environmental document; 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 #7 and that the changes requested in MPRR #7 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the MMCRP, the MPRR was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy Baker_____

Amy Baker
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