

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Subject:        *Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #6 – Modifications to the  
138 kV Overhead Transmission Line – East County Substation  
Project (Application 09-08-008)***

Dear Mr. Houston:

On September 6, 2013, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted a Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to modify the 138 kV Overhead Transmission Line as specified in Attachment E to the September 6, 2013 MPRR.

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 #6 and that the changes requested in MPRR #6 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.

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

- In accordance with MM-VIS-3g, SDG&E shall provide an amended Surface Treatment Plan that includes the modifications requested by SDG&E as part of MPRR #6. The amended Surface Treatment Plan shall be reviewed and approved by CPUC prior to applying surface treatments to facilities identified in MPRR #6.
- In accordance with MM-VIS-3m, SDG&E shall provide an amended Tree Replacement Plan that addresses removal of coastal live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) as proposed by SDG&E as part of MPRR #6. The amended Tree Replacement Plan shall be reviewed and approved by CPUC prior to removal of any coastal live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*).
- In accordance with MM-BIO-1d, SDG&E shall provide an amended Habitat Restoration Plan that includes the modifications requested by SDG&E as part of MPRR #6. The amended Habitat Restoration Plan shall be reviewed and approved by CPUC prior to completing restoration activities for project facilities identified in MPRR #6.
- In accordance with MM-BIO-3a, SDG&E shall provide an amended Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species Control Plan that includes the modifications requested by SDG&E as part of MPRR #6. The amended Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species Control Plan shall be reviewed and approved by CPUC prior to initiating ground disturbance activities for project facilities identified in MPRR #6.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy Baker

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