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Mr. Don Houston Environmental Project Manager San Diego Gas and Electric Company 1010 Tavern Road Alpine CA, 91901

Subject: Notice to Proceed (NTP) 1 – South Bay Substation Relocation Project –Limited

Construction Activities Associated with the Bay Boulevard Substation and

Potholing (Application No. A.10-06-007).

Dear Mr. Houston:

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence limited construction activities associated with the Bay Boulevard Substation, as well as exploratory excavations (potholing) performed adjacent to the existing SDG&E Transmission Easement to determine the precise location and depth of existing underground utilities (i.e., electric, gas, water, sewer, telecommunication, etc.) and other substructures to finalize the design of the new or relocated underground transmission lines for the South Bay Substation Relocation. The covered activities under Notice to Proceed (NTP) 1 are fully described in SDG&E NTP-1 Request dated November 7, 2014.

The South Bay Substation Relocation Project was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and a Permit to Construct (PTC) was granted by the CPUC on October 17, 2013, (Decision D.13-10-025). **NTP 1** is granted by CPUC for the proposed construction activities based on the following factors:

- The Final EIR prepared for the South Bay Substation Relocation project 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.
- All construction activities will be conducted within areas identified in the Final EIR; and for
 potholing activities, as described in Section B.6.2 and B.6.4.6 of the Final EIR for the South Bay
 Substation Relocation Project.

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

- Prior to initiation of construction activities, SDG&E shall provide documentation that a preactivity study report (PSR) has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and California Department of Fish and Wildlife in accordance with the NCCP (APM-BIO-01).
- All pre-construction surveys as required per mitigation measures (MM) shall be completed by SDG&E and results provided to the CPUC in accordance with the timing identified in each mitigation measure.
- Documentation of issuance of the Coastal Development Permit, Section 404 Individual Permit, Section 401 Water Quality Certification, and 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement by respective jurisdictional agencies will be submitted by SDG&E to the CPUC prior to construction in areas of impact to jurisdictional resources in accordance with MM-BIO-3.
- Prior to construction, a qualified biologist shall review all proposed temporary work areas for
 presence of sensitive biological resources, and submit a letter signed by the qualified biologist to
 the CPUC 30 days prior to construction that identifies whether any sensitive resources are
 present, in accordance with MM-BIO-10.
- All crew personnel shall be appropriately trained on environmental issues, including requirements of the MMCRP, prior to starting work (APM-CUL-1; MM- HAZ-1a). A log shall be maintained on-site with the names of all crew personnel trained and submitted to the CPUC.
- No construction activities shall occur prior to the 15-day noticing requirement cycle being completed as identified in MM-LU-1a.
- No construction activities shall occur prior to notifying all property owners within 300 feet of proposed work at least 1 week in advance of the activities in accordance with MM-LU-1b.

Sincerely,

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Att: Attachment A – Mitigation Measures

