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Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor



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Gail Long
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Re: Completeness of TDS Telecom's Application for a Permit to Construct the Olinda Last Mile Underserved Broadband Project (CPUC Resolutions T-17411 and T-17517)

Dear Ms. Long,

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC's) Infrastructure Permitting and CEQA section completed its review of TDS Telecom's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA). The CPUC submitted two deficiency letters to TDS on November 1, 2016 and January 17, 2017, respectively. After reviewing TDS's materials, the CPUC is deeming TDS's application complete as of today. The CPUC's Information and Criteria List and PEA Checklist were used as basic guides for determining PEA adequacy.

The CPUC will prepare an Initial Study and, if mitigation is required, a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared. At this time, the CPUC does not anticipate that preparation of an Environmental Impact Report will be required. However, as we move forward, we anticipate that Commission staff will require consultations with the applicant for the purposes of gaining further clarity, obtaining further data and information, and other tasks necessary to a successful and legally defensible environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The CPUC reserves the right to request additional information at any point during the process. Questions should be directed to Jensen Uchida at (415) 703-5484 or via email to Jensen.Uchida@cpuc.ca.gov. Please copy the CPUC's consultant, Silvia Yanez, Ecology and Environment, Inc (syanez@ene.com), on communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jensen Uchida".

Jensen Uchida
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