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**Re: Addendum No. 1 to the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project Notice to Proceed Request No. 2.**

Mr. Barnsdale:

On December 18, 2017, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E) Notice to Proceed Request No. 2 (NTP-2) for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project (SOCRE or Project). NTP-2 authorizes SDG&E to conduct site preparation and construction staging activities at the San Juan Capistrano Substation. SDG&E is hereby requesting approval of Addendum No. 1 to NTP-2 to include a modified alignment of the relocated interior fence separating the upper and lower yards, removal of three de-energized 138 kilovolt (kV) rack structures (located in the upper yard) and associated hazardous materials abatement activities. Please refer to Figure 1 in **Attachment A, NTP-2 Addendum Figure** and **Attachment B, NTP-2 Addendum Site Photographs** for a map and pictures of the fence relocation alignment and 138-kV rack structures<sup>1</sup>.

**Proposed Modifications and Additions to SOCRE NTP-2**

As mentioned above, NTP-2 authorizes SDG&E to prepare and utilize the San Juan Capistrano Substation as a staging yard. Specific activities related to preparing the substation for staging include vegetation removal, demolition of the east wing of the former utility structure, removal of abandoned utility poles and relocation the existing interior fence. The relocation of the existing interior fence is needed to open up space in the upper yard for additional staging and parking. However, SDG&E overlooked the inclusion of the removal of the three 138-kV rack structures in its NTP-2 request. The three structures are no longer in use and would block access in the upper yard. Without the removal of the old 138-kV rack structures, the space created by relocating the existing interior fence would be severely limited. Furthermore, in order to maximize the staging capacity in the upper yard, SDG&E is proposing a slightly modified alignment of the relocated

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<sup>1</sup> Figure 1 depicts the proposed alignment of the relocated interior fence. The actual fence alignment may change slightly due to clearance requirements from the existing transmission equipment located in the upper yard.

interior fence from what was previously approved in NTP-2 that would allow for use of a larger area.

Prior to removal of the 138-kV rack structures, SDG&E will perform hazardous materials abatement activities for presumed asbestos containing materials (ACM) and metals-based paint on the metal structures. Any hazardous materials, including ACM or lead containing materials, will be removed in accordance with the Project's Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Plan (HMWMP) and HMWMP Addendum No. 1 and in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations. Upon completion of the hazardous materials abatement, removal of the 138-kV rack structures will commence. Removal of the structures will be non-ground disturbing<sup>2</sup> and will include the dismantling of the steel structural components and cutting of the concrete foundations (at ground-level). Upon completion of this work (and relocation of the interior fence) the vacated area in the upper yard will be utilized for staging.

### **Preconstruction Requirements and Permit/Approvals**

The activities described above would not change the conditions set forth in the CPUC's NTP-2 approval letter, including required permits and approvals, type of equipment, number of construction personnel, or the status of any Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance and Reporting Program pre-construction requirements.

### **Addendum No.1 to NTP-2 Request for Approval**

SDG&E respectfully requests approval of Addendum No.1 to NTP-2 to include a modified alignment of the relocated interior fence, removal of the three 138-kV rack structures and associated hazardous materials abatement activities in the upper yard of the San Juan Capistrano Substation as conditioned in the CPUC's NTP-2 approval letter and any pending pre-construction requirements. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (858) 503-5028 or by email at [jkaminsky@semprautilities.com](mailto:jkaminsky@semprautilities.com).

Sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> Defined herein as activities that would alter the existing elevations of the site, involve site development, grading, grubbing or tree root removal.

Attachment A: NTP-2 Addendum Figure  
Attachment B: NTP-2 Addendum Site Photographs

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**ATTACHMENT A**  
**NTP-2 Addendum Figure**

**SOCRE PROJECT**

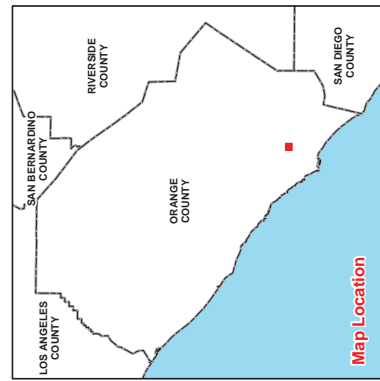
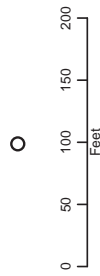
**FIGURE 1  
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO  
SUBSTATION  
NTP-2 Addendum - Attachment A**

**San Juan Capistrano  
Orange County, CA**

**LEGEND**

- 138 kV Structure
- Proposed Substation Fence Relocation \*
- San Juan Capistrano Substation Site
- County Boundary

\* The actual fence alignment may change slightly due to clearance requirements from the existing transmission equipment located in the upper yard.



**ATTACHMENT B**  
**NTP-2 Addendum Site Photographs**

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View looking south at the three 138-kV structures that will be removed as part of Addendum No. 1 to NTP-2.



View looking east at two of the three 138-kV structures that will be removed as part of Addendum No. 1 to NTP-2. This vacated area will be used as staging and material storage.

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**NTP-2 Addendum Site Photographs**



View looking south at the 138-kV rack structures that will be removed and fence that will be relocated to create a space for staging in the upper yard.