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## RE: Notice to Proceed Request No. 4 for Transmission and Distribution Line Work as part of the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project

Dear Ms. Kaminsky:

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) is requesting authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence construction on select activities for the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement (SOCRE) Project. Notice to Proceed No. 4 (NTP-4) shall include construction of overhead and underground transmission and distribution line work in the area west of the San Juan Capistrano (SJC) Substation. Construction for NTP-4 will be confined to the activities described below.

## Construction of New Transmission and Distribution Lines Associated with the Project's West-Side Getaways

Construction of new overhead and underground transmission and distribution line work associated with the Project's West-Side Getaways will generally consist of the following:

- Placement of four new steel transmission cable riser poles (poles 1a, 2a, 4a and 5a).
- Reuse or possible replacement of existing steel pole 3a and the steel pole south of pole 3a, located adjacent to the existing railway line.
- Removal of existing steel and wood 138-kV utility poles.
- Installation of new underground 138-kV transmission lines along and under Camino Capistrano and between Camino Capistrano and Avenida de la Vista.
- Installation of new overhead 138-kV transmission lines along and crossing the railroad tracks and east of Avenida de la Vista.
- Installation of new distribution cable riser pole D1 near the southeast corner of Camino Capistrano and Calle Lorenzo.
- Installation of new overhead and underground 12-kV distribution lines along and under Camino Capistrano and between Camino Capistrano and Avenida de la Vista.
- Relocation of a street light located near the northwest corner of the SJC Substation,
- Connection of the SJC Substation's storm water drainage system to the storm drain located in Camino Capistrano.
- Trenching (using open-cut and trenchless drilling methods) and placement of conduit for underground transmission and distribution lines.

- Placement of underground vaults.
- Geotechnical investigations.
- Reconfiguration of driveways for the SJC Substation along Camino Capistrano.

Work activities under NTP-4 will occur within temporary work areas. As authorized by the CPUC for NTP-2, the existing SJC Substation property will be utilized for the majority of construction staging for work activities under NTP-4. Construction activities for the area west of the SJC Substation are further described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the SOCRE Project (Decision D.16-12-064).

NTP-4 for the SOCRE Project is hereby granted by the CPUC for the proposed construction activities based on SDG&E's NTP-4 request, dated October 24, 2018, and the understanding that SDG&E and its contractor(s) will meet the following conditions:

- SDG&E will comply with all Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) and MMs included in the Mitigation, Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) Compliance Plan for the SOCRE Project.
- SDG&E will obtain all necessary permits prior to initiating the specific Project activities
  triggering each permit requirement. Copies of any relevant permits, compliance plans
  (MMCRP, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan [SWPPP], etc.), and this NTP shall be
  available on-site for the duration of construction activities. Prior to initiating an activity
  requiring a permit, SDG&E will provide a copy of the required permit to the CPUC upon
  request.
- Prior to the commencement of NTP-4 work activities, SDG&E will obtain any additional land rights (temporary and/or permanent) that will be required to install the Project components.
- SDG&E will provide biological, cultural resource, paleontological, and other specialty
  monitors on site, as needed, during construction activities to ensure protection of
  sensitive resources.
- Preconstruction clearance surveys for biological, cultural, and paleontological resources will be conducted, as appropriate, prior to construction activities.
- All crew personnel shall be appropriately trained on environmental issues, including
  requirements of the MMCRP, prior to starting work. A log with the names of all crew
  personnel trained through the Safety and Environmental Awareness Program (SEAP)
  shall be maintained on-site and made available to the CPUC upon request.
- If construction debris or spills enter into environmentally sensitive areas, the jurisdictional agency and the CPUC shall be notified immediately.
- The SJC Substation property will be used for all long-term staging, materials laydown, equipment storage, and project vehicle parking necessary to support the activities included in NTP-4. As necessary to complete work on Camino Capistrano and other

private and public ROWs, temporary equipment parking and materials storage may occur on the public ROW as authorized by the City of San Juan Capistrano in encroachment and traffic control permits. As necessary, all other overnight storage of equipment or laydown of construction materials (e.g., steel poles delivered in sections and assembled in place) will occur within the Temporary Work Areas identified on Figure 1 of Attachment 1 and be temporary and short in duration.

- The CPUC must review and approve any additional temporary workspace areas or access routes, long-term laydown areas for materials or equipment storage proposed outside of the SJC Substation, and/or changes to construction techniques.
- Construction workers driving personal vehicles to the work area may park in legal parking locations on public streets in accordance with local parking restrictions.
- If the CPUC determines that any work activities require a traffic control permit (e.g., work associated with a large delivery to the site or equipment parking), SDG&E will obtain the appropriate permit(s) prior to performing those activities.
- To control soil erosion, hydromulch or other effective soil stabilization techniques will be applied on all disturbed, inactive areas in compliance with the project's SWPPP.
- NTP-4 does not include the undergrounding of conduit along Calle Bonita and Calle Santa Rosalia (and eventually east toward Interstate 5); this work will be completed under a separate NTP request.
- Guy wires for transmission and distribution poles will be installed in a manner that would not impede public access or create a safety hazard.
- All construction activities for NTP-4 will be conducted in compliance with applicable local permit requirements.

Sincerely,

Andrew Barnsdale

CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc:

Joe Donaldson, E & E, CPUC Compliance Manager

Matt Huber, SDG&E Project Manager

Attachment 1: Notice to Proceed Request No. 4 for Transmission and Distribution Line Work as part of the South Orange County Reliability Enhancement Project (dated October 24, 2018)

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## Attachment 1

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