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Subject: Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project Compliance Documents, San Diego and Imperial Counties, California

Dear Mr. Haines:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the California Department of Fish and Game (Department), hereafter collectively referred to as the Wildlife Agencies, have reviewed the documents listed below that require Wildlife Agency approval prior to the commencement of project impacts. These documents were initially provided in the Mitigation Monitoring Compliance and Reporting Program (MMCRP) plans of the California Public Utilities Commission’s Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) dated November 10, 2009, and were subsequently revised based on Wildlife Agency comments.

- Habitat Acquisition Plan, dated September 21, 2010 – MMCRP condition B-1a
- Habitat Management Plan (HMP), dated September 21, 2010 – MMCRP condition B-1a
- Habitat Restoration Plan, dated November 5, 2010 – MMCRP condition B-1a
- Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, dated October 2010 – MMCRP condition B-2a
- Weed Management Plan, dated November 10, 2010 – MMCRP condition B-3a
- Bighorn Sheep Monitoring Plan, dated October 15, 2010 – MMCRP condition B-7c
- Arroyo Toad Relocation Plan, dated November 4, 2010 – MMCRP condition B-7j
- Raven Control Plan, dated October 2010 – MMCRP condition B-11a

This letter serves as the Wildlife Agencies agreement that all the above plans satisfy the agency review requirements of the MMCRP for all the plans. However, the HMP will require further revisions once the mitigation lands have been acquired and land managers have been identified and approved by the Wildlife Agencies. Once the land managers are approved, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) will be required to provide a revised final HMP that will include revised Property Analysis Records, approved by the identified land managers, for Wildlife Agency review and approval. The final HMP must be implemented no later than 18 months from the initiation of construction activities. Similarly, prior to implementation of habitat restoration on specific impact sites, SDG&E will submit site-specific details to supplement the general Habitat
Restoration Plan, and these subsequent submittals will be subject to review by the Wildlife Agencies.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the plans and look forward to our continued coordination on the subject project. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Eric Porter of the Service at (760) 431-9440 extension 285, or Erinn Wilson of the Department at (714) 968-0953.

Sincerely,

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