

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 16, 2017

Ms. Jennifer Kaminsky  
San Diego Gas and Electric Company  
1010 Tavern Road  
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RE: Sycamore- Peñasquitos 230-kV Transmission Line Project—Denial of Minor Project Refinement #8 Request

Dear Ms. Kaminsky,

On September 13, 2017, SDG&E submitted Minor Project Refinement (MPR) #8 for approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for the Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-kV Transmission Line Project (Project). MPR #8 would add temporary work area around 16 poles and 14 guard structures over a 2-mile existing transmission alignment south of Carroll Canyon Road and east of Interstate 805.

The CPUC Energy Division may approve requests by SDG&E for MPRs that may be necessary due to final engineering of the environmentally superior project, as ordered in the Decision Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-kV Transmission Line Project (Decision 16-10-005), so long as such minor project refinements "...are located within the geographic boundary of the study area of the EIR and do not, without mitigation, result in a new significant impact or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified significant impact based on the criteria used in the EIR; conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy; or trigger an additional permit requirement."

The CPUC finds that the proposed work spaces associated with MPR #8 are outside of the geographic boundary of the EIR study area; therefore, an application for a Petition for Modification (PFM) must be submitted. Please note that SDG&E's pending responses to data request #2 remain relevant as the information is needed for our determination of whether to prepare an Addendum or a Supplemental EIR as part of the PFM review process.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billie Blanchard".

Billie Blanchard  
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Energy Division, CEQA Unit

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