May 20, 2013

Mr. Don Houston
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Subject:  Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) #3 – Adjustments to the use of Carrizo Gorge Construction Yard 2 and the addition of a New Construction Yard, Carrizo Gorge Construction Yard 1 – East County Substation Project (Application 09-08-008)

Dear Mr. Houston:

On March 22, 2013, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) submitted a Minor Project Refinement Request (MPRR) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to redefine the uses at Carrizo Gorge Construction Yard 2 that were originally approved as part of the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS). SDG&E is requesting that all general construction activities, such as staging and storage of materials be permitted within Carrizo Gorge Construction Yard 2, along with the previously approved helicopter use. In addition, SDG&E is requesting the addition of a new construction yard, referred to as “Carrizo Gorge Construction Yard 1” to be used for general construction activities and helicopter use.

The CPUC voted on June 21, 2012 to approve the East County (ECO) Substation Project (Decision 12-06-039) and a Notice of Determination was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH#2009121079).

The Commission decision approving the Permit to Construct (PTC) authorizes Energy Division staff to approve requests by SDG&E for minor project refinements. The decision states that minor project refinements may be approved so long as such minor project refinements are located within the geographic boundary of the study area of the EIR/EIS 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 environmental document; conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy; or trigger an additional permit requirement.
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This letter documents the CPUC’s thorough evaluation of all activities covered in MPRR #3 and that the changes requested in MPRR #3 are allowed pursuant to the Commission decision issuing the PTC. In accordance with the MMCRP, the MPRR was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested activities.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy Baker
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