October 28, 2014

Mr. Eric Chiang
Project Manager
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Notice to Proceed (NTP) Request #15 to Realign the 69 Kilovolt (kV) Distribution Line to the Boulevard Substation Rebuild Site

Dear Mr. Chiang:

On June 21, 2012, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) selected the East County (ECO) Substation Alternative Site combined with the ECO Partial Underground 138 kV Transmission Route Alternative (Decision A.09-08-003) as the approved ECO Substation Project (Project). The decision granted San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) a Permit to Construct and conditionally authorized construction of the Project with the implementation of pre-construction mitigation measures (MMs). A Notice of Determination was submitted to the State Clearinghouse on June 21, 2012, indicating the CPUC’s approval of the Project.

Purpose

SDG&E is formally requesting authorization from the CPUC to realign the existing 69 kV transmission line (TL 6931) from the existing Boulevard Substation to the Boulevard East Substation rebuild site, as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIR/EIS). TL 6931 currently connects into the south side of the existing Boulevard Substation. The realignment will allow the existing TL 6931 to connect to the new 138/69/12 kV Boulevard East Substation rebuild site, which was approved by the CPUC with NTP #8 on August 2, 2013. As described in the Final EIR/EIS, two new steel poles and associated anchor structures will be installed to accomplish the realignment into the west side of the Boulevard East Substation rebuild site. The locations of the structures to be constructed under this NTP request are depicted in Attachment A: TL 6931 Realignment Map. Construction methods and equipment to be used will be similar to those used for installation of the Section 2 138 kV Overhead Transmission Line.

Pre-Construction Mitigation Measures

As of this request, all pre-construction measures have been completed. In accordance with Mitigation Measure (MM) BIO-2c, Attachment A: TL 6931 Realignment Map depicts the jurisdictional drainages identified for the TL 6931 realignment. As required by MMs BIO-1a, VIS-3d, VIS-3e, and CUL-1d, final engineering plans for the TL 6931 realignment—which depict work space and access roads and note the archaeological monitoring requirements—are included as Attachment B: Final Engineering Plans. As stated in the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program, all other MMs will be implemented during construction.
Activity Summary

Construction of the TL 6931 realignment will occur in accordance with the descriptions provided in Sections B.15 and B-27 of the Final EIR/EIS. The information described in Section B of the Final EIR/EIS includes specific details pertaining to construction equipment, material staging and storage, and aboveground equipment for the 69 kV transmission line.

Upon completion of the Project, all areas of temporary disturbance will be restored to their original condition. This will include removal of any temporary facilities, as well as collection and proper disposal of any waste, trash, and debris. The TL 6931 realignment is anticipated to take approximately two months to complete, beginning in November 2014 and ending in January 2015.

We respectfully request authorization of this NTP request by October 31, 2014, in order to meet the overall Project schedule. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (858) 503-5006.

Sincerely,

Don Houston
SDG&E Environmental Project Manager

Attachment A: TL 6931 Realignment Map
Attachment B: Final Engineering Plans

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    David Hochart, Dudek
    Anne Marie McGraw, Insignia Environmental (Insignia)
    Jeffry Coward, Insignia
Attachment A: 6931 Realignment Map

East County Substation Project

- Proposed Pole
- Existing Pole to be Removed
- Guy Stub
- 69 kV Transmission Line
- Guy Wire
- Existing Transmission Line
- Grading
- Pad
- Temporary Construction Area
- Boulevard Substation Rebuild Site
- Drainage

Scale: 1:2,000

0 150 300 Feet
ATTACHMENT B: FINAL ENGINEERING PLANS
1. ALL GRADING
2. GRADED
PROJECT APPROVED HYDROSEED MIX TO RESTORE VEGETATION

SHALL BE RE-SEEDED WITH 95%