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CPUC SDG&E San Marcos to Escondido Tie Line 6975 69kV Project
MND/SCH#2019049009

Ms. Joyce Steingass California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Ms. Steingass:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the CPUC SDG&E San Marcos to Escondido Tie Line 6975 69kV located near Interstate 15 (I-15) and State Route (SR-78). The mission of Caltrans is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. The Local Development-Intergovernmental Review (LD-IGR) Program reviews land use projects and plans to ensure consistency with our mission and state planning priorities.

Caltrans has the following comments:

Right-of-Way Utilities

It is also understood by our agency that no new utility crossings on State Facilities will occur as a result of this project. However, any work performed within Caltrans' right-of-way (R/W) will require discretionary review and approval by Caltrans and an encroachment permit will be required for any work within the Caltrans' R/W prior to construction. As part of the encroachment permit process, the applicant must provide an approved final environmental document including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination addressing any environmental impacts within the Caltrans' R/W, and any corresponding technical studies.

Please see Chapter 600 of the Encroachment Permits Manual for requirements regarding utilities and state R/W: http://www.dot.ca.gov/trafficops/ep/manual.html

Please see Chapter 17 of the Plan Preparation Manual for requirements regarding utilities and state R/W: http://www.dot.ca.gov/design/cadd/manuals/ppm.html

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If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Dodson, of the Caltrans Development Review Branch, at (619) 688-2510 or by e-mail sent to kimberly.dodson@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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