

Decision 19-07-008 July 11, 2019

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In The Matter of the Application of  
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC  
COMPANY (U902E) for a Certificate  
of Public Convenience and Necessity  
for the Sycamore- Penasquitos 230  
Kilovolt Transmission Line Project.

Application 14-04-011

**DECISION AUTHORIZING MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE SYCAMORE-  
PEÑASQUITOS TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

**Summary**

This decision authorizes a minor modification to the Sycamore-  
Peñasquitos 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project) to allow the  
re-tensioning and sagging of two miles of existing 230-kV transmission line,  
south of the Project's boundary. The proceeding is closed.

**1. Procedural Background**

Decision (D.) 16-10-005 granted San Diego Gas & Electric  
Company (SDG&E) a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct  
the Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project).  
The project will install a new 230-kV transmission line and consolidate  
two existing 69-kV power lines onto new double-circuit steel structures that will  
replace existing, predominantly wood structures between the existing Sycamore  
Canyon and Peñasquitos Substations.

SDG&E's final engineering of the Project subsequent to the issuance of  
D.16-10-005 indicates the need for re-tensioning and sagging approximately  
two miles of the existing 230-kV transmission line south of the approved Project

boundary. SDG&E therefore petitions to modify D.16-10-005 to allow this project modification.

The Commission has studied the proposed modification and finds that it will not result in any new significant environmental impacts or increase the severity of environmental impacts previously identified in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Accordingly, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guideline Section 15164, we prepared a second addendum to the EIR setting forth the substantial evidence for this determination, which is attached to this order. (Attachments 1 and 2.)

As the proposed modification is indicated by the final engineering of the approved Project and as it will not result in any new significant environmental impacts or increase the severity of previously identified environmental impacts, we authorize the project modification.

## **2. Waiver of Comments**

This is an uncontested matter in which the decision grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 311(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.6(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

## **3. Assignment of Proceeding**

President Michael Picker is the assigned Commissioner and Hallie Yacknin is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

## **Findings of Fact**

1. Final engineering of the approved Project indicates the need for re-tensioning and sagging approximately two miles of the existing 230-kV transmission line south of the approved Project boundary.

2. The proposed re-tensioning and sagging activity will not result in any new significant environmental impacts or increase the severity of previously identified environmental impacts.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The Project should be modified to allow the re-tensioning and sagging of two miles of the existing 230-kV transmission line, south of the Project's boundary.

2. This proceeding should be closed.

3. This order should be effective immediately.

**ORDER**

**IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. San Diego Gas & Electric Company is authorized to undertake the re-tensioning and sagging of two miles of the existing 230 Kilovolt (kV) transmission line, south of the Sycamore- Peñasquitos 230-kV Transmission Line Project's boundary.

2. Application 14-04-011 is closed.

This order is effective immediately.

Dated July 10, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

MARTHA GUZMAN ACEVES  
CLIFFORD RECHTSCHAFFEN  
GENEVIEVE SHIROMA

Commissioners

President Picker and Commissioner Randolph, being necessarily absent, did not participate.