Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Line 1600 Lilac Road Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SDO-30093-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The project is located within or beneath the bed, channel, and bank of Keys Creek (Lilac Road just south of Keys Creek Road; Latitude 33.286760, Longitude -117.083355; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 128-510-05-00), Moosa Creek (southwest of the intersection of Betsworth Road and Country Club Lane; Latitude 33.224547, Longitude -117.057663; APN 186-061-13-00), and an unnamed drainage (south of the intersection of Lilac Road and Lennie Drive; Latitude 33.263581, Longitude -117.075787; APN 129-250-11-00), in the unincorporated community of Valley Center.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SDO-30093-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to San Diego Gas & Electric. The overall project involves replacing a section of existing 16-inch-diameter pipe with approximately 5.95 miles of new 16-inch-diameter pipe, hydrostatically testing the newly installed pipeline, removing 11 spans on the existing pipeline, grouting and filling portions of the existing pipeline, and using three potential laydown yards. The aspects of the project that are covered by this Agreement are three creek crossings – Keys Creek, an unnamed tributary to Keys Creek, and Moosa Creek – where trenchless techniques will be utilized in order to avoid impacts to sensitive environmental resources. Each of the three crossings will be installed either by horizontal directional drilling (HDD) or as aboveground spans.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego Gas & Electric

Exempt Status:

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Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1, section 15301, Existing Facilities.

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1, section 15301; The project is exempt because it involves the replacement of an existing pipeline involving negligible or no expansion.

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