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VIA E-MAIL

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**RE:** San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E) Notification of Completion of Substantial Vegetation Management in accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 8386.3.(c)(5)(A)

Dear Director Thomas Jacobs:

In accordance with California Public Utilities Code Section 8386.3(c)(5)(A), SDG&E is providing notification to the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety that San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has completed a substantial portion of its 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan vegetation management initiatives.

SDG&E's 2021 WMP Initiatives with respect to Vegetation Management activities were completed as originally targeted and scheduled. As explained in SDG&E's 2021 Annual Report on Compliance, one initiative did not meet the target but achieved the intended level of risk reduction, and a second initiative was delayed.

- The original target for the Enhanced Trim or Removals (SDG&E WMP initiative 7.3.5.9) was 17,000 trees. While, in accordance with this initiative, SDG&E inspected 17,000 high-risk trees with the anticipation of their requiring enhanced clearances, consistent with its 2021 forecast. However, upon inspection, SDG&E identified that only 12,578 of the trees inspected required removal or trims to enhanced clearances in 2021. The methodology to derive the target for this initiative was modified in 2022 using tree inventory data which more appropriately identified trees that may necessitate enhanced clearances.
- SDG&E's Fuels Management Program (SDG&E WMP initiative 7.3.5.5), which pertains to expanding vegetation modification/abatement around structures subject to pole brushing, was performed on 463 poles, slightly less than the targeted 500 poles. The

target for this initiative was not reached in 2021 due to late seasonal initiation of this activity in the fall, required pre-activity environmental screening, and reduced allowable workdays due to elevated fire risk conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

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