

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW AND DECISION RECORD

CX Number: CA-660-05-20

Name of Proposed Action: San Diego Gas and Electric
Electrical Line Right-of-Way

Case Number: CACA 46498

Legal Description: Township 14S., Range 2E., Section 8,
San Bernardino Meridian, San Diego County

Land Use Plan conformance: In compliance with 43CFR1610.5-3 and BLM MS1617.3, the proposed action is in conformance with the *South Coast Resource Management Plan, 1994*.

Description of Proposed Action: BLM would issue a 2700 foot right-of-way to San Diego Gas & Electric Company to install an electric power line on existing poles. The proposed right-of-way is within an existing right-of-way held by SBC Pacific Bell on public lands in San Diego County. The public land parcel is not in wilderness, WSA, ACEC, or covered by other special designations.

San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) is responding to a request to install approximately 2,100 linear feet of new overhead service line, cross arms, and the associated hardware on 8 existing wood Telco poles located on public land. This project is part of a 30-pole extension request to provide service to the Dan McKinnon residence located near Ramona, California. The other 22 poles are located on private property. The project can be accessed from the north or south. The northbound access route is at the southern terminus of Painted Rock Road, via a private dirt access road. The southbound access road is at the terminus of Featherstone Road, via private dirt access road adjacent to the McKinnon residence. Access to each pole will be via foot, and the overhead service line will be installed by helicopter. The helicopter will assist in dropping off the crossarms and hardware adjacent to each existing pole. Inspection of the pole line would be performed every five years.

No project impacts are expected because vehicular activities will remain within the existing dirt and paved access roads. The crew will access the eight Telco Poles on BLM land via foot. No digging, trenching or ground disturbing activities are required for this project. The installation of the electrical lines would follow the guidelines of the Suggested Practice for Raptor Protection on Power Lines, by Edison Electric Institute. Stipulations would be the same as the original right of way with SBC Pacific Bell.

Categorical Exclusion Reference: This action is determined to be covered under agency categorical exclusions under 516 Departmental Manual (DM) Chapter 6, Appendix 5, 5.4 E (12): Grants of rights-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way; and (17) Grant of a short rights-of-way for utility service or terminal access roads to an individual residence, outbuilding, or water well.

Screening for Exceptions: The following exceptions apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (516 DM Chapter 2, Appendix 2). The preparer and/or indicated specialist must verify that the Proposed Action does not:

2.1	Have significant adverse effects of public health or safety?	NO
2.2	Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farm lands, wet lands, flood plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of National Landmarks?	NO
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental affects?	NO
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?	NO
2.5	Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	NO
2.6	Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?	NO
2.7	Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?	NO
2.8	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species?	NO
2.9	Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?	NO
2.10	Threaten to violate a Federal, State, or local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?	NO

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Reviewed by: _____
Environmental Coordinator

DECISION: It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) number CA-660-05-20. I find this action conforms with 516 Departmental Manual (DM) 2 and DM 6 with no exceptions. I further find this action in conformance with applicable land use plans and that it would not cause unnecessary or undue degradation. Conditions of approval, if attached, are incorporated by reference as the decision of the Bureau of Land Management regarding this action. A copy of this Decision Record and attendant conditions of approval shall be in the possession of the on-site operator during all undertakings approved herein.

APPROVED BY: _____
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