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Dear Ms. Koch-Eckhardt:

The following are responses to your questions regarding truck traffic accessing the amended CECP project site.

1) *During the Data Response Workshop, one of the intervenors mentioned that trucks leaving the Poseidon Desalination Plant site and exiting left on Cannon Road were at times getting stuck on the railroad tracks. I understand that 18-wheeler trucks are now using Palomar Airport Road to avoid this situation. I have the following questions related to that:*

a) *Are only 18-wheelers required to use Palomar Airport Road, or are there other types of trucks that are required to as well?*

The approved haul route from the Encina Power Station (for the Carlsbad Desalination Plant construction) was temporarily changed to Palomar Airport Road based on the incident involving a truck inadvertently stopping over the railroad tracks. This incident was caused by the construction zone on Cannon Road at Avenida Encinas, which caused a temporary narrowing of travel lanes. After that phase of construction was complete and the intersection restored to normal, the approved haul route is from the Cannon Road service gate (located just west of the railroad tracks) and heading east to the I-5 freeway ramps. Palomar Airport Road will no longer be used for the desalination plant construction haul route. The haul route for the new power plant construction and demolition of the old plant will be identified by looking at our arterial roadway network and determining the route that would have the least impact to our roadways.

b) *How do the trucks using Palomar Airport Road exit the project site? Are they only prohibited from going north on Cannon Road? Do they turn south on Cannon Road and then proceed to Palomar Airport Road from there? Or do they exit out of the main project site onto Carlsbad Boulevard and proceed to Palomar Airport Road from there? Or do they continue taking Avenida Encinas until they reach Palomar Airport Road?*

See response above.

- c) *Are trucks entering the site also prohibited from using Cannon Road, or is this restriction just for trucks exiting the site? What is the preferred route for trucks entering the site?*

The Cannon Road service gate described above will be used for all entering and exiting vehicles for the remainder of the desalination plant construction. To minimize construction impacts to Carlsbad streets, Cannon Road to I-5 would likely be identified as the favored haul route for the construction of the new plant as well as for the demolition of the old power plant.

- 2) *John Kim mentioned during the workshop that the City of Carlsbad knows what to expect as far as traffic from CECP construction and effective mitigation measures based on their experience with construction of the Poseidon Desalination Plant. Could you share any important insights with me?*

CECP construction traffic will use the service entrance at the north end of Avenida Encinas exclusively. Preliminary meetings with NRG confirmed that all construction traffic (including large truck deliveries) will use that entrance/exit. There shouldn't be any traffic using the Cannon Road service gate for any CECP construction traffic. Since this access is utilized by the West restaurants and service station, communication and cooperation with the property owner is strongly advised. Since the construction of the new power plant and the demolition of the old power plant does not propose any construction impacts on Cannon Road, the recommended haul route for this project would be Cannon Road to I-5.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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