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Subject: **Draft Statewide General Order for Discharges from Hydrostatic Testing of Pipelines and Related Activities**

Dear Ms. Townsend,

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Statewide General Order for Discharges from Hydrostatic Testing of Natural Gas Pipelines and Related Activities (Project). SMUD is the primary energy provider for Sacramento County and the proposed Project area. SMUD's vision is to empower our customers with solutions and options that increase energy efficiency, protect the environment, reduce global warming, and lower the cost to serve our region. As a Responsible Agency, SMUD aims to ensure that the proposed Project limits the potential for significant environmental effects on SMUD facilities, employees, and customers.

It is our desire that the Project MND will acknowledge any Project impacts related to the following:

- Overhead and or underground transmission and distribution line easements. Please view the following links on smud.org for more information regarding transmission encroachment:
  - <https://www.smud.org/en/business/customer-service/support-and-services/design-construction-services.htm>
  - <https://www.smud.org/en/do-business-with-smud/real-estate-services/transmission-right-of-way.htm>
- Utility line routing
- Electrical load needs/requirements
- Energy Efficiency
- Climate Change
- Cumulative impacts related to the need for increased electrical delivery

SMUD would like to be involved with discussing the above areas of interest as well as discussing any other potential issues. We aim to be partners in the efficient and sustainable delivery of the proposed Project. Please ensure that the information included in this response is conveyed to the Project planners and the appropriate Project proponents.

Environmental leadership is a core value of SMUD and we look forward to collaborating with you on this Project. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this MND. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Rob Ferrera at [rob.ferrera@smud.org](mailto:rob.ferrera@smud.org) or 916.732.6676.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jamie Cutlip". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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