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Project Title: Line 3000E Phase 2A, Kelbaker to Newberry Springs (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SBR-47489-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The project is located across numerous unnamed washes in the Mojave Desert at 148 locations. The project is expected to occur from Kelbaker to Newberry Springs, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SBR-47489-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Gas Company (SoCal Gas).

The project includes hydrostatic testing of SoCal Gas Line 3000E, a natural gas pipeline. Hydrostatic testing is conducted to measure the integrity of the pipe and is performed during SoCal Gas' safety and maintenance activities. Hydrostatic testing is conducted by exerting short segments of the pipeline to higher than operating levels of pressure using water. Portions of the pipeline are excavated, removed from service, and capped at either end. The segment is filled with water after the natural gas is vented from the pipe and water pressure is increased to a high level and held for approximately 8 hours. Once the test is complete and no leaks or failures are detected, the segment is dried and placed back into service. The hydrostatic testing will occur across approximately 60.42 miles of 36-inch diameter transmission pipeline, first from Kelbaker to Ludlow and second from Ludlow to Newberry Springs.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1 (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it includes the maintenance and in-kind replacement of existing public structures (i.e., pipeline) and does not involve expansion of their former use for the purpose of testing structures and repairing damaged structures.

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