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RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 309080

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE

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A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE CREATION OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS ON HOWARD AVENUE, WIGHTMAN STREET, HILLTOP DRIVE, WOODROW AVENUE, BAKER STREET/SHAWNEE ROAD, SEMINOLE DRIVE, AND 25TH STREET IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINE SECTION 15302(D).

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the creation of undergrounding utility districts (the Districts) in the named areas is in the general public interest because in each District: such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead facilities; the street or road or right of way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic; the street or road or right of way adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public; or the street, road, or right of way is considered an arterial street or major collector; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code section 21084, states that the CEQA Guidelines shall list those classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections15300-15333 list the categorical exemptions promulgated by the California Office of Planning and Research for those

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classes of projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the

environment; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego has considered the potential

environmental effects of the creation of underground utility districts in the communities of North

Park, Fairmont Village, Mount Hope, Jamacha Lomita, Bay Park, Rolando and Otay Mesa West;

and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2014, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting and

considered the written record for the project as well as public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego, using its independent judgment, has

determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment as the project is

a conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including

connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to

the condition existing prior to the undergrounding; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the creation of underground utility districts is categorically

exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15302(d).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of San Diego has

determined that an exception to the exemption as set forth in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2

does not apply.

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