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Mr. Billie Blanchard
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Regarding SCH# 2005 101 104: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project – Colorado River Substation Expansion, Blythe, California

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

The Colorado River Board of California (CRB) has received and reviewed a copy of Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project – Colorado River Substation Expansion, Blythe, California. This expansion project was proposed by the Southern California Edison to serve to interconnect solar generation proposed for development in the Blythe area of the Mojave Desert to the DPV2 transmission line in April 2005.

There is a statement of “Potential for expanded use of groundwater to affect the groundwater basin or water supply for other users” concerning Hydrology and Water Quality as shown in Attachment 1 on Page 5 in the Notice. The CRB suggests that the project proponent fully cover the groundwater use and its potential impact to water supply for other users of the Colorado River water in preparing its DEIR.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (818) 500-1625.

Sincerely,


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cc: Mr. Scott Morgan, Director, State Clearinghouse