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VIA EMAIL

Billie Blanchard  
Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
300 Capitol Mall, Room 4-21  
Sacramento, California 95814

RE; SCH# 2019089033 SCE Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave Project (ELM Project)  
Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

The California Department of Water Resources' Division of Operations and Maintenance has reviewed the proposed Southern California Edison Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave Series Capacitor Project and has the following comments.

The proposed project activities include modifying existing series capacitors and related facilities within the Lugo Substation and surrounding area. The proposed installation of optical ground wire and other improvements near the Lugo Substation are within the State Water Project (SWP) East Branch Aqueduct's right-of-way near Milepost 399.56 to the south of the city of Hesperia. The proposed project's use of any SWP right-of-way for any purpose requires an encroachment permit issued by DWR. Information regarding SWP encroachment permits can be found at: <https://water.ca.gov/Work-With-Us/Real-Estate/Encroachment-Permits>

Please provide DWR with a copy of any subsequent project environmental or other documentation when it becomes available for public review by sending the document to:

Leroy Ellinghouse, Chief  
State Water Project Right-of-Way Management Section  
Division of Operations and Maintenance  
California Department of Water Resources  
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If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Canuela at (916) 653-5095 or Leroy Ellinghouse at (916) 653-7168.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Finch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F".

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