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Via U.S. Mail and e-mail (billie.blanchard@cpuc.ca.gov)

Re: 9/18/2014 Data Request #2 for SCE West of Devers Upgrade Project – SCE
Application No. A.13.10-020

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

The Morongo Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, which in turn is the beneficial owner of the unallotted tribal trust lands of the Morongo Indian Reservation. The Tribal Council is in receipt of your September 18, 2014 letter seeking the Morongo Band's positions on whether the CPUC "prefers that the CPUC and BLM evaluates or eliminates from full consideration in the EIR/EIS alternative(s) through the Morongo Reservation that would reduce visual impacts on residences in eastern Banning by: (1) moving the TSPs [Tubular Steel Poles] farther from residences (see Attachment B), and/or (2) constructing lattice towers instead of TSPs."

As to the question whether consideration should be given to an alternative corridor, the Morongo Tribal Council informed you in its May, 2014 response to your first Data Request that the General Membership of the Morongo Band approved the Southern California Edison Company's ("SCE") proposed route through the Morongo Reservation as the only route through the Morongo Reservation that is available to SCE, unless the Morongo Band's General Membership were to approve a different route, and thus any alternative route would not be legally feasible and need not be considered.

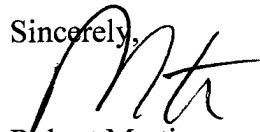
As to the question whether consideration should be given to substituting steel lattice towers for TSPs, the Morongo Band's May, 2014 response to your first Data Request also informed you that,

The Morongo Band has required that SCE use TSPs for a segment of the western portion of the proposed WODUP route through the Reservation, and SCE has agreed to do so, subject to engineering constraint that would preclude the use of such poles. Therefore, the Morongo Band does not see a need to include an evaluation of steel lattice towers in the EIR/EIS.

There has been no change in the Morongo Band's position on this issue since our last response. However, we leave to the preparers of the EIR/EIS the decision whether to retain for analysis alternatives that are not legally feasible.

We look forward to the CPUC's prompt completion of the environmental review of this important project. Please do not hesitate to request additional information germane to that review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RM', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Robert Martin
Chairman