

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Dalton Cobb  
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**RE: Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project – Notice to Proceed (NTP)-D for additional construction and telecommunication installation activities associated with the MacNeil-Newhall-San Fernando and Natural-Newhall-San Fernando 66-kV subtransmission lines and construction of the Natural Substation**

Dear Mr. Cobb:

Southern California Edison (SCE) is requesting authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence construction on select activities for the Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project (Aliso). NTP-D shall include: additional installation of tubular steel poles (TSPs), removal of existing lattice steel towers (LSTs), installation and transfer of conductor and optical ground wire (OPGW) along the MacNeil-Newhall-San Fernando and the Natural-Newhall-San Fernando 66 kV subtransmission lines; grading and improvement of access and spur roads associated with stated work; and construction of the Natural Substation. Construction for this NTP will be confined to the following activities:

**Subtransmission Components**

- Along the MacNeil-Newhall-San Fernando 66 kV Subtransmission Line:
  - Construct TSPs 21, 22, 24, 25, and 30 and remove LSTs where applicable at those locations
  - Grade/improve the access roads between TSPs 16 and 19, TSPs 19 and 21, and TSPs 24 and 25
  - Grade/improve the access road to TSP 30
  - Transfer the associated conductor and install new conductor/OPGW;
- Along the Natural-Newhall-San Fernando 66 kV Subtransmission Line:
  - Construct TSPs 38, 40, 41, and 43 and remove LSTs where applicable at those locations
  - Grade/improve the road between TSPs 40 and 41
  - Transfer the associated conductor and install new conductor/OPGW
  - Establish and use stringing sites at the BFI location and northeast of the BFI location;

### **Telecommunications Components**

- Install OPGW on newly-installed TSPs;

### **Substation Components**

- At the Natural Substation:
  - Install/remove temporary chain-link fence for use during construction
  - Install substation foundation and structures
  - Install below-grade facilities, including: Ground grid, trenches, equipment foundations, utilities, and footings for a permanent chain-link fence
  - Install above-grade facilities, including: Buses, capacitors, circuit breakers, transformers, steel support structures, and MEER.

These activities, including exact locations, are further described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for Aliso (Decision 13-11-023), Addendum No. 1 to the Final Impact Report (Decision 14-12-058), and SCE's NTPR – D<sup>1</sup> (final revision dated June 8, 2015; Attachment 1).

### **NTP-D is granted by the CPUC for the proposed construction activities based on the following understanding:**

- SCE will comply with all Applicant Proposed Measures (APM) and Mitigation Measures (MM) included in the Mitigation, Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) for Aliso.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans (i.e., MMCRP, SWPPP, etc.), and this Notice to Proceed shall be available on-site for the duration of construction activities. Copies of permits shall be provided to the CPUC upon request.
- Preconstruction clearance surveys for biological, cultural, and paleontological resources will be conducted as appropriate prior to construction activities.
- All crew personnel shall be appropriately trained on environmental issues, including requirements of the MMCRP, prior to starting work on the right-of-way. A log shall be maintained on-site with the names of all crew personnel trained and made available to the CPUC upon request.
- No movement or staging of construction vehicles or equipment shall be allowed outside of the approved workspace areas. If additional temporary workspace areas or access routes, and/or changes to construction technique are required, CPUC must review and approve.
- If construction debris or spills enter into environmentally sensitive areas, the jurisdictional agencies and the CPUC shall be notified immediately.

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<sup>1</sup> Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project Notice to Proceed Request D: Install TSPs 21, 22, 24, 25, 30, 38, 40, 41, and 43; Grade/Improve Access Roads between TSP 16 and 18, between TSPs 24 and 25, to TSP 30, between TSPs 40 and 41 and to TSP 43; Remove Existing Lattice Steel Towers; Install and Transfer Conductor/OPGW; and Construct the Natural Substation

**The Condition noted below shall be met by SCE and its contractors:**

- Prior to initiating work with the potential to impact drainages 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, which are considered jurisdictional Waters of the State and/or Waters of the U.S., as discussed in Section 9, "Jurisdictional Permits and Agency Approvals," of the Notice to Proceed Request, SCE will obtain a Section 401 and Section 404 Permit from the Regional Water Quality Control Board and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, respectively.

Sincerely,



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Cc:

Lara Rachowicz, E & E Project Manager  
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Christine McLeod, Southern California Edison Principal Advisor  
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**Attachment 1: Aliso Canyon Turbine Replacement Project Notice to Proceed Request D: Install TSPs 21, 22, 24, 25, 30, 38, 40, 41, and 43; Grade/Improve Access Roads between TSP 16 and 18, between TSPs 24 and 25, to TSP 30, between TSPs 40 and 41 and to TSP 43; Remove Existing Lattice Steel Towers; Install and Transfer Conductor/OPGW; and Construct the Natural Substation**