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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), Segments 4-11: Minor Temporary Work Change Request #3

Dear Mr. Stevenson,

On December 7, 2015, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a Minor Temporary Work Change request for the use of an additional wire setup site (WSS) north of Structure M65-T3 on the Segment 8 Transmission Line (T/L), Phase 1, of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) in the City of Chino, San Bernardino County, California. **This Minor Temporary Work Change Request is approved by CPUC based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE submitted a request for a Minor Temporary Work Change for the use of an additional wire setup site (WSS) north of Structure M65-T3 on Segment 8 T/L Phase 1 of the TRTP, in the City of Chino, San Bernardino County, California. Subsequent to the approval of the NTPR (NTP #11 dated August 12, 2010) by the CPUC, SCE has identified the need for an additional WSS. The additional WSS is situated between two CPUC-approved disturbance areas: WSS 8-1.20 and the work area for Structures M65-T2 and M65-T3. The proposed WSS, which is needed to safely conduct wire stringing activities, measures approximately 1.35 acres.

Based upon existing site conditions, vegetation removal and minor grading may occur.

- **Biological Resources:** SCE submitted a biological summary with the Minor Temporary Work Change request for the Segment 8 T/L Phase 1 use of an additional WSS (Project Component), and the associated 500-foot buffer. The Project Component plus the 500-foot buffer is referred to as the Biological Study Area (BSA). The proposed additional work area is within the SCE TRTP protocol and focused survey corridor. A biological monitor will perform a clearance sweep of the proposed location prior to site occupation to ensure sensitive biological resources are identified and avoided during the proposed activities. Vegetation communities within the Project Component include disturbed/developed and ruderal grassland. Vegetation communities within the 500-foot buffer include disturbed/developed. No special-status plant species or regulated tree species are located within the BSA. A vacant raptor nest (*Buteo jamaicensis*) occurs within the 500-foot buffer. No jurisdictional resources occur within the BSA.

Temporary impacts will be mitigated on-site per the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) and APM BIO-1a, as well as SWPPP requirements, weed control (Mitigation Measure [MM] B-3a), dust control (MM AQ-1a), and visual resources (MM V-1 and APM AES-8 and APM AES-13).

No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated with the implementation of this Minor Temporary Work Change and the conditions noted below.

- **Cultural and Paleontological Resources:** SCE submitted a memorandum dated October 23, 2015 with the Minor Temporary Work Change Request titled the *Southern California Edison Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Cultural and Paleontological Resource Guidelines for Segment 8 T/L Chino Hills (Phase I), Variance Request –Wire Setup Site North of Structure M65-T3*. The memorandum states that no cultural or paleontological resources will be impacted by the proposed wire setup site (WSS) north of Structure M65-T3 in support of the TRTP Segment 8 Phase 1. The proposed WSS was included in previous surveys for the TRTP and no cultural resources were identified (Pacific Legacy 2007, 2010). No further cultural resources work is required in support of this request.

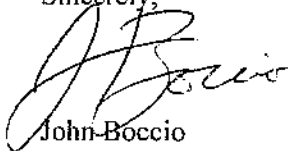
Previous paleontological assessments conducted for the TRTP indicate that the proposed WSS is located within the younger Quaternary alluvium, which has a low sensitivity for yielding paleontological resources (Gust and Scott 2009; Aron 2010). No further paleontological resources work is required in support of this request.

No additional impacts to cultural or paleontological resources are anticipated with the implementation of this Minor Temporary Work Change and the conditions noted below.

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

- Prior to the start of construction, the staking of the requested area shall be reviewed and approved by the CPUC Environmental Monitor.
- All conditions required by Notice to Proceed (NTP) #11 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #11, and this Minor Temporary Work Change shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,



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cc: V. Strong, Aspen