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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), Segments 4-11: Minor Temporary Work Change Request #5

Dear Mr. Stevenson,

On February 12, 2016, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a Minor Temporary Work Change request for a foot path to access a foundation outside the approved disturbance area on the Segment 7 & 8 66kV Transmission Line (T/L), of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) in the City of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles 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 a foot path to access a foundation outside the approved disturbance area on Segment 7 & 8 66kV T/L of the TRTP, in the City of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County, California. Subsequent to the approval of the NTPR (NTP #10 dated August 3, 2010) by the CPUC, project site conditions have been further evaluated and foot access to a foundation outside the approved disturbance area is needed. The foundation is situated south of Segment 8 T/L West Structure M42-T2. The proposed 10-foot-wide disturbance area will allow the contractor to access the foundation from the approved work area. Based upon existing site conditions, no vegetation removal or grading is planned.

- **Biological Resources:** SCE submitted a biological summary with the Minor Temporary Work Change request for the Segment 7 & 8 66kV T/L additional disturbance area of the foot path to access a foundation outside of the approved disturbance area (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 and remain onsite full time to ensure sensitive biological resources are identified and avoided during the proposed activities.

Vegetation communities within the Project Component include Southern willow scrub. Vegetation communities within the 500-foot buffer include Southern willow scrub, disturbed/developed, open water, exotic giant reed, ruderal, mule fat scrub, and Southern arroyo willow riparian forest. No special-status plant species or regulated trees are located within the Project Component. Special-status plant species, California walnut (*Juglans californica*), and regulated tree species, blue elderberry (*Sambucus mexicanus*), occurs within the 500-foot buffer.

Special-status wildlife species, least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica*), Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*), merlin (*Falco*

columbarius), olive-sided flycatcher (*Contopus cooperi*), peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), Swainson's hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), white-tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus*), yellow warbler (*Setophaga petechia*), and yellow-breasted chat (*Icteria virens*), have been observed within the 500-foot buffer. Occupied least Bell's vireo habitat and California gnatcatcher designated critical habitat occurs within the BSA. Temporary impacts include 0.010 acre of southern willow scrub covered under the CDFW Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and USFWS Biological Opinion (BO). Bat habitat also occurs within the 500-foot buffer.

Jurisdictional resource 8-6-R-1 occurs within the Project Component. Jurisdictional features 8-6-R-1 and 8-7-S-1 occur within the 500-foot buffer.

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 February 12, 2016 with the Minor Temporary Work Change Request titled the *Segment 7/8 66kV Relocation – Access to 66 kV Foundation, City of Pico Rivera, Los Angeles County*. The memorandum states that no cultural resources will be impacted by the requested Minor Temporary Work Change access to 66 kV foundation within the City of Pico Rivera in support of the TRTP. A cultural resources survey (PCR 2010) and a paleontological literature review (Gust and Scott 2009) were previously conducted for this area. The results of these studies indicate that there are no cultural resources at the location. The paleontological assessment indicates that the underlying geology consists of Quaternary Alluvium, which is classified as having a low paleontological sensitivity in the Paleontological Resource Management Plan (Gust and Scott 2009). In addition, as indicated above, the access does not involve ground disturbance.

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:

- All conditions required by Notice to Proceed (NTP) #10 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #10, and this Minor Temporary Work Change shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,



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