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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), Segments 4-11: Modification #10 to Notice to Proceed (NTP) #10

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On October 31, 2011, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance request for a Modification to Notice to Proceed (NTP) #10 to complete the additional distribution line activities for the Segment 7 and 8 66kV Transmission Line (T/L) for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) in the City of Chino, San Bernardino County, California. **This Modification #10 to NTP #10 is approved by the CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE requests a Modification to Notice to Proceed (NTP #10) to complete the additional distribution line activities for the Segment 7 and 8 66kV Transmission Line (T/L) for the TRTP in the City of Chino, San Bernardino County, California. The Notice to Proceed Request (NTPR) for Segment 7 and 8 66kV Relocation (NTP #10, dated August 3, 2010) was prepared prior to completion of final design. As part of final design, it was determined that an additional underground distribution line (approximately 250 feet long) needs to be installed to facilitate system reliability and facility operation. The new distribution line is generally located along the south side of Edison Avenue, and extends west from Vault (V5583862). The associated distribution trench, which is needed to install the new underground distribution line, will be approximately a 3-foot wide trench and will require a temporary disturbance area of approximately 100 feet (i.e. 50 feet on either side of centerline). The temporary construction disturbance area will allow for material and equipment set-up during construction of the underground trench.

- **Biological Resources:** SCE submitted biological resource information with the Variance Request. The Segment 8 66kV Chino Underground Additional Distribution/Telecom Work (Project Component) and 500-foot buffer are comprised of disturbed/developed vegetation communities. The Project Component and buffer are not located within critical habitat for any listed species. No jurisdictional resources occur within the Project Component or buffer. No active, breeding bird nests occur within the Project Component or buffer. Biological resources including low potential bat roost habitat occur within the 500-foot buffer and will not be impacted by the Project Component work. Special-status biological resources are demarcated in the field by Environmentally Sensitive Area staking where applicable. Construction has been on-going in this area since October 13, 2011, and the following surveys have been conducted in the area: general biological preconstruction (September 15, 2011), bat habitat assessment (August 18 and 19, 2011), and burrowing owl preconstruction (September 20, 2011).

No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated.

- **Cultural and Paleontological Resources:** SCE submitted a memorandum titled *SCE TRTP Cultural and Paleontological Resource Guidelines for Segment 7/8 66kV Relocation – Variance Request – Chino Underground Distribution Addition* dated October 25, 2011 from SCE Archaeologist, Matthew Wetherbee, MSc, RPA. The memorandum states that no cultural or paleontological resources will be impacted by the proposed Chino underground distribution addition in support of this Variance request for the TRTP Segment 7/8 66kV within the City of Chino, San Bernardino County, California. The proposed disturbance area was included in the previous cultural resources surveys for the TRTP and no cultural resources were identified (Pacific Legacy 2007, 2010a, 2010b, 2011; PCR 2009).

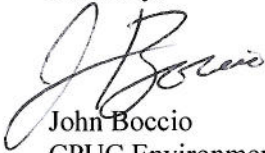
Previous paleontological assessments (Gust and Scott 2009; Aron 2010) prepared for the TRTP project area indicate that no paleontological resources have been previously discovered in the project vicinity. Soils in the vicinity consist of surficial deposits of Quaternary alluvium (Qa), and are too young geologically to have the potential to yield significant fossil resources and are therefore assigned low paleontologic sensitivity (Gust and Scott 2009; Aron 2010).

No additional impacts to cultural or paleontological resources are anticipated.

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

- All conditions required by NTP #10 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #10, and this Modification #10 to NTP #10 shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,



John Boccio
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen