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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Segments 4-11), Modification to Notice to Proceed (NTP) #17

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On January 13, 2011, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a request to modify Notice to Proceed (NTP) #17 seeking authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to include the removal of 85 existing 66kV structures from the Segment 7 Transmission Line (T/L) right-of-way of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). Additional information was submitted by SCE on January 20 and February 4 and 18.

The SCE Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Project) was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and a Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) was granted by CPUC Decision 09-12-044, (Application #07-06-031), SCH #2007081156 on December 17, 2009. **This Modification to NTP #17 is granted by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE is requesting a Modification to Notice to Proceed (NTP #17) to include the removal of 85 existing 66kV structures from Segment 7 Transmission Line (T/L) of the TRTP. This activity would include removal of 85 existing 66kV structures that were decommissioned because of the Segment 7 66kV line re-routing/relocation for the TRTP. These 85 structure removals are comprised by the following Segment 7 66kV re-routes/relocations: Rio Hondo – Bradbury and Rio Hondo – Arcadia – Bradbury – Hopeful (6 structure removals); Rio Hondo – Anita No. 2 and Rio Hondo – Amador (3 structure removals); Rio Hondo – Amador – Jose – Mesa (42 structure removals); Mesa – Rush No. 2, Mesa – Anita – Eaton, Mesa – Narrows (30 structure removals); and, Ravendale – Rush (4 structure removals). This activity will include removal of structures and their foundations (2 feet below grade), wires and hardware assemblies.

66kV Tower Removal Review by Line			
Removals	Remove/Replace	Relocate	Remove/Underground
<i>Rio Hondo-Bradbury and Rio Hondo-Arcadia-Bradbury-Hopeful (Included in NTP #17 Mod.)</i>			
6	1	5	-
<i>Rio Hondo-Anita No. 2 and Rio Hondo-Amador (Included in NTP #17 Mod.)</i>			
3	-	-	-
<i>Rio Hondo-Amador-Jose-Mesa (Included in NTP #17 Mod)</i>			
42	15	16	11
<i>Mesa-Rush No. 2, Mesa-Anita-Eaton, Mesa-Narrows (Included in NTP #17 Mod.)</i>			
30	30	-	-

<i>Ravendale-Rush</i> (Included in NTP #17 Mod.)			
4	4	-	-
<i>Mesa-Narrows and Walnut-Hilgen-Industry-Mesa-Reno</i> (Included in NTP #24)			
9	1	6	2
<i>Chino Substation Line</i> (Included in NTP #10)			
8	3	-	5

Summary of 66kV Tower Removals			
Removals	Remove/Replace	Relocate	Remove/Underground
<i>Segment 7 66kV Tower Removals</i> (Included in NTP #17 Mod.)			
85	50	21	14
<i>Segment 8 66kV Tower Removals</i> (Included in Combination of NTPs #10 and #24)			
17	4	6	7
<i>Total Segment 7 and 8 66kV Tower Removals</i>			
102	54	27	21

Note: Column A = B + C + D (i.e. Removals = Remove/Replace + Relocate + Remove/Underground)

Per Section 2.2.8.1 of the FEIR, page 21, Subtransmission Relocation/Removal: "A total of approximately 45 existing double circuit 66-kV subtransmission line LSTs would be relocated to the edge of the existing ROW or removed and replaced underground." As demonstrated in the table above, approximately 48 Towers would be Relocated (27) or Remove/Underground (21).

- Biological Resources:** The Segment 7 66kV removal structures are within the right-of-way (ROW) of the Segment 7 T/L, which was included in the biological review and surveys for TRTP. The estimated area of disturbance around each 66kV removal structure is 200 feet by 200 feet. Some of the 66kV removal structures fall within a Segment 7 T/L structure disturbance area, and in those cases the one disturbance area will be utilized. Two Segment 7 66kV removal structures are within habitat for least Bell's vireo and are identified as the 66kV removal structures next to Segment 7 Constructs M38-T5 and M38-T4. No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated.
- Cultural Resources:** SCE has submitted the following Cultural Resources Survey Reports for Segment 7 66kV Removal Structures (review status of each report is noted in parenthesis following the report name):

Supplemental Cultural Resources Survey Report for the SCE TRTP Segment 7 Rio Hondo-Amador-Jose-Mesa 66kV Line Relocation, Los Angeles County, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

NRHP/CRHR Review of SCE Company Rio Hondo-Amador-Jose-Mesa-Narrows 66 kV T/L, Los Angeles County, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

SCE TRTP, Re-Route of Proposed Mesa-Rush No. 2, Mesa-Anita-Eaton, Mesa-Narrows and Ravendale-Rush 66 kV Transmission Line, City of Irwindale, Los Angeles County, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

NRHP/CRHR Evaluation of SCE Co. Segment 7: Mesa-Anita-Eaton 66 kV T/L City of Irwindale, Los Angeles County, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

NRHP/CRHR Review of SCE Company Mesa-Ravendale-Rush Segment 7 66kV Transmission Line, Los Angeles County, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

SCE TRTP, Relocation of Proposed Rio Hondo-Bradbury and Rio Hondo-Arcadia-Bradbury-Hopeful 66 kV Transmission Line, City of Irwindale, Los Angeles County, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

SCE TRTP, Relocation of Proposed Rio Hondo-Anita No. 2 and Rio Hondo-Amador 66 kV Transmission Lines, Los Angeles County, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

Paleontological Assessment Sensitivity Report for the TRTP, Segment 7 Rio Hondo-Amador-Jose-Mesa 66 kV Line Relocation, Los Angeles County, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

Supplemental Archaeological Survey Report, 66 kV Transmission Line Access Roads, TRTP, Segments 7 and 8, Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties, CA. (The report has been reviewed and approved by the CPUC and ANF.)

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

- The Segment 7 66kV removal structures that are within habitat for least Bell's vireo include the 66kV towers next to Segment 7 M38-T5 and M38-T4. Work in this area shall not be conducted during the bird nesting season and shall follow all requirements of the USFWS Biological Opinion and the CDFG ITP 2081 Permit. If changes to disturbance areas are needed in these locations, updated maps shall be provided to the CPUC along with resource agency approvals..
- All conditions required by NTP #17 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #17, and this Modification to NTP #17 shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,



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