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March 26, 2010

Susan J. Nelson, AIA
Project Manager
Southern California Edison
2244 Walnut Grove Ave.
Rosemead, CA 91770

RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Segments 4-11), Variance Request (VR # 1)

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On March 25, 2010, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting the expansion of the disturbance area at the Vincent Substation Expansion project as approved under Notice to Proceed (NTP) #2 of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, located approximately 0.5 miles east of Highway 14 and Sierra Highway, near the City of Acton, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance on March 25, 2010, requesting to allow the disturbance area to be expanded at the Vincent Substation Expansion project area. The footprint of the 500 kV disturbance area would be expanded approximately 15 feet on the north, west, and south sides to prevent construction equipment operations from disturbing the erosion control Best Management Practices (sandbags, etc.) and to allow equipment movement at the Vincent Substation Expansion project area, approved under NTP #2, of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, located approximately 0.5 miles east of Highway 14 and Sierra Highway, near the City of Acton, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California.

The temporary expanded disturbance area is situated on SCE fee-owned property, and was included in the surveys conducted for biological resources and cultural resources. As such, there are no changes to the information or findings presented in the Notice to Proceed Request (NTPR), or biological and cultural resources reports for the Vincent Substation Expansion project.

- **Biological Resources:** The subject expansion area was included in the biological resource surveys conducted for Vincent Substation Expansion; see NTP #2.
- **Cultural Resources:** The subject expansion area was included in the cultural resource surveys conducted for Vincent Substation Expansion; see NTP #2.

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

- All conditions required by NTP #2 shall apply to the subject expansion.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #2, and this Variance shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,



John Boccio
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen