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August 20, 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 # 5)

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On August 20, 2010, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting to work on Segment 7 Telecom from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM on August 23-24, 2010, within the City of Irwindale, in 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:

The Notice to Proceed Request (NTPR) for Segment 7 Telecom did not specify construction operation hours. Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance on August 20, 2010, requesting to revise Segment 7 Telecom construction operating hours and to work at night on August 23rd and 24th. The SCE Grid Control center has limited the 220 kV T/L outage needed to complete the overhead fiber optic cable (FOC) splicing to the period to the period of August 23 from 11:00 PM to August 24 at 6:00 AM. The City of Irwindale Municipal Code, Section 9.28.230 (D), specifies that noise regulation shall not apply to construction, operation, maintenance and repairs of facilities of public utilities subjected to regulatory jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission. Additionally, the portion of Segment 7 located in the City of Irwindale is not located within 500 feet of a residential zone. Therefore, construction activities would be compliant with the City of Irwindale Municipal Code. SCE requests the following text be added to Section 3.0 of the NTPR: "Construction equipment operating hours for Segment 7 Telecom activities may occur during night hours, where applicable by the City of Irwindale Municipal Code."

- **Biological Resources:** No biological resources will be impacted by this Variance.
- **Cultural Resources:** No cultural resources will be impacted by this Variance.

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

- All conditions required by NTP #5 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #5, 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