

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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September 16, 2010

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

RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Segments 4-11), Variance Request (VR) #7

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On September 10, 2010, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting revisions to the wire setup site locations for purposes of constructability on the Segment 8 transmission line (T/L), Chino Hills (Phase I). Additional biological and cultural information was submitted September 16, 2010. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

Subsequent to the approval of NTP #11 dated August 12, 2010 by the CPUC, the project Contractor has evaluated the project site conditions and requested revisions to the wire setup site locations for purposes of constructability.

The wire setup sites proposed in this Variance will be used for wire removal. They will be approximately 150 feet x 150 feet, and may require vegetation grubbing or clearing, depending upon the conditions of each location. No grading will occur at these sites.

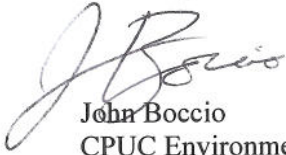
- **Biological Resources:** All Contractor proposed wire setup sites occur within the boundaries of the Biological Focused Surveys and Preconstruction Surveys, results of which are contained in the NTPR Biological Review, the Focused Survey Reports, and the Preconstruction Survey Reports. These sites have been cleared for biological resources. No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated.
- **Cultural Resources:** All Contractor proposed wire setup sites that are situated within the previously surveyed TRTP right-of-way (ROW) corridor, where no cultural resources were identified, are cleared. The five wire setup sites listed below are situated outside of the TRTP ROW and will require a cultural resources survey:
  - Wire setup area between the 57 Freeway and Tower M55-T2
  - Wire setup area between Tower M55-T2 and Tower M56-T4
  - Wire setup area between Tower M56-T3 and M56-T4
  - Wire setup area south of Tower M57-T2
  - Wire setup area north of Tower M59-T2

These five wire setup areas will not be utilized until the Cultural Reports have been submitted, reviewed, and approved by the CPUC and participating agencies.

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

- The five wire setup areas listed above shall not be utilized until the Cultural Reports have been submitted, reviewed, and approved by the CPUC and participating agencies.
- All conditions required by NTP #11 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #11, 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