

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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September 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) #9

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On September 14, 2010, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting hot work (welding and cutting activities) at Material Storage Yard 28 located at 7340 Avenue I West, near the City of Lancaster in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California; and Rancho Vista Material Storage Yard located at 12408 6<sup>th</sup> Street, in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County, California, to support TRTP activities. The request also included the Mesa Material Yard located in the in the City of Monterey Park, Los Angeles County, but this yard is not included within this variance approval. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE has determined that welding and cutting activities for material and equipment repairs and for partial tower assembly will need to be performed at the above-referenced material storage yards. Welding and cutting activities at the material storage yards will be performed in accordance with provisions in the TRTP Fire Management Plan (CH2M Hill, February 2010), which include:

- Obtaining applicable federal, state, and/or local agency permits for welding and/or cutting.
  - Confining welding activities to cleared areas having a minimum radius of 10 feet measured from the place of welding.
  - Utilizing a metal shield, where possible, to deflect sparks.
- **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:**

- Copies of all applicable federal, state, and/or local agency permits for welding and/or cutting shall be provided to the CPUC prior to any hot work at the sites described in this Variance.
- Welding and cutting activities at the material storage yards will be performed in accordance with provisions in the TRTP Fire Management Plan (CH2M Hill, February 2010).
- All conditions required by NTP #1 shall apply to Material Storage Yard 28 and activities therein.
- All conditions required by NTP #3 shall apply to Rancho Vista Material Storage Yard and activities therein.

- No hot work shall occur at the Mesa Material Yard until subsequent CPUC approval is granted.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTPs, and this Variance shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Boccio". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a cursive "Boccio".

John Boccio  
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen