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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (Segments 4-11), Variance Request (VR) #10

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On October 8, 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), East (Phases II and III). **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 #13 dated August 24, 2010 by the CPUC, project site conditions were further evaluated and several wire setup site locations have been proposed for purposes of constructability.

The wire setup sites proposed in this Variance will be used for wire stringing and removal. The dimensions for each wire setup site are variable, with the largest being approximately 500 ft. x 200ft. These wire setup sites may require vegetation grubbing or clearing, depending upon the conditions of each location. No grading will occur at these sites. Specifically, wire setup sites proposed in this Variance are listed below:

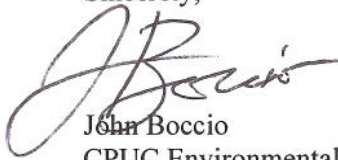
- Wire setup site south of Tower M65-T2
- Wire setup site north of Tower M65-T3
- Wire setup site between Tower M66-T5 and Tower M66-T6
- Wire setup site within Chino Substation
- Wire setup site extending southwest of Towers M66-J8 and M66-T8
- Wire setup site extending east of Towers M66-J8 and M66-T8
- Wire setup site extending northeast of Towers M67-T1 and M6-T3B
- Wire setup sites adjacent to both east and west of Towers M0-T5, M67-T4, and M5-T4
- Wire setup site between Tower M70-T3 and M70-T4
- Wire setup site between Tower M2-T5 and M70-T5
- Wire setup site extending northeast of Tower M72-T4
- Wire setup site between Tower M6-T2 and M6-T3
- Wire setup site extending west of Tower M5-T4
- Wire setup site extending north of Towers M5-T4 and M73-T1
- Wire setup sites adjacent to both east and west of Tower M1-T4
- Wire setup site extending west of Tower M2-T2
- Wire setup site adjacent to both east and west of Tower M3-T2
- Wire setup site extending northeast of Tower M5-T1
- Wire setup site adjacent to both east and west of Tower M6-T8

- **Biological Resources:** SCE submitted a report titled *Biological Survey Report for the Wilson Proposed Wire Setup Sites, Segment 8 East Transmission Line (Phase II and III) dated October 7, 2010*. 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. SCE states that all potentially jurisdictional features have been/will be staked and flagged, and will be avoided by construction or construction support activities. Focused burrowing owl preconstruction surveys will occur within wire setup sites and a 500-foot buffer where a survey has not been completed within 30 days. For all wire setup sites, a clearance sweep will be performed by a CPUC-approved biological monitor within 3 days before the start of construction, on the morning construction is to start, and daily sweeps during construction. No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated.
- **Cultural Resources:** All Contractor proposed wire setup sites are situated within the previously surveyed TRTP right-of-way (ROW) corridor, where no cultural resources were identified. No additional impacts to cultural resources are anticipated.

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

- All conditions required by NTP #13 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #13, 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