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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), Segments 4-11: Variance Request (VR) #14

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On November 17, 2010, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting an additional temporary shoo-fly pole in the Tonner Canyon area (ESP #4) to facilitate construction of the transmission line on Segment 8, Phase I, for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP). **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

Subsequent to approval of NTP #11 dated August 12, 2010 by the CPUC, project site conditions have been further evaluated and an additional temporary shoo-fly pole has been identified as necessary to facilitate construction of the transmission line. Specifically, the Contractor has identified an additional temporary shoo-fly pole in the Tonner Canyon area (ESP #4), which is needed to distribute the load of the existing wires on the shoo-fly poles so that less guy wiring is required. This would also shorten the duration of an outage.

- **Biological Resources:** SCE submitted a report titled *Biological Survey Report for the Segment 8 Shoo-fly ESP #4 Variance Request for TRTP, Segment 8 Transmission Line Chino Hills (Phase I), Los Angeles County, California* dated November 17, 2010 by ICF International. The biological resources within the Variance project site were evaluated during a general biological preconstruction survey conducted as part of the Segment 8, Phase 1 project area (ICF 2010az; 2010bh). It has also been included in the bat preconstruction survey effort and biological sweeps in conjunction with construction activities in this area. Special-status wildlife species were not observed on the Variance project site during the preconstruction survey. However, there is at least one potential bat roost that occurs within the Variance project site. If bat roosts require removal, Mitigation Measure B-33a and B-33b will be implemented. California black walnut is the only special-status plant species that was observed in the Variance project site during the focused surveys (ICF 2010at) and preconstruction surveys (ICF 2010az; 2010bh). Coast live oak, a regulated tree species, has been recorded as occurring in the Variance project site. No drainage features are located on the Variance project site. All wetlands and drainages in the vicinity of the Variance project site, including previously delineated areas and any areas determined to be potentially jurisdictional during the preconstruction surveys or sweeps, will be staked and avoided during construction, including 7-12-S-1. If it is determined that a wetland and/or drainage cannot be avoided, a jurisdictional delineation will be conducted and permits requested for any new affected jurisdictional features. No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated.

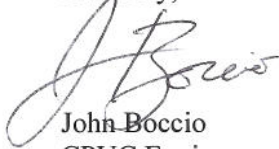
Cultural and Paleontological Resources: SCE submitted an email from Matthew Wetherbee, SCE Contingent Archaeologist, dated November 17, 2010 stating that no cultural resources will be affected by the proposed additional shoo-fly pole – ESA #4, and associated structure disturbance area on

Segment 8 Phase 1. The proposed shoo-fly pole and structure disturbance area were included in the previous survey for the TRTP right-of-way corridor and no cultural resources were identified (Pacific Legacy 2007). However, the proposed shoo-fly pole disturbance area is situated within sediments that are sensitive for paleontological resources (Gust and Scott 2009; Aron 2010). In accordance with the Paleontological Resources Management Plan, paleontological resources monitoring is required during any ground disturbing activities for the project shoo-fly pole and disturbance area. No additional impacts to cultural or paleontological resources are anticipated.

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

- All conditions required by NTP #11 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Paleontological resources monitoring is required during any ground disturbing activities for the project shoo-fly pole and disturbance area.
- 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
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cc: V. Strong, Aspen