

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
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January 19, 2011

Susan J. Nelson, AIA  
Regulatory Affairs  
Southern California Edison  
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Quad 3D, GO1  
Rosemead, CA 91770

RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), Segments 4-11: Variance Request (VR) #28

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On January 14, 2011, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting authorization to perform minor grading of the Vincent South Material Storage Yard. As approved under Notice to Proceed (NTP) #22, the subject yard will support the Segments 6 and 11 Transmission Line construction activities. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

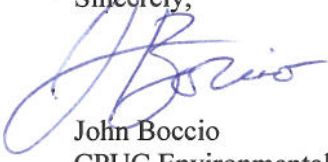
SCE requests a Variance to allow the contractor to perform minor grading of the Vincent South Material Storage Yard (Vincent South Yard). The section *Site Work* of the Notice to Proceed for the Vincent South Yard identifies that "site preparation activities at the Vincent South Yard will include clearing and removal of weeds, brush, and trees as well as soil compaction." At the time the NTPR was prepared, the need to perform minor grading activities in order to address: (1) rutting due to vehicle traffic within the yard and (2) the re-contouring of the terrain, following the removal of brush and trees, had not been incorporated into the statement of work.

- **Biological Resources:** No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated since the requested grading will occur within the boundaries of the subject yard.
- **Cultural Resources:** No additional impacts to cultural resources are anticipated since the requested grading will occur within the boundaries of the subject yard.

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

- Per the Final Paleontological Resource Management Plan, paleontological resource monitoring is recommended during any earth moving activities associated with the Vincent South Material Yard.
- As required by NTP #22, the Vincent South Material Yard shall be included in the project Habitat Restoration and Revegetation Plan required by MM B-1a, subject to review and approval by CPUC.
- All other conditions required by NTP #22 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #22, and this Variance shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Boccio", written in a cursive style.

John Boccio  
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen