

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION505 VAN NESS AVENUE
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January 28, 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) #30

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On January 28, 2011, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting authorization to perform minor grading of the Vincent North Material Storage Yard. As approved under Notice to Proceed (NTP) #21, 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 North Material Storage Yard (Vincent North Yard). The section *Site Work* of the Notice to Proceed for the Vincent North Yard identifies that "site preparation activities at the Vincent North 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.

Per SCE's discussion with Los Angeles County, Department of Building and Safety, these proposed activities do not require the issuance of a grading permit per the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Building and Safety & Land Development Divisions' Grading Guidelines, issued on February 17, 2009.

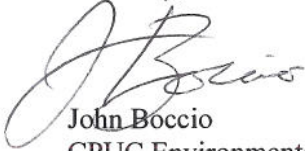
- **Biological Resources:** No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated since the requested grading will occur within the boundaries of the subject yard.
- **Cultural Resources:** No additional impacts to cultural resources are anticipated since the requested grading will occur within 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 North Material Yard.\
- As required by NTP #21, the Vincent North 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 #21 shall apply to the subject area and activities.

- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #21, 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