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February 15, 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) #36

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On February 14, 2011, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance request to reposition two wood telecom poles that were already installed, approximately 5 feet to the south of their current position outside of a roadside drainage, as requested by Kern County on Segment 10 Telecom (Rosamond-Windhub portion) of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) in Kern County. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

Kern County has requested that SCE reposition two wood telecom poles that were installed for the Segment 10 Telecom project component (Rosamond-Windhub portion). The two poles are located along the south side of Oak Creek Road, just west of Windhub Substation. The current pole locations conflict with an unlined drainage channel associated with a wind farm development under construction. Kern County has requested that the poles be repositioned approximately 5 feet to the south of their current position, outside of the drainage. The new pole locations would be situated in previously-disturbed areas. The proposed disturbance area associated with the pole installations would be an approximate 5-foot diameter area around each pole.

- **Biological Resources:** The proposed new locations for the two wood poles on Segment 10 Telecom have been included in the biological resources surveys performed for the project and there are no additional impacts to native habitat anticipated.
- **Cultural and Paleontological Resources:** Cultural resources surveys have been performed for the project and the location of the two wood poles on Segment 10 Telecom. A paleontological monitor will be spot checking for new pole placements.

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

- All conditions required by NTP #20 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #20, 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 "J Boccio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the first name being a large, stylized capital 'J'.

John Boccio
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen