

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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March 2, 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) #39

Dear Ms. Nelson,

On March 1, 2011, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance request to allow fabric screen on chain-link fences at all TRTP Material Storage Yards and Contractor Yards to be: 1.) Permanently replaced with wood slats; or 2.) Temporarily removed during high wind events; the fabric would be replaced within 72 hours after a high wind event. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE requests a Variance to allow fabric screen on chain-link fences at all TRTP Material Storage Yards and Contractor Yards to be: 1.) Permanently replaced with wood slats; or 2.) Temporarily removed during high wind events; the fabric would be replaced within 72 hours after a high wind event.

As part of the site development activities, fabric was installed on the chain-link fences around the yards in accordance with Applicant Proposed Measures (APM) AES-15.

**APM AES-15 Marshalling Yards and Laydown Areas – Cover Chain-Link Fencing with Fabric.**

During the construction period, the temporary chain-link fences surrounding the marshalling yards and laydown areas will be covered with fabric to limit views into these sites and to create a unified, tidy appearance.

During recent high wind events, the fence fabric at several yards came loose. To prevent future occurrences while still limiting the view into the yards, SCE would like the option to use wood slats in the chain-link fences in lieu of fabric, as appropriate.

Additionally, for yards where fabric is retained, SCE would like to temporarily remove fabric from chain-link fencing during high wind events, as appropriate. This would prevent the fabric coming loose from the fence and potentially resulting in a safety issue. The fabric would be replaced within 72 hours of the high winds subsiding.

- **Biological Resources:** No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated.
- **Cultural and Paleontological Resources:** 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 the NTP for each applicable yard shall apply to the subject area and activities.

- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTPs, 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", written in a cursive style.

John Boccio  
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen