# Southern California Edison WODUP A.13-10-020

## DATA REQUEST SET A.13-10-020 WODUP ED-SCE-05

To: ENERGY DIVISION
Prepared by: Scott Lacy, P.E.
Title: Project Engineer
Dated: 05/23/2014

# **Ouestion BIO-23:**

#### **Biological Resources**

**BIO-23** On PEA page 3-159, the Project Description states that, "[i]n addition to maintaining vegetation-free access roads, helipads and clearances around electrical lines, clearance of brush and weeds around poles and transmission tower pads, and as required by local jurisdictions on fee owned ROWs, is necessary for fire protection. A 10-foot radial clearance around non-exempt poles (as defined by California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 4) and a 25 to 50 foot radial clearance around nonexempt towers (as defined by California Code of Regulations Title 14, Article 4) are maintained in accordance with Public Resource Code 4292." Please define WOD project towers as to whether they are exempt or non-exempt. If any are non-exempt, please ensure that the required radial clearances are included in the revised calculations of permanent impacts to be provided in June.

## **Response to Question BIO-23:**

All bulk transmission (220 kV) structures being installed on this Project are considered "exempt" according to the conditions detailed in Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 1255 (a) & (b) "Exemptions to Minimum Clearance Provisions - PRC 4292".

Suspension structures comply with subsection (a), while deadend structures comply with subsection (b)(1) because of the standard use of compression connectors.