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November 5, 2024

Jason Bruce - Regulatory General Rate Case
Southern California Edison Company
8631 Rush St.
Rosemead, California 91770

Re: Completeness Review of Southern California Edison Company's Eagle Mountain Blythe 220 kV Project (A.24-07-021) Proponent's Environmental Assessment and Permit to Construct Application

Dear Mr. Bruce:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division CEQA Unit has completed its review of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Application (A.24-07-021) and related Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a Permit to Construct (PTC) for the Proposed Eagle Mountain Blythe 161 kV (EMB) Project (proposed project). Section 15100 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the agency responsible for the certification of a proposed project to assess the completeness of the project proponent's application. The Energy Division uses *CPUC's Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring CEQA Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponent's Environmental Assessments* (November 2019) as the guide for determining the adequacy of project applications.

After review of SCE's application for the proposed project, the Energy Division finds that the information contained in the Application and PEA is incomplete. While it is thorough in many sections, there are information gaps in critical areas that would prevent preparation of an adequate CEQA environmental compliance document in a timely manner. The attached report identifies the portions of the application found to be deficient. **Please note the SCE PEA Completeness Review Document was initially submitted to SCE on August 30, 2024.** Information provided by SCE in response to the Energy Division's finding of deficiency should be filed as supplements to Application A.24-07-021.

One set of responses should be sent to the Energy Division and one to our consultant ECORP, Inc. in electronic format. Upon receipt of this information, we will review it within 30 days and determine if it is adequate to accept the PEA and application as complete. We are available to meet with you at your convenience to discuss these items. The Energy Division reserves the right to request additional information at any point in the application proceeding and during subsequent construction of the project should SCE's PTC be approved.

Please direct questions related to this application to me at Eric.Chiang@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Chiang".

Eric Chiang
Project Manager, Energy Division

Attachment A: PEA Completeness Review Document

cc: Case Administration, Southern California Edison
Freddie Olmos, ECORP, Inc.