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Donald Johnson
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RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1 Project - Notice to Proceed (NTP #3)

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On January 10, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for use of five contractor laydown yards as named Pumpkin Yard, Pottery Yard, Pardee Yard, Mechanics Yard and Avenue I Yard.

The SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and a Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) was granted by CPUC Docket #A.04-12-007, SCH #2005061161 on March 1, 2007. The Forest Service is the federal Lead Agency for the preparation of the Project's EIR/EIS in compliance with NEPA. The Proposed yard locations do not occur in Forrest Service land thus no approval from the Forrest service is required. **NTP #3 is granted by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- An official request to use five contractor laydown yards was submitted January 10, 2007. Each yard request included biological and cultural survey reports, a table siting which mitigation measures apply to the use of each area, as well as issue area and resource analysis as applied to site features and surrounding land uses. A detailed description of each yard as well as pertinent site issues are detailed below:

Pumpkin Yard This proposed marshalling and helicopter yard is located at 29527 Bouquet Canyon Road approximately 10 miles southwest of Bouquet Reservoir, 1.2 miles northeast of the Santa Clarita city limits, and within 1.5 miles of the proposed Segment 1 500-kV line installation. No clearing or grading would be required. The owners have requested that the yard be vacated by October 1, 2008. Planned uses at the site include: office trailers, vehicle parking, equipment storage, spill kit storage, fire equipment storage, wire storage, roll-off trash container, portable toilets, steel stub angles, rebar and rebar cages, setup, form cans and associated foundation items, fueling from saddle tanks, boundary fencing as needed, helicopter landing, fueling, and maintenance.

The yard will consist of two areas: a 5.5 acre lower area adjacent to the southeast side of Bouquet Canyon Road (Lower Yard) and a 5.0 acre upper area on a cleared plateau northwest of Bouquet Canyon Road (Upper Yard). Access to both areas is off of Bouquet Canyon Road. The only access to the lower yard requires the crossing of a currently un-bridged Bouquet Canyon Creek, a tributary of the Santa Clara River, and is most likely under the jurisdiction of both California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). The creek crosses the Lower Yard about 100 feet from the road through what is effectively an Arizona crossing made of fill approximately 30 feet wide and two feet above grade. According to the owners, this section of the creek, though dry as of November 12, 2007, overflows the crossing during rain events. SCE requested that this NTP be conditioned to allow use of the Upper Yard while SCE undergoes agency consultation in regard to the crossing located at the entrance to the Lower Yard. Once agency approval and permits are gained and copies submitted to the CPUC the Lower Yard can begin active use.

- If construction debris or spills enter into environmentally sensitive areas, the jurisdictional agencies and CPUC EM shall be notified immediately.
- If not already provided copies of all landowner agreements/lease agreements shall be submitted to the CPUC prior to use.
- Yard use shall adhere to County noise regulations. If nearby resident complaints arise, SCE shall implement noise reduction technologies and noise monitoring shall be conducted to verify the functioning of said mitigation.

Sincerely,

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cc: V. Strong, Aspen