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RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1 Project - Notice to Proceed (NTP) #6

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On March 18, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for use of three contractor laydown yards as named Pumpkin Yard No. 3, Blue Cloud Yard and the Rodeo Yard. Due to additional review requirements concerning the Rodeo Yard, on March 27, SCE asked the CPUC to proceed with the processing of the Pumpkin Yard No. 3 and Blue Cloud yards; the Rodeo Yard would be addressed under a future NTP.

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 on Forest Service land; therefore, no approval from the Forest Service is required. **NTP #6 is granted by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- The request to use the Pumpkin Yard No. 3 and Blue Cloud contractor lay down yards was submitted by SCE on March 18. 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 #3

In January 2008, the CPUC granted a conditional Notice to Proceed (NTP #3) for use of 'Pumpkin upper and lower yards. An extension to the previously identified Pumpkin Yard is being proposed. This newly proposed yard is referred to as Pumpkin Yard No. 3. Pumpkin Yard No. 3 also consists of an upper and lower area. The proposed marshalling yard is located at 29527 Bouquet Canyon Road on a ranch owned by the Lombardi family

Pumpkin Yard No. 3 will consist of two parts: a lower 2.25-acre area adjacent to and northwest of Bouquet Canyon Road which extends the previously considered 'lower' yard across Bouquet Canyon Road, and an upper 7.5-acre area on a cleared plateau northwest of Bouquet Canyon Road which abuts the previously considered 'upper' yard to the northeast. Access to both areas is through the Lombardi Ranch off of Bouquet Canyon Road.

Steel will be hauled up to the upper yard on trucks to the top of the plateau and towers partially assembled before being flown out to tower sites between Santa Clarita and the Angeles National Forest. The lower yard will serve primarily as a material and equipment storage yard, along with supporting any construction activities in progress. The following is a list of activities that are anticipated to occur on one or both yards for the duration of use: 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

- 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.
- As provided in the request, the Fugitive Dust Control Plan (Mitigation Measure A-1a) shall be implemented at all of the yard locations. Equipment on site will not be idled for more than 10 minutes. Use of equipment will be conducted according to the air quality mitigation measures specified in the Final EIR/EIS. If track out occurs, it will be removed before the end of the day per the guidelines established in the Fugitive Dust Emissions Control Plan.
- Per the request, in addition to the site specific conditions provided in the yard discussions, Erosion and sediment controls (for runoff) will be established per the guidelines of the SWPPP. Reducing the potential for contamination will be accomplished by utilizing BMPs (established in the SWPPP) and spill prevention methods (established in the Hazardous Substance Control and Emergency Response Plan). The Hazardous Substance Control and Emergency Response Plan (HSCERP) states. "Petroleum products and other hazardous materials must not be stored or transferred, including fueling of vehicles and equipment within 100 feet of water bodies, wetlands, rare plant or unique natural community locations, and within 200 feet from water supply wells. A copy of the SWPPP and HSCERP will be available on-site for reference. In addition, some restrictions on use may be necessary during periods of rainfall (Mitigation Measure H-4) when heavy construction equipment may create large ruts or track excess mud onto nearby roads. An environmental monitor will regularly inspect installed erosion controls to ensure continued function.
- As provided in the request, welding and torch work activities will be limited to emergency and mechanical needs only. Open flame activities that may be performed on this property will have a water truck and fire watch present at all times and will be undertaken consistent with the project Fire Plan.

Sincerely,

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