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RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1 - Notice to Proceed (NTP #7)

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On April 4, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for construction of Section 1, Segment 1. Section 1 goes from the Pardee Substation to the southern boundary of the Angeles National Forest.

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 construction does not occur in Forest Service land; thus, no approval from the Forest Service is required. **NTP #7 is granted by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- A request to construct Segment 1, Section 1 was submitted April 4, 2008. Per the request:
- Construction of Section 1, Segment 1 is anticipated to begin in April 2008 and continue through December 2008, and will be constructed within an existing SCE transmission line right-of-way (ROW), in the City of Santa Clarita and Los Angeles County, from the Pardee Substation (Tower Construction Site 1a and 1b), to Tower Construction Site 28 which occurs at the southern edge of ANF, except for Construction 25 which will be completed during the shoofly phase of this project (NTP #5). There will be a total of 31 structures all of which are lattice towers. Construction of Section 1, Segment 1, will begin once the Shoofly structures have been installed and energized. Work will include the removal of the existing 500 kV towers within the area where the Shoofly has been constructed and transfer the Shoofly circuit to the newly constructed 500 kV double circuit towers. Work will also include the removal the existing 66 kV transmission line between Pardee Substation and the southern boundary of the ANF.
- Wire rewind locations of approximately 200 feet by 200 feet (0.92 acres) in size will be sited along the ROW and will include rewind setups from dead-end towers and points of inflection. For existing towers Construction 17 through Construction 25, it is anticipated that some of the rewind locations proposed for conductor/wire will also be used for installation of the 500 kV double-circuit line. Wire-rewind and tensioning equipment would be placed intermittently along the ROW. The old conductor wire would be wound onto "breakaway" reels as it is removed under tension.
- For each tower to be removed, a work area of approximately 200 feet by 200 feet will be utilized to allow a tower removal crane to be properly set up and to provide a sufficient area for the tower

flagged and protected by restricting construction activities within 200 feet of roosting site. If maternity colonies are found, a buffer of 200 feet shall be established and no work may occur in the area until the conclusion of the breeding season. Only through CDFG consultation and approval may the buffer may be reduced.

- If groundwater is encountered during construction activities, all groundwater removed from foundation holes or other excavations shall be pumped into a baker tank for holding. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) shall be contacted and consulted on how the water will be appropriately handled (i.e. testing protocols, discharge into a groundwater recharge basin, overland discharge or hauling to an approved sanitary facility). All consultation with RWQCB shall be reported to the CPUC.
- SCE shall provide documentation that cultural surveys have occurred at all construction areas, including the portions of the 66 kV work not previously surveyed as well as for all helicopter landing areas, modifications to access roads, construction of new spur and access roads (i.e. anywhere that project related ground disturbance may occur). This cultural reporting shall be submitted for review and approval prior to work in the above listed areas.
- Prior to the commencement of construction activities, all crew personnel including haul truck and concrete truck drivers shall be appropriately WEAP trained on environmental issues including protocols for air quality, hazardous materials, biological resources, known and unanticipated cultural materials, as well as SWPPP BMPs. A log shall be maintained on-site with the names of all crew personnel trained.
- All work boundaries shall be flagged prior to occupation. In addition, all approved access roads, spur roads and overland travel routes to be used shall be flagged prior to construction.
- All sensitive resources buffers shall be flagged prior to construction.
- An archeologist shall flag all culturally sensitive areas for avoidance prior to construction.
- No movement or staging of construction vehicles or equipment shall be allowed outside of the approved areas. If additional temporary workspace areas or access routes, or changes to construction technique or mitigation implementation to a lesser level are required, a Variance Request shall be submitted for CPUC review and approval.
- All fueling for equipment and helicopters shall be conducted using saddle trucks at least 100 feet from aquatic resource areas. No fuel may be stored on Project sites.
- If construction debris or spills enter into environmentally sensitive areas, the jurisdictional agencies and CPUC EM shall be notified immediately.

Sincerely,

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