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Donald Johnson  
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2131 Walnut Grove Ave.  
Rosemead, C 911770RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment I Project - Notice to Proceed  
(NTP) #8

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On May 1, 2008, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for use of a contractor laydown yard as named the 10-acre 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 location does not occur on Forest Service land; therefore, no approval from the Forest Service is required. **NTP #8 is granted by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- The yard request included biological and cultural survey reports, as well as issue area and resource analysis as applied to site features and surrounding land uses. A detailed description of the yard, as well as pertinent site issues, are summarized below per the information provided in the request:

The proposed 10-acre marshalling yard and helicopter yard is located on Avenue J West approximately 0.5 miles east of the Antelope Substation, and 4.18 miles to Elizabeth Lake Road, within Lancaster City limits. Proximity to Elizabeth Lake Road and the Antelope Substation make this an ideal site for establishing a primary marshalling yard. The 10-acre Yard will be active from May 2008 until spring of 2009.

The following is a list of features and activities that are anticipated to occur at the yard for the duration of use: office trailers, vehicle parking, equipment storage, steel delivery and shake out, tower construction, spill kit storage, fire equipment storage, concrete washout and batch plant, wire storage, roll-off trash container, roll-off steel disposal container, portable toilets, tower lay down area (from 66kV line), steel stub angles, rebar and rebar cages, setup, form cans and associated foundation items, tower pick-up, fueling from saddle tanks and fuel trucks, welding and torch work, helicopter landing, fueling, storage, emergency helicopter maintenance, 500-gal double-walled fuel tanks (once necessary permitting and approvals are complete).

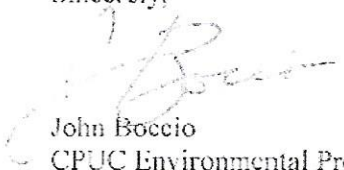
This yard will be the site of helicopter activities that will commence upon construction of the line. Any additional requirements that are necessary for the helicopter operations will be fully disclosed upon the receipt of said information.





- Yard use shall adhere to County noise and work hour 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.
- There will be no fuel stored on site until proper permitting has been completed. A site specific Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan will be submitted and approved by the CPUC and will be made available on-site at all times. In addition, all supervising entities within the construction operations will have a copy on-hand for any field application that is necessary.
- 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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CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen