

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
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RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1, Section 2 National Forest System Lands - Notice to Proceed (NTP #13)

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On July 17, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for removal of the 66-kV conductor, known as Saugus-Del Sur, from National Forest Service lands, Segment 1, Section 2.

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 location does occur in Forest Service land and the Forest Service has issued a Special Use Permit (SUP) that authorizes SCE to remove the 66-kV conductor, Phase 1 only. **NTP #13 is granted by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE proposes to remove the existing 66-kV copper conductor in two (2) phases. This NTP request is only for Phase 1, which would extend from tower 7-3 (near southern Forest boundary) to 16-3 (near Bouquet Reservoir). Phase 2 work will be authorized under a separate NTP request.
- On July 14, 2008, the Forest Service issued a fully executed copy of the SUP that authorizes SCE to remove the 66-kV conductor, know as the Saugus-Del Sur, from National Forest System lands. The Forest Service also provided written notice that SCE can proceed with the implementation of Phase 1 of the 66-kV conductor removal.
- The Forest Service did not approve the biological report submitted with SCE's application for the project due to the misidentification of the lily in the report. Instead, the Forest Service's resource specialists provided the necessary biological clearance documents.
- The SUP covers approximately 3.2 acres and is required for the removal and transport of approximately 450,000 feet of 4/0 copper conductor from the authorized area on the existing 66-kV line, known as Saugus-Del Sur. This authorization is occurring separate from the full demolition of this transmission line due to recent robberies of the conductor, from this line, on National Forest System lands.
- A Wire Removal Plan and a Fire Plan with variance were made a part of the SUP.

**The conditions noted below shall be met by SCE and its contractors:**

- All Forest Service SUP conditions shall be implemented during conductor removal activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, and this Notice to Proceed shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities.
- Prior to the commencement of conductor removal activities, all crew personnel including truck drivers shall be appropriately WEAP trained on environmental issues. A log shall be maintained on-site with the names of all crew personnel trained.
- Per the Forest Service requirement, no activity can occur at the pulling sites where the Forest identified slender Mariposa lily (*Calochortus clavatus* var. *gracilis*) without confirmation from the Forest Botanist that the seed has been collected at these sites.
- No movement or staging of construction vehicles or equipment shall be allowed outside of the approved areas.
- 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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cc: V. Strong, Aspen