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Donald Johnson
Project Manager
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RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1 – Variance Request #33

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On March 4, 2009, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted Variance Request #33 to allow nighttime emergency helicopter repairs during the restricted hours from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., Monday through Saturday at the Hydrant Marshalling Yard, County of Los Angeles, Segment 1. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

Emergency repairs are any unforeseen condition(s) that require immediate attention for environmental or safety purposes. If the aircraft cannot be safely flown or transported off-site for these activities, SCE and its contractors would like the ability to conduct and continue repairs in the Hydrant Yard after hours where necessary.

Every effort will be made to conduct all emergency repairs during the allowable hours described in the Notice to Proceed or will take place in a nearby public airfield. In the event that emergencies arise, SCE would like to allow repairs to proceed with the following conditions/restrictions:

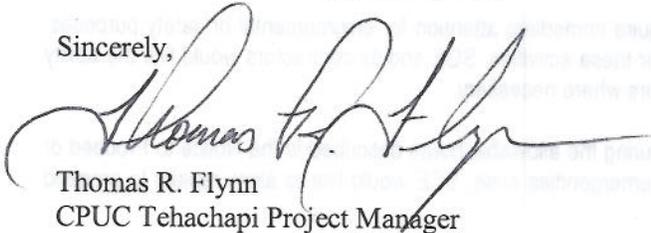
- For heavy-lift helicopters, emergency repairs may be performed overnight. Heavy-lift helicopters are on the project only for a short duration of time (two periods of ten days). The request is only for emergency repairs, so it is not anticipated that work will occur during these restricted hours.
 - For medium-lift and support helicopters, emergency repairs can only be extended an additional three hours (6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday).
 - Additional significant noise issues, such as starting the engine of the helicopter for emergency repairs, will be restricted to the hours of 6 a.m. – 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday, for support of medium-lift helicopters, but could occur all night for heavy-lift helicopters.
 - If a portable light plant is used for emergency helicopter maintenance, it will not be allowed to remain on past 10 p.m. for medium-lift and light-duty (support) helicopter repairs, but could occur all night for heavy-lift helicopters.
 - Planned maintenance activities, such as the 100 and 300 hour maintenance, will not occur at the Hydrant Yard; these required maintenance activities will occur at an airport of similar off-site location.
- The Hydrant Yard is owned by LADWP. The LADWP permit for use of the Hydrant Yard does not specifically list emergency nighttime helicopter maintenance as a prohibited activity at the yard.
 - There are residents located within visual and audible proximity of the Hydrant Yard. When use of the yard started, a complaint(s) was received because the portable light banks were being left on past 10:00 p.m. by security crews. This problem was resolved and no subsequent complaints have been received. No significant impacts to nearby residents are anticipated due to the emergency nighttime

helicopter maintenance operations with the implementation of the conditions noted below and given the temporary nature of heavy-lift helicopter use.

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

- All project mitigation measures, compliance plans, and permit conditions shall be implemented during construction activities. Some measures are on-going/time-sensitive requirements and shall be implemented prior to and during construction where applicable.
- Prior to the commencement of emergency nighttime helicopter maintenance at the Hydrant Yard, SCE shall provide concurrence from LADWP that such activity is allowed.
- A log of emergency nighttime helicopter maintenance shall be maintained that specifies the date, timeframe, and type of helicopter and maintenance activity. The log shall be provided to the CPUC EM on a weekly basis.
- All complaints received regarding emergency nighttime helicopter maintenance shall be immediately provided to the CPUC Project Manager and CPUC EM, including any proposed resolution measures.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, and this Variance shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Flynn
CPUC Tehachapi Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen