

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION505 VAN NESS AVENUE
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April 12, 2010

Donald Johnson
Project Manager
Southern California Edison
2131 Walnut Grove Ave.
Rosemead, C 911770

RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1 – Variance Request #68

Dear Mr. Johnson,


On April 9, 2010, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) requested a variance to Mitigation Measure B-1a (Provide Restoration/Compensation for Impacts to Native Vegetation Communities) to account for a site modification by the property owner (Mr. Reitano) on Segment 1, Section 3, Los Angeles County, California. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE is requesting a variance to Mitigation Measure B-1a (Provide Restoration/Compensation for Impacts to Native Vegetation Communities) for the Antelope-Pardee Transmission Project to account for a site modification by a property owner (Mr. Reitano). The property already has been subject to a reduced seed palette variance (Variance #66), as requested by the property owner. SCE requests exemption for the restoration requirements within the 638 sq ft at W/O 20-4. The site has been permanently modified (road graded) by the property owner. In addition, due to the site modification, we ask that long-term monitoring requirements described in the February 2008 Habitat Restoration and Revegetation Plan (HRRP) not be applied to this location.

The current HRRP performance standard to achieve success includes development of vegetative cover, diversity, and species dominance that is similar to the naturally occurring habitat in adjacent areas of the project and achieved vegetation density high enough to discourage invasion by exotic species. Due to a modified site, restoration of species diversity similar to adjacent naturally occurring habitat will not be possible.

Sincerely,

John Boccio
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen