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September 18, 2025

Thomas Diaz - Infrastructure Projects & Programs
Southern California Edison Company
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, California 91770

Re: Deficiency Report #3 - Southern California Edison Company's Eldorado-Pisgah-Lugo 220 kV Project (A.23-04-009) Proponent's Environmental Assessment and Permit to Construct Application

Dear Mr. Diaz:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division CEQA Unit has completed its review of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Application (A.23-04-009) and related Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a Permit to Construct (PTC) for the Proposed Eldorado-Pisgah-Lugo 220 kV (EPL) Project (proposed project). Section 15100 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the agency responsible for the certification of a proposed project to assess the completeness of the project proponent's application. The Energy Division uses *CPUC's Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring CEQA Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponent's Environmental Assessments* (November 2019) as the guide for determining the adequacy of project applications.

After review of SCE's application for the proposed project, the Energy Division finds that the information contained in the Application and PEA is incomplete. While it is thorough in many sections, there are information gaps in critical areas that would prevent preparation of an adequate CEQA environmental compliance document in a timely manner. The attached report identifies additional portions of the application found to be deficient. Information provided by SCE in response to the Energy Division's finding of deficiency should be filed as supplements to Application A.23-04-009 referencing the applicable deficiency item number.

One set of responses should be sent to the Energy Division and one to our consultant Panorama Environmental, Inc. in electronic format. We request that SCE respond to this report no later than October 20, 2025. Upon receipt of this information, we will review it within 30 days and determine if it is adequate to accept the PEA and application as complete, in combination with responses to Deficiency Reports #1 and #2. We are available to meet with you at your convenience to discuss these items. The Energy Division reserves the right to request additional information at any point in the application proceeding and during subsequent construction of the project should SCE's PTC be approved.

Please direct questions related to this application to me at Andrew.Chan@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Andrew Chan

Andrew Chan
Project Manager, Energy Division

Attachment A: Deficiency Report #3

cc: Case Administration, Southern California Edison
Susanne Heim and Jessica Koteen, Panorama Environmental, Inc.

Proponent's Environmental Assessment Review Form



Submittal

Document Title: Proponent's Environmental Assessment for Southern California Edison Company's TLRR EPL Project

Review Form No. No. 3

Description: **PEA Review**

From: Panorama Environmental Inc.

To: Southern California Edison

Date Submitted: September 18, 2025

Determination

- ☐ Meets CPUC Requirements, No Additional Information Needed
- ☒ Does not Meet CPUC Requirements (see Deficiencies below)
- ☐ Additional Data Needed (see Data Requests below)

PEA Deficiencies

PEA Section or Page #	Comment Code	Deficiency
Section 5: Environmental Analysis		
5.5 Cultural Resources		
NRHP/CRHR Eligibility Status	DD3-1	<p>Issue: Four (4) cultural resources have been documented within the Area of Potential Effect. Additional testing of the resources within the APE is required to determine National Register of Historic Properties and California Register of Historic Resources eligibility status. CPUC understands that SCE will be conducting additional resource testing and evaluation as early as Fall of 2025. Upon further testing, SCE will evaluate eligibility of all resources within the APE and provide CPUC with a results and evaluation report that documents the eligibility determinations for previously unevaluated resources within the APE.</p> <p>How to Address: Upon completion of testing, please submit the draft Results and Evaluation Report to CPUC for review.</p>

