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Subject: Request for Extension of comment period for Antelope-Pardee EIR/EIS

The Leona Valley Town Council and other residents of Leona Valley are submitting the additional information as requested by Mr. John Boccio in his September 5, 2006 email regarding a Request for Extension of comment period for the Antelope-Pardee Draft EIR/EIS. Please see the attached Request that is being served on all parties in this matter.

<< Antelope-Pardee Request for Ext to comment.pdf>>

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U-338-E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Concerning the Antelope-Pardee 500 kV (Segment 1) Transmission Project as Required by Decision 04-06-010 and as Modified by Subsequent Assigned Commissioner Ruling.

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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") Rule 17.1, subdivision (f)(5) and CPUC Rule 48, subdivision (a), the residents of Leona Valley being Marcy Watton, David Gantenbein, Alexis Upton-Knittle, Lloyd J. Cook, Melinda Janowitz, Richard and Guyla Clayton, Ralph Ciamarella, Bernhard and Laurie Staschik, Christina and Matthew Fitzgerald, Dale L. Baer, and Warwick and Karen Bryon ("Leona Valley Residents"), and the Leona Valley Town Council, respectfully request an extension of time to review and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement ("Draft EIR/EIS") on the Application of Southern California Edison Company (U-338-E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Concerning the Antelope-Pardee 500 kV (Segment 1) Transmission Project ("SCE Transmission Project").

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Good cause exists for this request. The Draft EIR/EIS includes an Alternative, No. 5, that propose the SCE Transmission Project cross through the Leona Valley community. Residents of Leona Valley are directly impacted by Alternative No. 5, including for example, the location of 500-kV transmission towers adjacent to homes and the associated impacts, and even the potential condemnation of homes. In addition, Alternative 5, for example, impacts the community's economic well being and education opportunities for the community's youth, and

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disrupts the entire community's quality of life. As such, the Leona Valley Residents and Leona Valley Town Council requesting this extension have a significant interest in the SCE Transmission Project.

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One of the basis principals of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is to inform not only government decision-makers, but also the *public* about the potential significant environmental effects of proposed projects. (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15002, subd. (a)(1).) "The EIR is to demonstrate to an apprehensive citizenry that the agency has, in fact, analyzed and considered the ecological implications of its action." (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15003, subd. (d).)

Unfortunately, not all of the impacted residents, nor did the Leona Valley Town Council, received a copy of the July 21, 2006, notice of "Public Meetings-Release of Draft EIR/EIS." It was not until August that the Town Council received any notice of the proposed SCE Transmission Project. More particularly, it was not until the August 28, 2006, "information meeting" that residents became fully aware of the scope and potential impacts associated with Alternative 5. This request for an extension of time is consistent with the above intent and purposes of CEQA by allowing sufficient time for the public to understand and comment on the potential significant environmental effects of the proposed project. CPUC Rule 17.1, subdivision (f)(5) permits such reasonable extensions of time that are consistent with the intent and purpose of CEQA.

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The Leona Valley Residents and Leona Valley Town Council have just engaged the law firm of Jackson, DeMarco, Tidus & Peckenpaugh to review and prepare comments on the Draft EIR/EIS. Given the voluminous documentation (the Draft EIR/EIS is estimated to be over 1000 pages) and technical complexity of the Draft EIR/EIS, it is not possible for the Leona Valley Residents and Leona Valley Town Council to fully evaluate the full scope of Alternative 5 and its potential for significant impacts by the September 16, 2006, deadline for submission of comments. Therefore, the Leona Valley Residents and Leona Valley Town Council respectfully request a 45-day extension of time to submit its comment letter, or other reasonable time determined by the Administrative Law Judge. There is no prejudice to any of the parties in

allowing additional time for those impacted by the SCE Transmission Project to evaluate the scope of the impacts and communicate their concerns to the CPUC and Forest Service before these agencies make a decision on this significant Project.

The Leona Valley Town Council submitted a similar request to the CPUC for an extension of time on September 1, 2006, and was directed by the CPUC Environmental Project Manager, John Boccio, on September 5, 2006, to submit this additional request. Given the short amount of time before the close of comments on September 16, 2006, there was not sufficient time to request the other parties to the proceeding agree to the extension. However, the Leona Valley Residents and Leona Valley Town Council will serve this request on the parties.

Respectfully Submitted,

DATED: September 7, 2006

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I certify that I have transmitted by electronic mail, or sent by US Mail as indicated on the attached service list, this day served a true copy of the original attached Request for Additional Time to Review and Comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record as listed on attached service list.

Dated September 7, 2006, at Irvine, California

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- B.6-1 On September 13, the CPUC and the Forest Service formally extended the public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS to October 3, 2006.
- B.6-2 Thank you for submitting your comments and opinions regarding Alternative 5. They will be shared with the decision-makers who are reviewing the Project and alternatives at the USDA Forest Service and the CPUC.
- B.6-3 Please see General Response GR-5 regarding noticing procedures and the Draft EIR/EIS review period. The public review period for the Draft EIR/EIS was extended to October 3, 2006.