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RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1, Section 2 National Forest System Lands - Notice to Proceed #18 (NTP #18)

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On October 24, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for construction, maintenance, and operation of the SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project on 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 construct, maintain, and operate the Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Phase 2. **NTP #18 is granted by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

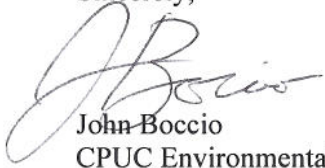
- On October 23, 2008, the Forest Service issued a fully executed copy of the SUP that authorizes SCE to construct, maintain, and operate a 500 kV transmission line known as Antelope-Pardee. Improvements include towers, foundations, conductors, insulators, and fiber optics for the transmission of electric energy and internal communications (in conjunction with the authorized operations).
- Demolition of the 66 kV transmission line, construction activities outside the 160-foot right-of-way for the 500 kV line, and rehabilitation and restoration of impacted areas during construction and demolition are also authorized under the Forest Service SUP. Project impact and resource sensitive areas are noted in Disturbance and Resource Sensitive Area Maps, Exhibit 1B.
- An Operation and Maintenance Plan is not currently included with the Forest Service SUP. One will be developed in conjunction with SCE prior to completion of construction, issuance of a 50-year easement by the Forest Service Regional Office, and termination of the SUP.
- 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 Forest Service SUP covers approximately 260 acres and 13.6 miles, and is described as portions of Secs. 2, 3, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, T.5N., R.15W., Secs. 25, 35, 36, T.6N., R.15W., and Secs. 9,

10, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, T.6N., R.14W., San Bernardino Baseline and Meridian. In addition, the SUP covers approximately 84 acres outside the 160-foot wide right-of-way, as shown on the Project Area Map, Exhibit (1A).

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

- All Forest Service SUP conditions shall be implemented during project 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 project 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.
- No movement or staging of construction vehicles or equipment shall be allowed outside of the approved areas.
- In the case of a hazardous materials spill, the CPUC EMs and designated ANF representatives shall be immediately notified and an incident report shall be submitted to the CPUC within five (5) working days of the spill incident and shall include spill volumes and any resource damage that may have occurred.
- If construction debris or spills enter into environmentally sensitive areas, the jurisdictional agencies and CPUC EM and designated ANF representatives shall be notified immediately.

Sincerely,



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