

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
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July 29, 2008

Donald Johnson  
Project Manager  
Southern California Edison  
2131 Walnut Grove Ave.  
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RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1 – Variance Request #6

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On July 23, 2008, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting modification to the notice and review requirements under Mitigation Measures (MM) L-5 and L-6 for properties undergoing condemnation proceedings. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed mitigation modifications based on the following factors:**

**Mitigation Measure L-5** (Establish Agreement and Coordinate Construction Activities with Agricultural Landowners) requires that SCE secure a signed agreement with property owners of Farmland 60 days prior to the start of Project construction:

*MM L-5: Sixty (60) days prior to the start of Project construction, SCE shall secure a signed agreement with property owners of Farmland (Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland) that will be used for construction and operation of the Project, access and spur roads, staging areas, and other project-related activities.*

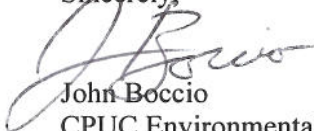
In the case of condemnation, SCE is requesting that this requirement be amended because notice is adequately given during the course of the lengthy condemnation proceeding. Further, if prejudgment possession is granted, there is a built-in 30-day waiting period before any construction may begin on that property. Therefore, SCE is requesting a variance to reduce the 60-day requirement to a 30-day requirement.

**Mitigation Measure L-6** (Locate Transmission Towers and Pulling/Splicing Stations to Avoid Agricultural Operations) requires that SCE provide proof of compliance with L-6 to the CPUC 90 days prior to the start of proposed Project construction:

*MM L-6: SCE shall document and provide proof of compliance with the above listed items 90 days prior to the start of proposed Project construction. This documentation shall be submitted to the CPUC for review and approval prior to the start of construction, and reviewed with affected landowners during coordination activities described in MM L-5.*

SCE is requesting a variance to reduce the 90-day proof of compliance requirement to a 45-day requirement based on the factors noted above.

Sincerely,

John Boccio  
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen