NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: All Interested Parties

Pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 131-D, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) has filed an application with the CPUC for a Permit to Construct for the Banducci Substation Project (Application No. A.12-11-011).

<u>Project Background</u>: SCE is proposing to construct the Banducci Substation Project, which would include construction of the following components: (1) new Banducci 66/12 kilovolt (kV) Substation, located at the southeast corner of Pelliser Road and unimproved Dale Road in unincorporated Cummings Valley, Kern County; (2) two new 66 kV subtransmission lines segments that would loop into the existing Correction-Cummings–Kern River #1 66 kV subtransmission line; (3) three new underground 12 kV distribution getaways; and (4) 32 miles of overhead and underground telecommunication facilities to connect the proposed Banducci Substation to SCE's existing telecommunications system near the City of Tehachapi.

Construction is estimated to last approximately 12 months. SCE states that the Banducci Substation Project is needed to serve increased electrical demand and to address reliability and operational flexibility issues in the Electrical Needs Area.

Information Available: The CPUC Energy Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study (IS/MND) describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it has been determined that the Banducci Substation Project, as modified, will not have any significant effects on the environment with incorporation of the mitigation identified in the IS/MND. The CPUC's environmental document may be reviewed at the following locations:

CPUC Energy Division 505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94102 Kern County Library – Tehachapi Branch 1001 W. Tehachapi Blvd Tehachapi, CA 93561

For electronic access to the MND and other project information/reports, check the CPUC's website at:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspen/banduccisubstation/banduccisubstation.htm

<u>Public Informational Meeting</u>: In order to help affected communities understand the Proposed Project and the Proposed IS/MND and to explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making processes, the CPUC will hold an informational workshop on December 11, 2014. This informal workshop is an opportunity to ask questions about the content of the Draft IS/MND. While written comments may be submitted during the workshop, there will be no facilities to record oral comments.

December 11, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Tehachapi Police Department, Community Room 220 West C Street; Tehachapi, CA 93561

<u>Time for Review</u>: This IS/MND will undergo a public review period from November 14 through December 15, 2014. Comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2014, at the following address:

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