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RE: ELM Series Capacitor Project: Minor Project Refinement #10

Dear Mr. Diaz,

This letter documents the CPUC's thorough evaluation of all activities covered in this Minor Project Refinement (MPR), and that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested MPR activities.

On May 29, 2026, Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted a request for MPR #10 to leave the improvements at the Crucero Road Laydown Yard in place per the agreement with the property owner. The Crucero Road Laydown Yard was developed for use by the Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave Series Capacitor Project (Project) on private property in the unincorporated community of Ludlow in San Bernardino County. The yard is accessed via Crucero Road and is surrounded by undeveloped lots, with the closest development consisting of a single-family residence and gas station/fast food restaurant to the southeast. Additional information was provided by SCE on June 10, 2026.

The CPUC voted on August 27, 2020, to approve SCE's Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave Upgrade Project (Decision D.20-08032) and a Notice of Determination was submitted to the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2019089033). The CPUC also adopted a Mitigation, Monitoring, Compliance and Reporting Plan (MMCRP) to ensure compliance with all mitigation measures imposed on the Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave (ELM) Upgrade Project during implementation. The MMCRP also acknowledges that temporary changes to the project, such as final project design and engineering or need for addition workspace, are anticipated and common practice for construction efforts of this scale and that an MPR request would be required for these activities.

MPRs are reviewed for consistency with CEQA requirements and confirmed that they are located within the geographic boundary of the project study area. MPRs do not create new or substantially more severe significant impacts, or conflict with any mitigation measure or applicable law or policy. Also, they do not trigger other permit requirements unless the appropriate agency has approved the change, and clearly and strictly comply with the intent of the mitigation measure or applicable law or policy.

MPR #10 for the landowner request to keep the improvements to the Crucero Road Laydown Yard (approved under NTPs #5) is granted by CPUC based on the factors described below.

**SCE MPR Request.** Excerpts from the SCE MPR request are presented below indented:

**OVERVIEW AND DESCRIPTION**

Crucero Road Laydown Yard, approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in Notice to Proceed (NTP) Request #5 on August 4, 2025, was developed for use by the Eldorado-Lugo-Mohave Series Capacitor Project (Project) on private property at 34.731826, -116.162021, approximately 0.3 mile (mi.)

north of U.S. Route 66 on Crucero Road in the unincorporated community of Ludlow in San Bernardino County (see Figure below). The 2.75-acre Crucero Road Laydown Yard was used to support installation of alternating current (AC) mitigation along certain segments of existing Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) natural gas pipelines Line 235 (L235) and Line 3000 (L3000) that parallel the Project's 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in accordance with the Project's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Final Initial Study – Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) Mitigation Measure UT-1.

### **CPUC Evaluation of MPR Request**

In accordance with the MMCRP, the subject MPR request was reviewed by CPUC to confirm that no new impacts or increase in impact severity would result from the requested MPR activities and that the subject request was within the geographic boundary of the Project study area. The following discussion summarizes this analysis for biological, cultural, paleontological, and water resources, and soils. No additional issue areas could be impacted by the conversion of the yard from temporary to permanent. A list of bulleted conditions is presented to define additional information and clarifications regarding mitigation requirements. In some cases, these items exceed the requirements of the Mitigation Measures (MMs) and Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) and are based on specific site conditions and/or are proposed conditions by SCE.

### **Environmental Analysis**

The Crucero Road Laydown Yard was fully analyzed prior to development as part of the NTP Request process and a pre-construction survey was completed and submitted on September 19, 2025, prior to yard development.

Biological Resources: Biological habitat assessments, pre-construction surveys, and daily monitoring during construction were conducted. No sensitive or protected biological resources were found at or near the yard, nor are any anticipated to be impacted by leaving the improvements in place.

Jurisdictional Waters: The yard had no mapped jurisdictional features identified during biological habitat assessments and jurisdictional delineations conducted for the Project. Leaving improvements in place will not result in impacts to jurisdictional waters.

Cultural and Paleontological Resources: The yard was previously surveyed, and no cultural resources were identified within the yard. The yard is in a geological deposit with low potential for paleontological discoveries and no resources were identified during development of the yard. Furthermore, the yard is previously disturbed. Impacts to cultural or paleontological resources are not anticipated from leaving improvements in place.

Soils: Yard soils have been previously disturbed as part of preparation of the yard. Applicable Best Management Practices to prevent soil erosion and fugitive dust will be implemented as required by state and local regulations. Further, any hazardous materials spills will be cleaned up and contaminated soils disposed of properly in accordance with state and local regulations.

**Conclusion:** No environmental constraints that would preclude leaving improvements in place were identified. The yard was fully evaluated in the NTP Request #5, approved by the CPUC on August 4, 2025. Preconstruction biological surveys were conducted prior to the start of Project activities and environmental monitoring occurred during Project construction activities. No impacts to sensitive biological, cultural, paleontological, or jurisdictional waters resources are anticipated due to leaving improvements in place.

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

- The acreage for the Crucero Road Laydown Yard will be added to the permanent disturbance acreage for the Project.

Sincerely,

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cc: V. Strong, Aspen

**Crucero Road Laydown Yard**

