

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 Electrical Facilities with Voltages between 50 kilovolt (kV) and 200 kV: Riverway Substation Project (Application No. A.06-06-004).

Project Background: SCE proposes to construct a new 66/12 kV low-profile substation (Proposed Project), including two 28 megavolt-ampere (MVA) transformers, two 4.8 megavolt-ampere reactive (MVAR) 12 kV capacitor banks, and six 12 kV distribution lines. The Proposed Project would include approximately 1,200 feet of underground 66 kV subtransmission lines, as well as new fiber optic cable and communication equipment to connect the substation to SCE's existing telecommunication system. SCE has stated that the project is necessary to maintain safe and reliable service and meet projected electrical load requirements in the City of Visalia and northern Tulare County. Construction would begin as early as Fall 2007 to meet an in-service date of June 1, 2008, depending on CPUC approval. Substation construction would involve activity over a 12-month period.

Information Available: The CPUC Energy Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it has been determined that the proposed project, as modified, will not have any significant effects on the environment. The CPUC's environmental document may be reviewed at the following locations:

CPUC Energy Division
505 Van Ness Ave, 4th Floor
San Francisco

Tulare County Library
200 West Oak Avenue
Visalia

For electronic access to the Mitigated Negative Declaration and other project information or copies of reports, check CPUC's web site at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/riverwaysub/riverwaysub.htm>

Time for Review

This Mitigated Negative Declaration will undergo a public review period from May 31, 2007, through June 30, 2007. Comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2007, at the following address:

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You may also fax your comments to (415) 955-4776 or e-mail them to: riverwaysub@aspeneq.com