

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Ms. Milissa Marona  
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**RE: Determination of Completeness, Southern California Edison's Revised PEA relating to the Alberhill System Project**

Dear Ms. Marona:

On September 30, 2009, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submitted Application 09-09-022, along with a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA), seeking authorization to construct and operate the Alberhill Substation and Transmission Line project. On March 26, 2010, the Energy Division determined that SCE's Application and PEA contained sufficient information relating to the project to be deemed complete.


After meeting with several regulatory agencies responsible for the protection of species habitat in Western Riverside County, however, the Energy Division found that, as planned, portions of the proposed 500 kV transmission line would encroach upon lands belonging to the Lake Mathews-Estelle Mountain Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) core reserve. According to agencies overseeing the reserve, the Implementation Agreement and SKR Habitat Conservation Plan have no provisions that would allow a utility, such as SCE, to build new facilities within the core reserve. On January 24, 2011, the Energy Division withdrew its earlier determination of Application/PEA completeness and directed SCE to submit a new PEA that included an updated project design that would avoid lands belonging to the SKR core reserve.

On April 11, 2011, SCE submitted an amended PEA identifying a revised 500 kV transmission line route. The Energy Division has reviewed the new transmission line route and has determined that, along with the supplemental data submitted by SCE, the amended PEA can now be declared complete.

Please note that this determination has been made with the understanding that the Energy Division may request additional data, as necessary, to complete its analyses of the possible environmental effects of the project in accordance with requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (415) 703-5484 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
Jensen Uchida

California Public Utilities Commission

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