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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND EMAIL

Milissa Marona
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Dear Ms. Marona:

As part of the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Alberhill project, the CPUC's Energy Division has determined that the Alberhill project is infeasible as proposed.

As proposed, portions of SCE's 500kV transmission line(s) would be built within the Lake Mathews-Estelle Mountain Stephens Kangaroo Rat (SKR) core reserve. The Implementation Agreement and the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) have no provisions that allow an investor-owned utility to build within the core reserve.¹

Based on this information, the Energy Division hereby withdraws its March 26, 2010 letter deeming the Alberhill Application complete.

The Energy Division directs SCE to submit, within 60 days, a new Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) that includes an updated project description and project design that completely avoids the SKR core reserve.

¹ Public agencies are the only entities allowed to build new infrastructure within the core reserve, see HCP section 5.c.1.s. (Entities are allowed to operate and maintain existing infrastructure within the core reserve, see (HCP section 5.c.1.t). SCE is not a public agency, nor is it proposing to operate and maintain existing infrastructure; SCE's proposal is to construct new infrastructure within the reserve. (See Attachments A and B for sections 5.c.1.s and 5.c.1.t of the HCP pertaining to construction within the core reserve).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Jo Borak".

Mary Jo Borak
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