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Re: Completeness of Southern California Edison's Application for a Permit to Construct the Santa Barbara County Reliability Project (CPUC Proceeding A1210018)

Ms. McLeod:

The Energy Division of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has completed its review of Southern California Edison's (SCE's) materials submitted to date regarding the application to construct the Santa Barbara County Reliability Project (SBCRP). After reviewing SCE's materials, the Energy Division is deeming SCE's application complete as of today, although as we move forward, we anticipate additional information gaps and needs will be identified.

In addition, the Energy Division requests that SCE inform the CPUC of any progress regarding road construction near the Cañada Larga area. Note that construction of the new access road in the Cañada Larga area is considered by the Energy Division to be part of the project.

In order to prepare a robust cumulative analysis, the Energy Division also expects that more will be available on the deteriorated pole program, such as pole locations. The Energy Division reserves the right to request additional information at any point in the process.

We expect to begin scheduling scoping activities within a few weeks. Questions relating to the SBCRP should be directed to me at (415) 703-3175 or lon.payne@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Lon Payne Energy Division

Transmission and Environmental Permitting

California Public Utilities Commission

Cc: Hallie Yacknin, Administrative Law Judge

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