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January 29, 2026

Thomas Diaz
Infrastructure Projects & Programs
Southern California Edison
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
Rosemead, California 91770**Re: Data Request #6 for the SCE EPL TLRR Project (A.23-04-009)**

Dear Mr. Diaz:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submitted its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) on April 26, 2023. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division provided PEA deficiency letters to SCE on May 19 and June 27, 2023 and September 18, 2025 and SCE is currently completing the additional analysis.

As we continue to prepare the environmental analysis for the CEQA compliance document, we have identified additional information needed from SCE. Attached please find Data Request No. 6, which defines the additional questions we have at this time. We would appreciate your prompt responses to our data requests.

One set of responses should be sent to the Energy Division and one to our consultant Panorama Environmental, Inc. in electronic format. Any questions on this data request should be directed to me by email at andrew.chan@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager, Energy Division

cc:

Case Administration, Southern California Edison
Susanne Heim and Jessica Koteen, Panorama Environmental

Submittal

Document Title:	Proponent's Environmental Assessment for Southern California Edison Company's TLRR EPL Project
Data Request Form No.	No. 6
Description:	Data Request #6
From:	Panorama Environmental Inc.
To:	Southern California Edison
Date Submitted:	January 29, 2026

Determination

- Meets CPUC Requirements, No Additional Information Needed
- Does not Meet CPUC Requirements (see Deficiencies below)
- Additional Data Needed (see Data Requests below)

Data Request

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Chapter 5: Environmental Analysis		
5.4 Biological Resources		
TLRR Sensitive Species and Habitat Report – Section 3.2, Field Survey Methods EPL Habitat Assessment Addendum 2024 – Section 5.2 – Survey Findings for EPL Project Alignment Revisit Areas	DR6-1	<p>Issue: The 2020 Sensitive Species and Habitat Report describes the biological resources survey area as encompassing a 100-foot (30-meter) radius around each existing tower location, along with observations at all known pulling/tensioning sites, laydown areas, and new or modified access routes in Project areas, with surveys covering a 150-foot wide corridor spanning 75 feet on each side of the centerline for the entire alignment, unless otherwise specified (Section 3.2, page 3-4). However, the associated GIS data for these surveys does not include a buffer around the access routes in the Project area, so it is unclear if these were surveyed.</p> <p>For the 2024 Habitat Assessment Addendum, the same methods as described for the 2020 Sensitive Species and Habitat Report are referenced, yet GIS data has a buffer of 7.5 feet from the centerline of access roads, assuming a 15-foot wide corridor. All roads that overlap with the transmission buffer were not included in this dataset.</p> <p>How to Address: Please clarify the biological survey area for access roads in the Project area and provide GIS data that matches this survey area. If some roads were not surveyed, please provide an explanation as to why those roads were omitted from the survey efforts.</p>
EPL Habitat Assessment Addendum 2024 – Section 5.2.3.18 – Undescribed species of Muilla	DR6-2	<p>Issue: A newly detected Muilla species is noted as being described by Dr. James Andre for scientific publication, with an update anticipated within a few months of the addendum publication.</p> <p>How to Address: Please provide a paper or other reference to support this finding, if it is available.</p>
TLRR Sensitive Species and Habitat Report – Section 3.2, Field Survey	DR6-3	<p>Issue: There are several discrepancies between the text in the 2020 Sensitive Species and Habitat Report, Section 3.2, and the tables of surveys in Appendix H of that document and Appendix B of the Habitat Assessment Addendum. Survey dates and types generally align for plant and vegetation community surveys, but wildlife survey details vary</p>

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Methods and Appendix H, List of Biologists and Biological Surveys EPL Habitat Assessment Addendum 2024 – Section 4.2.5 and Appendix B		between sections and between documents, particularly with regard to which species were surveyed at each survey date. For example, the 2020 Sensitive Species and Habitat Report discusses Protocol desert tortoise survey methods and dates in Section 3.2.2.1, but none of the survey dates in Appendix H list desert tortoise survey dates, and they are also not mentioned in Appendix B of the 2024 Habitat Assessment addendum. Additionally, the 2024 Habitat Assessment addendum notes incidental wildlife species surveys concurrent with 2022 and 2023 botanical surveys in section 4.2.5, but these surveys are not listed in Appendix B. How to Address: Please provide a comprehensive table listing all survey dates, survey types and focal species, as appropriate.
TLRR Sensitive Species and Habitat Report – Section 3.2.2.2	DR6-4	Issue: Section 3.2.2.2 of the Sensitive Species and Habitat Report does not clarify if a protocol was used for Mohave ground squirrel surveys or if these were just visual surveys conducted alongside desert tortoise surveys. How to Address: Please confirm if surveys for Mohave ground squirrel conducted April 19 and May 4, 2017 were protocol-level, and if so, which protocol was used.
PEA Appendix T - Habitat Restoration Plan	DR6-5	Issue: The Habitat Restoration Plan included in Appendix T of the PEA includes impact calculations and habitat restoration area calculations that reflect the initial application. Modifications to the project, including the change in staging area locations resulted in changes to the area of impact after initial application filing. The CPUC will use the Habitat Restoration Plan in its MND to support the impact analysis and the impacts in the MND and the restoration plan will need to be consistent and reflect the project that is being analyzed. How to Address: Please update the Habitat Restoration Plan to reflect updates in the project impact areas and restoration areas by habitat type.
PEA Appendix R - Burrowing Owl Management and Passive Relocation Plan	DR6-6	Issue: The PEA includes Appendix R - Burrowing Owl Management and Passive Relocation Plan. However, there has since been an update on the Status of the Burrowing Owl to be a State candidate species. How to Address: Would the change in burrowing owl status require any updates to this Plan? If so, please provide an updated Plan that reflects SCE's proposed approach to Burrowing Owl Management.
5.9 Hazards		
PEA Section 3.5.1.5.3 - Helicopter Access: Refueling Procedures and Locations	DR6-7	Issue: The Baker Airport Material staging area is located within the Baker Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan and could result in conflicts if helicopters were refueled or landed at the staging area. How to Address: Please clarify whether helicopters would be refueled or landed at the Baker Airport Material staging area.
5.1 Aesthetics		
PEA Section 3.5.2.2.5 Staging Areas: Temporary Lighting	DR6-8	Issue: Staging areas may be lit for security. How to address: Please provide what type of lighting would be proposed for the staging areas and if it be motion activated and downcast? Please provide more information regarding staging area lighting and any other lighting, such as substation security lighting, if proposed. Please include information regarding how many hours or days lighting would be

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		used. Please also include information regarding how nighttime lighting would be limited/used.