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RE: Application Completeness for Southern California Edison's (SCE's) Transmission Line Rating Remediation Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project (Application 22-02-014)

Dear Mr. Barranda:

On February 28, 2022, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed an application for a Permit to Construct (PTC) and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the proposed Transmission Line Rating Remediation Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project (Project). The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division CEQA Unit and consultant team provided comments in the completeness review, in accordance with 2019 Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring CEQA Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponent's Environmental Assessments (PEA Checklist) and the CPUC's Information and Criteria List. The Energy Division finds that the PEA contains sufficient information to satisfy the requirements of the PEA Checklist and CPUC's Information and Criteria List and hereby deems the application complete.

While the application has been deemed complete, there are outstanding data needs that need to be addressed by SCE prior to publication of the Draft CEQA document, including:

- 1. Supplemental wetland delineation for access roads (per SCE Response to Data Request #3 [Q.04], dated June 22, 2023)
- 2. Additional Vegetation community mapping and associated GIS data for access road and overland travel route areas located outside the previous survey corridor (per SCE Response to Data Request #3 [Q.05], dated June 22, 2023)
- 3. Final Health Risk Assessment (per SCE Response to Data Request #2 [Q.01], dated July 28, 2023)
- 4. Additional construction duration clarification to be used for noise analysis (per SCE Response to Data Request #4 [Q.01], dated August 9, 2023)
- 5. Cultural Resources Testing Plan and results of additional field testing (per Data Request #5, dated September 15, 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at eric.chiang@cpuc.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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