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April 29, 2022

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**Re: Deficiency Report #2 - SCE TLRR Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project (A.22-02-014) Proponent's Environmental Assessment and Permit to Construct Application**

Dear Mr. Barranda:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division CEQA Unit has completed its review of Southern California Edison's (SCE) Application (A.22-02-014) and related Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a Permit to Construct (PTC) the Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project. Section 15100 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires the agency responsible for the certification of a proposed project to assess the completeness of the project proponent's application. The Energy Division uses *CPUC's Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring CEQA Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponent's Environmental Assessments* (November 2019) as the guide for determining the adequacy of project applications.

After review of SCE's application for the Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project, the Energy Division finds that the information contained in the PEA is incomplete. While it is thorough in many sections, there are information gaps in critical areas that would prevent preparation of an adequate EIR in a timely manner. The attached report identifies additional portions of the application found to be deficient. Information provided by SCE in response to the Energy Division's finding of deficiency should be filed as supplements to Application A.22-02-014.

One set of responses should be sent to the Energy Division and one to our consultant Panorama Environmental, Inc. in electronic format. We request that SCE respond to this report no later than May 28, 2022. Upon receipt of this information, we will review it within 30 days and determine if it is adequate to accept the PEA and application as complete, in combination with responses to Deficiency Report #1. We are available to meet with you at your convenience to discuss these items. The Energy Division reserves the right to request additional information at any point in the application proceeding and during subsequent construction of the project should SCE's PTC be approved.

Please direct questions related to this application to me at [Eric.Chiang@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Eric.Chiang@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Eric Chiang  
Project Manager, Energy Division

Attachment A: Deficiency Table #2

cc: Blanca Solares, Southern California Edison  
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## **Report Overview**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has identified deficiencies in Southern California Edison's (SCE) Application (A.22-02-014) and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for a Permit to Construct (PTC) the SCE TLRR Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project. Deficiencies were identified using the CPUC Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring CEQA Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponent's Environmental Assessments (November 2019) (PEA Checklist). Deficiencies are presented in Table 1.

# Proponent's Environmental Assessment Review Form



## Submittal

**Document Title:** Proponent's Environmental Assessment for Southern California Edison Company's TLRR Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project

**Review Form No.** No. 2

**Description:** **PEA Review**

**From:** Panorama Environmental Inc.

**To:** Southern California Edison

**Date Submitted:** April 29, 2022

## Determination

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

### PEA Deficiencies

PEA Section or Page #	Comment Code	Deficiency
<b>Section 5: Environmental Analysis</b>		
<b>5.5 Cultural Resources</b>		
<b>Historic Built Environment Report</b>		
General	<b>DD-HBER1</b>	Define the direct and indirect (visual) APE/API to be consistent with other TLRR projects. Include the distance and methods used to determine the APE/API for direct and indirect impacts.
General	<b>DD-HBER2</b>	Discuss your methods for identifying and evaluating historic built environment resources within indirect and direct APE/API (for example only previously recorded HBER were included in the indirect APE/API)
General	<b>DD-HBER3</b>	Remove discussions of the Historic/Cultural Landscape
p. 5	<b>DD-HBER4</b>	Per the PEA, there are only 5 segments, not 7. Segment descriptions need to be adjusted to match the PEA.
p. 12	<b>DD-HBER5</b>	Please provide the HEIMP protocol.
Resource Identifier: 0386, p. 161	<b>DD-HBER6</b>	Given the size of the facility and the fact that the project will have no effect to the facility, was there adequate time and resources expended on investigating its potential significance? Are there any facilities within the prison complex that retain integrity and date to the property's period of significance?
Direct APE/API, p. 179, para. 1	<b>DD-HBER7</b>	Provide a table of the 5 properties discussed in this section.
Direct APE/API, p. 179, para. 2	<b>DD-HBER8</b>	Provide a table of the 6 properties discussed in this section.
Direct APE/API, p. 179, para 3	<b>DD-HBER9</b>	Provide a table of the 12 properties discussed in this section.

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PEA Section or Page #	Comment Code	Deficiency
Direct APE/API, p. 179, para 4-5	<b>DD-HBER10</b>	Confirm that the proposed project actions near Fort Tejon State Historic Park are accurate and up to date.
Maps	<b>DD-HBER11</b>	Update the maps in terms of indirect and direct APE and make sure that all data on maps is consistent with the text of the report. Remove Cultural Landscape maps.