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October 31, 2022

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Re: Deficiency Report #3 - 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 identified information that is needed to deem 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 (Project) complete. This application deficiency was defined in response to information provided by SCE in response to Deficiency Report #1 and reflects the need for additional visualization of marker balls, which may be required as part of SCE's proposed Project. 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.

Response to this deficiency report should be sent to the Energy Division and to our consultant Panorama Environmental, Inc. in electronic format. We request that SCE respond to this report no later than November 30, 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 Reports #1 and #2. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Chiang".

Eric Chiang
Project Manager, Energy Division

Attachment A: Deficiency Table #3

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. 3

Description: **PEA Review**

From: Panorama Environmental Inc.

To: Southern California Edison

Date Submitted: October 31, 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
Section 5: Environmental Analysis		
5.1 Aesthetics		
Visual Simulations		
5.1.4.4 Analysis of Visual Change	DD-AES1	<p>In response to Deficiency Report #1, SCE provided an FAA Filing Determination Report, which identified proposed structures and spans that would require FAA notification (exceeded 200 feet). New transmission lines that exceed 200 feet from the ground surface may require marker balls. The visual simulations provided with the PEA, did not show markers on any of the proposed project segments. Additional visual simulations are needed where marker balls may be placed to demonstrate the maximum potential aesthetic impact of the project, particularly where the marker balls will cross a scenic highway. Additional visual simulations are needed showing marker balls on the proposed project from the following viewing points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. From SR-178 in Kern River Canyon looking north toward span M0-T2 to M1-T1.2. From SR-178 in Kern River Canyon looking south toward Span M0-T1 to M0-T2 and M0-T2 to M1-T1.