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Donald Johnson
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RE: SCE Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1 – Variance Request #21

Dear Mr. Johnson,

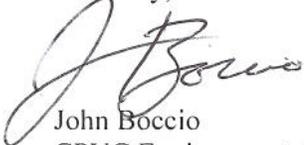
On November 24, 2008, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting a modification to the original wreck-out plan for existing Tower 25-1 on Section 1, Segment 1, such that the two northern foundations on Tower 25-1 are left in place. The tower is located mid-section of the shoofly northeast of Haskell Canyon Road and east of Rock Canyon Drive. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- Typically, the stub angle and foundations are removed down to a level of at least two feet below grade. However, in this instance the foundations are located on a hill in close proximity to a steep slope above the dirt access road to Construction 22. Additionally, the existing foundations are within close proximity to the new foundations of Construction 22.
- Removing the existing foundations in the standard manner would require excavating near this steep slope which could potentially damage the newly installed foundations for Construction 22. Additionally, this excavation would increase slope instability and the chance for future slope failure which could lead to structure failure.
- PAR proposes cutting the stub angle but leaving the concrete footing in place similar to what was previously approved and completed for Construction 25 (wreck-out Tower 24-2, approved under Variance Request #10). This will reduce the amount of disturbance, maintain stability of the slope, and minimize the potential for disturbing biological and cultural resources in the surrounding area.

The conditions noted below shall be met by SCE and its contractors:

- All project mitigation measures, compliance plans, and permit conditions shall be implemented during construction activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, and this Variance shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,

John Boccio
CPUC Environmental Project Manager