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SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

PART II

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S LAKEVIEW SUBSTATION PROJECT (APPLICATION NO. A.10-09-016)

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Lakeview Substation Project (Project) on August 21, 2012. The Final EIR included a Draft Mitigation Monitoring, Reporting and Compliance Program (MMRCP) as Appendix H.¹ The Project applicant, Southern California Edison (SCE), provided a legal brief on December 21, 2012, before the Commission considered the Final EIR for certification, regarding the feasibility of certain mitigation measures included in the MMRCP, including Mitigation Measure 4.4-2. Commission staff further considered Mitigation Measure 4.4-2 based on SCE's December 21, 2012, brief and revised the mitigation measure as set forth in the Supplemental Environmental Analysis published on April 19, 2013.

SCE provided additional information in its brief filed with the Commission on June 10, 2013 regarding clarification of Mitigation Measure 4.4-2. Commission staff has considered this measure further based in part on SCE's June 10, 2013, brief, and has further revised this measure as set forth below. Amended text is indicated such that words added to the mitigation measure is underlined and deleted words are ~~struck~~.² The MMRCP has been revised to reflect the following revisions and is provided in Exhibit 1.

In addition, Commission staff has reviewed the testimony by Lozeau Drury, LLP and other evidence was introduced in evidentiary hearing before the Commission on November 8, 2012, on behalf of Laborers' International Union of North America Local 1184, Andrew Arechiga and John Martinez. Commission staff has considered the testimony and evidence and determined that changes to the Final EIR are not warranted. The testimony and evidence contain information that was considered in the Final EIR, and the issues raised by the testimony and evidence are adequately addressed in the Final EIR.

¹ Mitigation Measures are described and discussed throughout the Final EIR. However, for consistency and to avoid potential confusion, this document cites the measures where they appear in proposed final form, i.e., in the MMRCP.

² Because the proposed revisions merely clarify, amplify, or make insignificant modifications to the measures identified and because none of the proposed revisions would result in a new or more significant environmental impact, recirculation of the Final EIR is not required (CEQA Guidelines §15088.5).

MITIGATION MEASURE 4.4-2

As indicated on page 3-34 of the Final EIR, Impact 4.4-2 was revised (and Mitigation Measure 4.4-2 developed) in response to Comment B2-1 submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Game (Final EIR, p. 2-179). The agencies' comment requested that the EIR address potential impacts to Los Angeles pocket mouse and other sensitive species in the Project area to the extent that the Project could affect such species in a way that could undermine or interfere with the MSHCP conservation strategy. It was not clear at the time the Final EIR was prepared that SCE would successfully attain coverage under the MSHCP. Now that SCE has committed to seeking coverage under the MSHCP and SKRHCP SCE's participation in the MSHCP, including payment of the fee, would reduce effects to MSHCP covered species. Mitigation Measure 4.4-2 (Final EIR, pp. H-16, H-17) is therefore further revised as follows:

Mitigation Measure 4.4-2: SCE shall implement measures to reduce Project impacts to Stephens' kangaroo rat and Los Angeles Pocket mouse in the San Jacinto River corridor in accordance with applicable conditions of the SKRHCP and MSHCP, which may include the following:

SCE shall implement a Stephens' kangaroo rat and Los Angeles pocket mouse trapping and relocation effort only if approved by the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency and Western Riverside Regional Conservation Authority, respectively.

Habitat for Stephens' kangaroo rat and Los Angeles pocket mouse within Project area grasslands (such as those identified in BonTerra, 2011) shall be avoided with the establishment of a non-disturbance buffer zone to be approved by the USFWS and CDFG. SCE shall stake, flag, fence, or otherwise clearly delineate the construction right-of-way that restricts the limits of construction to the minimum necessary to implement the Project that also would avoid and minimize impacts on the Stephens' kangaroo rat.