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To: Interested Parties

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Subject: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION – Southern California Edison’s Kimball Substation Project
(A.06-12-032)

Date: June 26, 2009

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Southern California Edison’s (SCE) Application to Construct the Kimball Substation Project (A.06-12-032). The Final MND presents the changes that have been made to the Draft MND text as a result of comments received on the Draft MND. Only minor technical changes or additions have been made. These changes and additions to the MND do not raise important new issues about significant effects on the environment. A revised copy of the Mitigation Implementation and Monitoring Program has also been provided.

Description of the Proposed Project

The Kimball Substation Project (proposed project) contains the following components:

- Construction of a new 66/12 kilovolt (kV) substation. The proposed substation would be constructed on an approximately 2-acre site in the City of Chino, California. The proposed substation would be an unmanned, automated, low-profile, 56 megavolt-ampere (MVA) 66/12 kV substation. The proposed substation would include underground distribution circuits leaving the substation, a perimeter wall surrounding the substation equipment with a gate to provide access in and out of the substation, and an access road to the substation from the public road.
- Modification of approximately 6.7 miles of the existing Chino-Corona-Pedley 66 kV subtransmission line and the construction of two new 340-foot long underground circuits to extend the Chino-Corona-Pedley line into the proposed substation. The existing lines to be modified are located in either SCE-owned rights-of-way or public street rights-of-way. Along approximately 5.6 miles of the line, the existing wood poles would be replaced with lightweight steel (LWS) poles and the conductor would be replaced. Along approximately 1.1 miles of the line, the conductor would be replaced on existing LWS poles. These modifications would form the new Chino-Kimball 66 kV subtransmission line.
- Addition of a second circuit to an approximately 0.9 mile segment of the existing Archibald-Chino-Corona 66 kV subtransmission line and construction of a new 0.4 mile segment within public street rights-of-way to connect the Chino-Corona-Pedley 66 kV line to the Archibald-Chino-Corona 66 kV line. These modifications would form the new Chino-Cimgen-Kimball 66 kV subtransmission line.

- Construction of six 12 kV underground circuits extending from the proposed substation to the nearest public street.
- Installation of new fiber-optic cable and communication equipment to connect the proposed Kimball Substation to SCE's existing telecommunication system.

Contents of the Final MND

The Final MND consists of four sections plus Appendices. Section A contains an introduction to the Final MND, including descriptions of the CEQA and public review processes. Section B contains the comments on the Draft MND as well as the CPUC's responses to the comments. Section C contains revisions to the Draft MND based upon comment letters. Section D contains a revised copy of the Mitigation Monitoring Program. The appendices consist of the comment letters to the Draft MND, updated technical memo, and a Field Management Plan.

CPUC Actions after Final MND Publication

There is no comment period following issuance of the Final MND. The CPUC will determine the adequacy of the Final MND, and, if adequate, will adopt the document as being compliant with CEQA. If adequate, the CPUC will issue a Proposed Decision on the Application, which will be announced and published concurrent with a scheduled CPUC Meeting. After the Commission makes the decision on the Application, a Notice of Determination will be mailed to the State Clearinghouse within 5 days of the Decision. After the Notice of Determination is filed, the 30 day statute of limitations for court challenges begins to run.

Availability of Final MND

The Final documents and updates regarding the project may also be found online at this location: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/hdrinc/KimballSubstationProjectHome.htm>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Rosauer, CPUC Project Manager at 415-703-2579 or Connie Chen, HDR Engineering at 213-239-5825.