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To: Interested Parties

From: Michael Rosauer, CPUC Project Manager

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

Date: April 8, 2009

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft 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 Draft MND details the proposed project, evaluates and describes its potential environmental impacts, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures to avoid or minimize these impacts.

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-Cimngen-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.

CPUC Actions After Draft MND Publication

The CPUC opens a 30-day public comment period, April 8, 2009 through May 6, 2009, on the Draft MND. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the proposed project and the adequacy of the Draft MND. Written comments on the Draft MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than May 6, 2009. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence. Written comments on the Draft MND should be sent to:

Kimball Substation Project c/o HDR Engineering
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Following the end of the public comment period, the CPUC will prepare a Final MND that will respond to comments received on the Draft MND.

Availability of Draft MND

Copies of the Draft MND will be available for review at the Chino Branch Library and on the project website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/hdrinc/KimballSubstationProjectHome.htm>

This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings.

SCE'S Application to Construct Kimball Substation Project Information Repository

Chino Branch Library
13180 Central Ave.
Chino, CA 91710
(909) 465-5280

REMINDER: Draft MND comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or postmark through May 6, 2009. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number.

Map of the Proposed Project (provided on the following page)

