

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND EMAIL

Nichole Yeto
Southern California Edison
Environmental Coordinator Power Delivery Projects
Corporate Environment, Health & Safety

Dear Ms. Yeto:

On June 14, 2013, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submitted a Notice to Proceed Request (NTPR #4) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) seeking the authority to proceed with construction of the substation upgrades at Vestal, Springville, and Big Creek 3 substations portion of the San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Project in Fresno County and Tulare County, California. The substation upgrades will occur entirely on existing substation properties. Work at Vestal Substation will include an upgrade to existing protective relays, replacing existing coupling capacitor voltage transformers (CCVTs) and adding new CCVTs, and removing existing wave traps and associated line tuner. Work at Big Creek 3 Substation will include converting and renaming existing 220 kV line position 5 from Big Creek 3-Springville to Big Creek 3-Rector No. 2, renaming the Rector line to Rector No. 1 line, removing existing wave traps and associated line tuner, and upgrading existing protective relays in Position 5. Work at Springville Substation will include converting and renaming existing 220 kV line position No. 3 from Springville-Big Creek 3 to Springville-Rector line, replacing existing CCVTs and adding new CCVTs, removing existing wave traps and associated line tuner, and upgrading existing protective relays for new line Position No. 3.

A Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH # 2008081090) for the project was published in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act by the CPUC in February 2010. On July 29, 2010, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was issued to SCE by the CPUC under Decision 10-07-043.

SCE is authorized to proceed with the proposed undertaking, provided that all components of the substation upgrades at Vestal, Springville, and Big Creek 3 substations portion of the approved project are carried out in accordance with the methods and conditions described in NTPR #4, and subject to completion of the following implementing actions by SCE prior to the start of construction:

Mitigation Measure/Applicant Proposed Measure	Approval Condition
MM 4.4-3a	Preconstruction surveys will be conducted prior to commencement of construction activities associated with this NTP Request to ensure that there are no impacts to Swainson's hawk or golden eagle as a result of these activities. Results of these surveys will be made available to the CPUC for review.
MM 4.4-4	SCE shall conduct preconstruction nesting bird surveys in compliance with this measure. Results of these surveys will be made available to the CPUC for review.
MM 4.4-5	SCE will conduct preconstruction burrowing owl surveys in compliance with this measure. Results of these surveys will be made available to the CPUC for review.
MM 4.4-6	SCE will conduct preconstruction surveys for San Joaquin kit fox 14 to 30 days prior to the commencement of construction. Results of these surveys will be made available to the CPUC for review.
MM 4.7-1c	Copies of the contractor Health and Safety Plans will be submitted to the CPUC for review prior to construction.

Sincerely,

Jensen Uchida
CPUC Project Manager

CC. Matt Fagundes, ESA