

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION505 VAN NESS AVENUE
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April 15, 2009

Donald Johnson
Project Manager
Southern California Edison
2131 Walnut Grove Ave.
Rosemead, C 911770

RE: SCE Antelope Transmission Project, Segment 2 – Variance Request #40

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On April 14, 2009, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted Variance Request #40 requesting a variance for construction work hours of 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the following Sundays: April 19th, April 26th, May 3rd, and May 10th of 2009. SCE would like to take full advantage of the outage to the high-voltage transmission lines (Midway-Vincent 500 kV) located within or near the City of Palmdale and the County of Los Angeles, Segment 2. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

There are three different locations along the Project in which work will need to occur during the scheduled outage. These locations, called "Hijack" areas, involve connecting the newly built transmission line (Antelope-Vincent 500 kV) to an existing transmission line (Midway-Vincent 500 kV). The Hijack areas are identified as the North Hijack, the Middle Hijack, and the South Hijack. An extended outage will be required on the Midway-Vincent 500 kV line for connecting the new circuit to the existing circuit. Additionally, this work on the hijack will involve crossing over two additional transmission lines, for which daily outages will be requested while the wire is being pulled over these two lines. Construction activities will include the stringing of new conductor (wire), the modification of existing transmission structures, and the setting of guard structures for the protection of roadways and other transmission or distribution lines during wire stringing. Finishing these activities on time during the outage is necessary to successfully string in the wire, complete the associated construction activities, and minimize the outage period. It is important to complete the work as quickly as possible, so the outage can be released and the impact to the public can be lessened, especially due to the anticipated increase in electricity demand as the summer months approach.

- On April 6, 2009, the City of Palmdale Public Works Department issued a letter allowing an exemption to the "building construction hours of operation" as listed in Section 8.28.030 of the City Municipal Code. However, work will not be allowed within the one hundred (100) foot buffer area from the City right-of-way on the dates requested.
- On April 8, 2009, Los Angeles County issued an exemption to their noise ordinance allowing work on the Sundays requested.

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.
- Any complaints received regarding the Sunday work shall be forwarded to the CPUC Project Manager and CPUC EM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Boccio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "B".

John Boccio
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen