

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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July 27, 2009

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

RE: SCE Antelope Transmission Project, Segment 3A – Variance Request #51

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On July 23, 2009, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a variance requesting a variance from the 60 day requirement for securing agreements prior to construction under Mitigation Measure Ag-3, Establish Agreement and Coordinate Construction Activities with Agricultural Landowners on Segment 3A of the Antelope Transmission Project in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California. **This Variance Request is approved by CPUC for the proposed activities based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE is requesting a variance from the 60 day requirement for securing agreements prior to construction under Mitigation Measure Ag-3 (Establish Agreement and Coordinate Construction Activities with Agricultural Landowners). To comply with MM Ag-3's 60-day notice, SCE and its contractors received verbal approval from the caretaker of the agricultural fields, from Const. 55-61 on May 13, 2008 and formally documented that correspondence on July 15, 2008 with a follow-up visit this year on May 4, 2009. However, at that time of the original correspondence with the agricultural operators, several landowners were still in condemnation proceedings. In the case of condemnation, the requirement could be amended because notice is adequately given during the course of the lengthy condemnation proceedings.

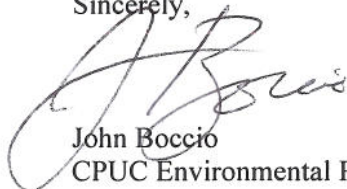
All easements have now been obtained or SCE has received pre-judgment possession for the properties covered under Ag-3 (APNs 359-051-32, 359-031-03, 359-031-07, 359-031-36, 359-032-21, and 359-032-13). SCE and its contractor are in the process of formalizing remaining land owner agreements in compliance with Ag-3. On May 4, 2009, SCE's contractor (PAR) verbally negotiated an agreement with the land manager for properties regarding APNs 359-031-03, 359-031-07, 359-031-36, 359-032-21, and 359-032-13. And SCE has also been in discussion with Los Angeles Department of Water and Power along their right-of-way on APN 359-051-32. SCE and PAR will be formalizing the remaining agreement, near Const 52, with the affected landowner and/or affected agricultural operator(s). SCE has made a good faith effort to work with land owners and their leasee to minimize impacts to agricultural lands. Therefore, SCE requests a variance to reduce the 60-day requirement to a 10-day requirement to allow CPUC review and approval of the signed formalized agricultural agreements once they are acquired.

The conditions noted below shall be met by SCE and its contractors:

- The signed formalized agricultural agreements shall be provided to the CPUC for review and approval at least 10 days prior to the start of construction in agricultural areas that fall under MM Ag-3.

- All project mitigation measures, compliance plans, and permit conditions shall be implemented during construction activities. Some measures are on-going/time-sensitive requirements and shall be implemented prior to and during construction where applicable.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, and this Variance shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable, including the variance request and maps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Boccio", written over a printed name and title.

John Boccio
CPUC Environmental Project Manager

cc: V. Strong, Aspen