

Commission of the State of California, and Moreno Valley.

Comment Date: January 30, 2004.

8. Southern California Edison Company

[Docket No. ER04-385-000]

Take notice, that on January 9, 2004, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) tendered for filing the Iris Avenue Wholesale Distribution Load Interconnection Facilities Agreement (Interconnection Agreement) and the Service Agreement for Wholesale Distribution Service (Service Agreement) between SCE and the City of Moreno Valley, California. SCE requests the Interconnection Agreement and the Service Agreement become effective on January 10, 2004.

SCE states that copies of this filing were served upon the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, and Moreno Valley.

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Standard Paragraph

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. All such motions or protests should be filed on or before the comment date, and, to the extent applicable, must be served on the applicant and on any other person designated on the official service list. This filing is available for review at the Commission or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the "FERRIS" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number filed to access the document. For assistance, call (202) 502-8222 or TTY, (202) 502-8659. Protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Linda Mitry,

Acting Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 04, 2003 (68 FR 16511).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-H65015-NE Rating LO, Pine Ridge Geographic Area Rangeland Allotment Management Planning, To Permit Livestock Grazing on 34 Allotments, Nebraska National Forest, Pine Ridge Ranger District, Dawes and Sioux Counties, NE.

Summary: EPA recommended that protection of aquatic resources remain a priority and that mitigation contingencies be explored should there be impacts to paleontological resources during soil disturbance activities.

ERP No. D-AFS-L65442-OR Rating EC2, Baked Apple Fire Salvage Project, Salvaging Fire Killed Trees in the Matrix Portion of the 2002 Apple Fire, Umpqua National Forest, Umpqua Ranger District, Douglas County, OR.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with permitting timber harvesting in riparian reserves resulting in potential adverse impacts to the aquatic system and Northern Spotted Owl. The final EIS should include mitigation for timber harvest impacts and post-logging road densities to improve the condition of the sub-watershed.

Summary: ERP No. D-BLM-K08028-CA Rating EC2, Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project, New Substation/Switching Station, Construction, Operation and Maintenance, Right-of-Way Grant and US Army COE Section 10 and 404 Permits Issuance, North Palm Springs and Blythe, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential impacts to air quality and waters of the U.S. The DEIS indicates that the project does not conform with the State implementation Plan. EPA recommends the FEIS include a conformity

determination, and additional information on the project's potential impacts to the waters of the U.S. and cultural resources, and mitigation measures for these impacts.

ERP No. D-COE-E32082-AL Rating EC2, Arlington and Garrows Bend Channels and Adjacent Area Restoration and Maintenance Dredging, City of Mobile, Mobile County, AL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the proposal, with a special emphasis on the impacts to wetlands and water quality. EPA raised concerns over the proposal to convert shallow water habitat and/or emergent marsh to uplands as the preferred means of isolating contaminated sediments. EPA requested further information regarding impacts and proposed mitigation measures.

ERP No. D-COE-E39063-AL Rating EC2, Choctaw Point Terminal Project, Construction and Operation of a Container Handling Facility, Department of the Army (DA) Permit Issuance, Mobile County, AL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding the proposed project, including potential impacts to wetlands and water quality. EPA raised questions regarding the ability of mitigation measures to offset environmental impacts, and requested additional information.

ERP No. D-DOI-J39030-UT Rating EC1, Lower Duchesne River Wetlands Mitigation Project (LDWP), To Implement Restoration Measures in the Lower Duchesne River Area, Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System (SACS) on portions of the, Strawberry Reservoir, Ute Indian Tribe, NPDES and U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permits, Duchesne, Utah, Uintah Counties, UT.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts to wetlands and water quality. EPA suggested that the final EIS include in-kind mitigation to offset the previous habitat losses.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40418-IL Rating LO, Macomb Area Study, Construction from U.S. Route 67 (FAP-310) and Illinois Route 336 (FAP-315), City of Macomb, McDonough County, IL.

Summary: EPA lacks objections regarding the proposed project. However, EPA does recommend that additional clarification regarding storm water management, use of native vegetation, and the selection criteria for wildlife underpass locations be included in the FEIS.

ERP No. D-FHW-H40180-00 Rating EC2, Interstate 74 Quad Cities Corridor Study, Improvements to I-74 between

23rd Avenue in Moline, IL and 53rd Street in Davenport, IA, NPDES, Rivers and Harbors Act Section 9 and US Army COE Section 404 Permits, Scott County, IA and Rock Island County, IL.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the proposed project relating to the level of information provided on the final disposition of the existing bridge. EPA also recommended that the FEIS include the mitigation strategy for impacted mussel species and recommends that the mussel relocation site be determined with due regard for cumulative impacts.

ERP No. D-FRC-L05231-AK Rating EC2, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve, Falls Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC. NO. 11659) and Land Exchange Project, Issuance of License and Land Exchange, Kahtaheena River (Falls Creek) near Gustavus in Southeastern, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the lack of operation, mitigation and monitoring plans that are proposed to be developed after the issuance of the license for the project. EPA recommended that these plans be developed and included in the FEIS and that the developmental analysis and recommendations be made consistent with the rest of the EIS. EPA also recommended that additional information be included in the EIS related to the need for power, continued use of diesel generators and access to the project.

ERP No. DS-FTA-D54041-VA Rating LO, Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project, Additional Information to Assist Decision-Makers, Area Residents and the Business Community in the Evaluation of High Quality and High-Capacity Transit Service in the Dulles Corridor, West Falls Church Metrorail Station in Fairfax County to the vicinity of Route 772 in Loudoun County, VA.

Summary: EPA lacks objections to the proposed project. EPA encourages the development of the full Metrorail alternative which is expected to have the greatest impact on reducing congestion and air pollution.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-HHS-D81034-MD Integrated Research Facility (IRF) at Fort Detrick Construction and Operation, Adjacent to Existing U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases Facilities, City of Frederick, Frederick County, MD.

Summary: EPA has determined that the National Institutes of Health has adequately addressed its comments within the FEIS.

Dated: January 20, 2004.

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Associate Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nea/>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed January 12, 2004 Through January 16, 2004 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 040013, Final EIS, SFW, CA, Programmatic EIS—San Francisco Estuary Invasive Spartina Project, Spartina Control Program to Preserve and Restore Ecological Integrity of the Estuary's Intertidal Habitats, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco and San Mateo, CA, Wait Period Ends: February 23, 2004, Contact: Mark Littlefield (916) 414-6581.

EIS No. 040014, Draft EIS, AFS, PA, Spring Creek Project Area (SCPA), To Achieve and Maintain Desired Conditions, Allegheny National Forest, Marienville Ranger District, Elk and Forest Counties, PA, Comment Period Ends: March 8, 2004, Contact: John Weyant (814) 776-6172 Ext.138

EIS No. 040015, Draft EIS, AFS, WY, Tongue Allotment Management Plan, Proposal to Continue Livestock Grazing on All or Portions of the 22 Allotment, Bighorn National Forest, Tongue and Medicine Wheel/Paintrock Ranger Districts, Johnson, Sheridan and Bighorn Counties, WY, Comment Period Ends: March 08, 2004, Contact: Craig L. Yancey (307) 674-2600.

EIS No. 040016, Final Supplement, AFS, CA, OR, Siskiyou National Forest, Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Curry, Coos and Josephine Counties, OR and Del Norte County, CA, Wait Period Ends: February 23, 2004, Contact: Kenneth Denton (503) 326-2368.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management are Joint Lead Agencies on the above Project.

This document is available on the Internet at: http://www.or.blm.gov/planning/port-orford-cedar_seis/. EIS No. 040017, Draft EIS, SFW, CA, South Bay Salt Ponds Initial Stewardship Plan, To Maintain and Enhance the Biological and Physical Conditions, South San Francisco Bay, CA, Comment Period Ends: March 8, 2004, Contact: Margaret Kolar (510) 792-0222.

EIS No. 040018, Draft Supplement, BOP, CA, Fresno Federal Correctional Facility Development, Additional Information, Orange Cove, Fresno County, CA, Comment Period Ends: March 8, 2004, Contact: David J. Dorworth (202) 514-6470.

EIS No. 040019, Final EIS, BLM, CO, Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Montrose and Delta Counties, CO, Wait Period Ends: February 23, 2004, Contact: Bill Bottomly (970) 240-5337.

EIS No. 040020, Draft Supplement, AFS, AK, Kensington Gold Project, Proposed Modifications of the 1998 Approved Plan Operation, NPDES, ESA and U.S. COE Section 10 and 404 Permits, Tongass National Forest, City of Juneau, AK, Comment Period Ends: March 8, 2004, Contact: Steve Hohensee (907) 586-8800.

EIS No. 040021, Draft Supplement, NOAA, HI, GU, AS, Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, Fishery Management Plan, Regulatory Amendment, Management Measures to Implement New Technologies for the Western Pacific Pelagic Longline Fisheries, Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island, Comment Period Ends: February 23, 2004, Contact: Alvin Katekaru (808) 973-2937. Under Section 1506.10(d) of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementating the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has Granted a 15-Day Waiver for the above EIS.

This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/pir/>.

EIS No. 0240022, Draft EIS, AFS, AK, Commercially Guided Helicopter Skiing on the Kena, Peninsula, Issuance of a Five Year Special Use Permit, Chugach National Forest, Kenai Peninsula, AK, Comment Period Ends: March 23, 2004, Contact: Teresa Paquet (907) 754-2314. This document is available on the Internet at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach>.