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Southern California Edison Company
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May 30, 2008

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Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request

Dear Ms. Miller:

Thank you for your May 16, 2008 request to initiate the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) pre-filing process for the proposed Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Project (DPV2) pursuant to section 50.5(c) of the Commission's regulations. The Commission's pre-filing process helps to inform and include stakeholders, resolve issues, and compile information needed to file an application. I am granting your request to initiate the pre-filing process.

As stated in your letter, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) proposes to construct a 267-mile-long 500 kilovolt transmission line between Maricopa County, Arizona and Riverside County, California. The proposed project consists of two transmission line segments. The Devers-Harquahala line would extend 225 miles west from the new Harquahala Junction Switchyard, west of Phoenix, Arizona to the Devers Substation, north of Palm Springs, California. The Devers-Valley No. 2 line would extend 42 miles southwest from the Devers Substation to the Valley Substation, near Romoland, California. As proposed, DPV2 would traverse approximately 170 miles in California and 97 miles in Arizona.

Section 50.5(e) of the Commission's regulations requires SCE to complete a number of actions in the next 60 days. The requirements and associated deadlines are provided below:

- June 6, 2008—finalize and file a Project Participation Plan and establish the dates and locations to conduct meetings with stakeholders and Commission staff
- June 13, 2008—finalize the contract with the selected third-party contractor
- June 13, 2008—provide all identified stakeholders with a copy of the Director’s notification commencing the pre-filing process
- June 13, 2008—notify affected landowners
- June 13, 2008—notify permitting entities and request information detailing any specific information necessary to reach a decision that was not required by the resource reports
- June 30, 2008—submit a complete mailing list of all stakeholders contacted
- June 30, 2008—file a summary of project alternatives
- June 30, 2008—file an updated list of all federal, state, tribal, and local agency permits and authorizations needed
- July 29, 2008—file draft resource reports
- Monthly status reports should be filed by the 30th of every month (or first business day thereafter if the 30th falls on a weekend or legal holiday)

Your letter states your intent to file an application in January 2009. Pursuant to section 50.5(f) of the Commission’s regulations, I will determine when the information gathered during the pre-filing process is complete, after which SCE may file an application. Once a complete application is filed, Commission staff will issue a notice establishing intermediate milestones and ultimate deadlines for the coordination, and review of, and action on federal authorization decisions.

We have also reviewed the proposals you submitted for the selection of a third-party contractor to assist the Commission staff in preparing the National Environmental Policy Act document. We have selected ENTRIX, Inc. as the third-party contractor to work under the direct supervision and control of the Commission staff. Upon execution of the contract, the ENTRIX Project Manager should contact Shannon Crosley at (202) 502-8853 by June 16, 2008.

Sincerely,

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