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October 13, 1998

**ADVICE 1340-E**  
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENERGY DIVISION

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Proposed Construction of Facilities Pursuant to  
General Order 131-D, Venoco 66kV Power Line and  
Substation Project

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby submits notice pursuant to General Order 131-D (GO 131-D), Section XI, Subsection B.4 of the construction of facilities that are exempt from a Permit to Construct. GO 131-D was adopted by the Commission in Decision No. 94-06-014 and modified by Decision No. 95-08-038.

**PURPOSE**

This advice filing provides a copy of the Notice of Proposed Construction (Attachment A) and the Notice Distribution List (Attachment B) which comply with the noticing requirements found in GO 131-D, Section XI, Subsections B and C.

**BACKGROUND**

SCE proposes to construct a new 66kV line tap, predominately underground within County of Santa Barbara franchise areas, and to construct a new 66/12kV substation at 7979 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, California. The proposed line tap will be a 3,565-foot, single circuit 66kV line of which 3,545 feet will be underground within a franchise area and 20 feet will be overhead at the substation location. This proposed 66kV line tap will be constructed using 1750 KCMIL underground cable, 336.4 ACSR overhead conductor, one 80-foot tubular steel riser pole to be located at the tap point, and three 40-foot single phase tubular steel riser poles to be located in the substation. The proposed new line will tap the existing Goleta-Ellwood-Isla Vista 66kV line at the northeast corner of Las Armas Road and Hollister Avenue in the County of Santa Barbara and will travel northwest underground within Hollister Avenue for approximately 1,635 feet. The line will turn west at the intersection of Hollister and the County frontage road and will

continue west underground within the frontage road approximately 1,830 feet to a point that is center at right angles to the proposed substation. The line will turn south and continue underground approximately 80 feet into the substation property. At this point, the line will rise above ground and proceed overhead approximately 20 feet to the proposed substation 66kV switchrack. The proposed substation will occupy a 33 foot by 62 foot area and will be equipped with one 29-foot high 66kV switchrack, one 15-foot high 12kV service rack, one 11.2 MVA, 66/12 kV transformer and one revenue metering cabinet. The substation will be enclosed by an 8-foot high chain link fence with barbed wire and a 20-foot double door gate. The proposed construction period is March 1, 1999 to April 15, 1999.

This project qualifies as exempt from Permit to Construct filing requirements pursuant to GO 131-D, Section III, Subsection B.1.g, which exempts: "power lines or substation to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation."

GO 131-D, Section XI, Subsection B.4 requires that this advice filing be made not less than 30 days before the date such construction is intended to begin. SCE intends to begin construction no sooner than March 1, 1999.

No cost information is required for this advice filing.

This advice filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Because this advice filing is being made in accordance with the noticing requirements described in Subsection B.4 of Section XI of GO 131-D, no Resolution is required for approval. It is requested that this advice filing become effective on the 40<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the date filed, which is November 22, 1998.

### **NOTICE**

Anyone wishing to protest this advice filing may do so by sending a letter no later than 20 days after the date of this advice filing. Protests should be mailed to:

IMC Program Manager  
Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004 (same address above), and Donald A. Fellows, Manager of Revenue and Tariffs, Southern California Edison Company, 2244 Walnut Grove Avenue, Rosemead, California 91770, Facsimile (626) 302-4829. There are no restrictions on who may file a protest, but the protest shall set forth specifically the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order No. 96-A, SCE is mailing copies of this advice filing to the interested parties shown on the attached service list. Address change requests should be directed to Emelyn Lawler at (626)-302-3985.

Further, in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 491, notice to the public is hereby given by filing and keeping the advice filing open for public inspection at SCE's corporate headquarters.

**Southern California Edison Company**

Donald A. Fellows, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: CPUC, SF - Attn: Elena Schmid, ORA

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION**  
66kV Power Line and Substation Project

**Proposed Project:** Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") proposes to construct a new 66kV line tap, predominately underground within County of Santa Barbara franchise areas, and to construct a new 66/12kV substation at 7979 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, California. The proposed line tap will be a 3,565 foot single circuit 66kV line of which 3,545 feet will be underground within a franchise area and 20 feet will be overhead at the substation location. This proposed 66kV line tap will be constructed using 1750 KCMIL underground cable, 336.4 ACSR overhead conductor, one 80 foot tubular steel riser pole to be located at the tap point, and three 40 foot single phase tubular steel riser poles to be located in the substation. The proposed new line will tap the existing Goleta-Ellwood-Isla Vista 66kV line at the northeast corner of Las Armas Road and Hollister Avenue in the County of Santa Barbara and will travel northwest underground within Hollister Avenue for approximately 1,635 feet. The line will turn west at the intersection of Hollister and the County frontage road and will continue west underground within the frontage road approximately 1,830 feet to a point that is center at right angles to the proposed substation. The line will turn south and continue underground approximately 80 feet into the substation property. At this point, the line will rise above ground and proceed overhead approximately 20 feet to the proposed substation 66kV switchrack. The proposed substation will occupy a 33 foot by 62 foot area and will be equipped with one 29 foot high 66kV switchrack, one 15 foot high 12kV service rack, one 11.2 MVA, 66/12 kV transformer and one revenue metering cabinet. The substation will be enclosed by an 8 foot high chain link fence with barbed wire and a 20 foot double door gate. The proposed construction period is March 1, 1999 to April 15, 1999.

**EMF Compliance:** The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requires utilities to employ "no cost" and "low cost" measures to reduce public exposure to electric and magnetic fields (EMF). In accordance with SCE's "EMF Design Guidelines for New Electrical Facilities: Transmission Substation and Distribution", filed with the CPUC in compliance with CPUC Decision 93-11-013, SCE will implement the following measures for this project:

1. Underground approximately 3,545 feet of 66kV line.
2. Designed substation to minimize magnetic fields outside the substation area.

**Exemption from CPUC Authority:** Pursuant to CPUC General Order 131-D, Section III.B.1, projects meeting specific conditions are exempt from the CPUC's requirement to file for an application requesting authority to construct. SCE believes this project qualifies for the following exemption:

Power lines or substation to be relocated or constructed which have undergone environmental review pursuant to CEQA as part of a larger project, and for which the final CEQA document (Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or Negative Declaration) finds no significant unavoidable environmental impacts caused by the proposed line or substation.

The County of Santa Barbara, the lead agency, has reviewed the proposed project and has issued Negative Declaration Number 96-ND-24 and Coastal Development Permit, 98-CDP-011.

**Public Review Process:** Persons or groups may protest the proposed construction if they believe that the utility has incorrectly applied for an exemption or believe there is reasonable possibility that the proposed project or cumulative effects or unusual circumstances associated with the project, may adversely impact the environment. Protests must be filed by November 2, 1998 and should include the following:

1. Your name, mailing address and day-time telephone number.
2. Reference to the CPUC Advice Letter Number and Project Name Identified.
3. A clear description of the reason for the protest.

The letter should also indicate whether you believe that evidentiary hearings are necessary to resolve factual disputes. Protests for this project must be mailed within 20 calendar days to:

California Public Utilities Commission  
Energy Division, Deputy Director  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 3rd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**AND**

Southern California Edison Company  
Law Department - Exception Mail  
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue  
Rosemead, CA 91770  
Attention Ms. Y. Louie

SCE must respond within five business days of receipt and serve copies of its response on each protestant and the CPUC. Within 30 days after SCE has submitted its response, the Executive Director of the CPUC will send you a copy of an Executive Resolution granting or denying the request and stating the reasons for the decision.

**Assistance in Filing a Protest:** For assistance in filing a protest, contact the CPUC's Public Advisor in San Francisco at (415) 703-2074 or in Los Angeles at (213) 897-3544.

**Additional Project Information:** To obtain further information on the proposed project, please contact: E. Villegas, Public Affairs, Southern California Edison at (805) 683-5237.

ATTACHMENT B  
**Notice Distribution List**  
Venoco 66kV Power Line and Substation Project  
**Advice 1340-E**

Distribution List

I) Agencies

John Patton, Planning Director  
County of Santa Barbara  
1226 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2010

Stephen Rhoads, Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 9<sup>th</sup> Street, MS-39  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

II) Newspaper

Santa Barbara Newspress  
De La Guerra Plaza  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101