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September 18, 2017

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Revised Study Plan, Kaweah Project (P-298)**

Dear Ms. Bose:

On December 14, 2016, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to seek a new license for the existing 8.85-megawatt (MW) Kaweah Project, FERC Project No. 298, (Project). The PAD provided FERC, federal and state agencies, and other interested parties with background information related to Project facilities, operations, and maintenance activities; summarized existing, relevant, and reasonably available information; defined pertinent Project issues; and identified potential study needs. The PAD also included 15 draft study plans that SCE determined were needed to address issues for which existing information may not be adequate. The overall objective of the studies is to develop sufficient information to identify potential Project impacts and to develop new license conditions that reasonably balance multiple resource interests.

On February 10, 2017, the FERC issued a Notice of Commencement of Pre-Filing Process and Scoping Document 1 (SD1) for SCE's Kaweah Project. SD1 provided interested parties with FERC's preliminary list of issues and alternatives to be addressed in an Environmental Assessment analyzing potential conditions of a new Project license. Additionally, FERC requested that any party interested in providing comments on the PAD and SD1 and/or submitting formal study requests do so by April 13, 2017, in accordance with a 60-day comment period. During the comment period, FERC conducted public scoping meetings on March 14, 2017 and a site visit on March 15, 2017. On May 18, 2017, FERC issued Scoping Document 2 (SD2).

On May 24, 2017, SCE filed a Proposed Study Plan (PSP) with FERC which included 17 study plans for the Project. The deadline to file comments on the Proposed Study Plan ended August 28, 2017.<sup>1</sup> During the comment period, SCE conducted a study plan meeting in Visalia, California on June 21, 2017 with stakeholders to: (1) clarify SCE's Proposed Study Plan; (2) discuss information gathering or study requests from stakeholders; and (3) attempt to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to SCE's Proposed Study Plan.

The following entities filed comments with FERC on the Proposed Study Plan:

- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service

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<sup>1</sup> The statutory deadline for filing comments on the Proposed Study Plan was August 26, 2017 which fell on a Saturday. According to 18 CFR 385.2007(a)(2), if a filing date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal legal public holiday, the deadline for filing becomes the next business day.

- American Whitewater

To address comments filed, SCE prepared a matrix (Attachment A) that includes the date filed, commenting entity, comment, and SCE's response. As identified in Attachment A, none of the comments filed on the Proposed Study Plan resulted in revisions to any of the study plans.

Therefore, the Proposed Study Plans filed with FERC on May 24, 2017 represent SCE's Revised Study Plan for the Kaweah Project. SCE will not be submitting Revised Study Plans under separate filing. Copies of study plans can be obtained from FERC's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> or SCE's Kaweah Project relicensing website at <http://on.sce.com/kaweah>.

In accordance with FERC's Process Plan and Schedule contained in Appendix B of SD1, any individual or entity interested in submitting comments on the Revised Study Plan must do so by October 10, 2017. FERC encourages electronic filing or commenting. Instructions regarding using FERC's eFiling or eComment systems are available at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp> or <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>.

SCE looks forward to working with FERC and interested parties on the Kaweah Project relicensing. If you have any questions regarding this filing please contact David Moore, SCE Project Manager, by phone at (626) 302-9494 or via e-mail at david.moore@sce.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne P. Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Wayne P. Allen  
Principal Manager

Enclosure: Attachment A – Comment Matrix