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Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Kern River No. 1 Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1930-090;
Updated Study Report**

Dear Secretary Reese:

In accordance with 18 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 5.15(f), Southern California Edison (SCE) hereby files the enclosed Updated Study Report (USR) for the relicensing of the Kern River No. 1 Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 1930. SCE is the licensee, owner, and operator of the Project, which is located on the lower Kern River on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, approximately 15 miles east of the City of Bakersfield in Kern County, California.

This USR describes SCE's progress in implementing the relicensing studies and includes supporting documentation summarizing overall progress to date, as well as the results of the studies conducted pursuant to FERC's Study Plan Determination.¹

A copy of this cover letter will be distributed to relicensing participants via email,² along with a link to the USR filing. In addition, the USR will be posted on SCE's public relicensing website at www.sce.com/kr1.

USR PUBLIC MEETING

In accordance with 18 CFR Sections 5.15(f) and 5.15(c)(2)-(7), SCE will convene a USR meeting to review study plan implementation and provide an overview of the studies included in the USR filing. The meeting will be held in person in Kernville, California, with a call-in option available for virtual attendees.

Meeting details are as follows:

Date Thursday, March 26, 2026

¹ Study Plan Determination, Accession No. [20240314-3013](#) (issued March 14, 2024).

² Unless a relicensing participant's email address is unavailable or they previously requested delivery via U.S. mail.

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Time 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)

Location U.S. Forest Service
Kern River Ranger District–Kernville Office
11380 Kernville Road
Kernville, CA 93238

Virtual Attendance Option [Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 228 895 180 632 78
Passcode: jw7yU6gp
Dial in by phone
[+1 213-336-0347](#)
Phone conference ID: 130 273 990#

COMMENTS ON USR AND FERC STAFF DETERMINATION

In accordance with the Process Plan and Schedule issued by FERC in Appendix A of Scoping Document 2,³ within 15 days following the USR meeting, SCE will file the USR Meeting Summary with FERC. Stakeholders or FERC staff may file a disagreement with the USR Meeting Summary within 30 days of filing. Responses to such filings are due 30 days thereafter. FERC will resolve disagreements and amend the approved study plan, as appropriate, no later than 30 days following the due date for responses. If no disagreements are filed within the 30-day period, the meeting summary and any proposed amendments to the approved study plan will be deemed approved.

SCE appreciates the tremendous effort and commitment of FERC staff and relicensing stakeholders for the significant work undertaken to date in the relicensing process and looks forward to continuing this collaboration as SCE prepares the Final License Application. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Kadi Whiteside, SCE Relicensing Project Manager at (626) 807-3641 / karen.whiteside@sce.com.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- Attachment A: Distribution List
- Attachment B: Updated Study Report

³ Scoping Document 2, Accession No. [20231017-3020](#) (issued October 17, 2023).