

March 15, 2021

To: Project Stakeholder

**Re: Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389
Early Relicensing Outreach
Project Information Questionnaire**

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) operating license for the Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389 (Project) expires January 31, 2027. Consequently, SCE is taking the initial steps required by the Federal Power Act and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) to obtain a new license for the Project. The Project is located in Mono County, California and includes three dams and associated reservoirs – Agnew Dam (Agnew Lake), Gem Dam (Gem Lake), and Rush Meadows Dam (Waugh Lake); a water conveyance system; the Rush Creek Powerhouse; and ancillary facilities (**Map 1**). Complete information regarding the FERC's relicensing process and ILP is provided on FERC's website at:

<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/hydropower/licensing/licensing-processes/integrated-licensing-process-ilp>

The ILP requires that SCE prepare a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) to be filed with FERC between five and five and one half years before the expiration of the existing license (i.e., January 31, 2022). The PAD identifies for FERC and other entities existing, relevant, and reasonably available information pertaining to the Project to help identify issues and related information needs, develop study requests and study plans, and provide the basis for analyzing potential Project impacts. To obtain information for the PAD, a license applicant uses information in its possession and relevant information obtained from others.

SCE would like your assistance identifying existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment. You and/or your organization have been identified as a potential source of information for possible inclusion in the PAD. To facilitate the collection of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information attached is a Project Information Questionnaire (Questionnaire).

The Questionnaire seeks the identification of information regarding specific resource subject areas that are addressed in the PAD, including:

Aesthetic Resources	Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species
Botanical and Wildlife Resources	Recreation Resources
Cultural Resources	Riparian and Wetland Habitats
Fish and Aquatic Resources	Socio-economic Resources
Geology and Soils	Tribal Resources
Geomorphology	Water Quality
Land Use	Water Use/Water Supply
Power Generation	Other

To ensure relevant information you have is available for developing the PAD, **please fill out and return the enclosed Questionnaire on or before April 15, 2021**. Your timely response allows for follow-up by SCE or SCE's representative that may be needed and/or helpful. Not responding on or before April 15, 2021 will indicate that you are not aware of any existing, relevant, and reasonably available information describing the existing Project environment.

Please send your response via email (preferred method) or regular mail as indicated below.

By Email: Send a pdf of the completed questionnaire to Julie Smith at julie.smith@cardno.com.

By U.S. Mail: Send a hardcopy of the completed questionnaire via U.S. mail to: Cardno, Attn: Julie Smith, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Thank you in advance for your help identifying information that meets FERC's criteria for inclusion in the PAD. If you have any questions about this request, please contact David Moore, SCE Relicensing Project Manager, at (626) 302-9494, or david.moore@sce.com.

Sincerely,

Wayne Allen
Southern California Edison Company
Principal Manager
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Attachments

1. Rush Creek Project Information Questionnaire
2. Rush Creek Project Vicinity Map