## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Southern California Edison Company

Project Nos. 2175-000 120-000

67-000

## NOTICE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUED PROJECT OPERATION

(March 10, 2009)

On February 23, 2007, the Southern California Edison Company, licensee for the Big Creek Nos.1, 2,(FERC No. 2175), 3 (FERC No.120), and 2A, 8, and Eastwood Project (FERC No. 67), filed Applications for New license(s) pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FPA) and the Commission's regulations thereunder. The Big Creek Nos.1 and 2 are situated along Big Creek, No.3 is situated on the San Joaquin River, and the Nos. 2A, 8, and Eastwood Project is situated on the South Fork San Joaquin River. The nearest communities are Big Creek, Shaver Lake, North Fork, City of Fresno, and Auberry.

The licenses for Project Nos. 2175, 120, and 67 were issued for a period ending February, 28, 2009. Section 15(a)(1) of the FPA, 16 USC 808(a)(1), requires the Commission, at the expiration of a license term, to issue from year-to-year an annual license to the then licensee under the terms and conditions of the prior license until a new license is issued, or the project is otherwise disposed of as provided in section 15 or any other applicable section of the FPA. If the project's prior license waived the applicability of section 15 of the FPA, then, based on section 9(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 USC 558(c), and as set forth at 18 CFR 16.21(a), if the licensee of such project has filed an application for a subsequent license, the licensee may continue to operate the project in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license after the minor or minor part license expires, until the Commission acts on its application. If the licensee of such a project has not filed an application for a subsequent license, then it may be required, pursuant to 18 CFR 16.21(b), to continue project operations until the Commission issues someone else a license for the project or otherwise orders disposition of the project.

If the project is subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that an annual license for Project Nos. 2175, 120, and 67 is issued to the Southern California Edison Company for a period effective March 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010, or until the issuance of a new license for the project or other disposition under the FPA, whichever comes first. If issuance of a new license (or other disposition) does not take

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place on or before February 28, 2010, notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. 16.18(c), an annual license under section 15(a)(1) of the FPA is renewed automatically without further order or notice by the Commission, unless the Commission orders otherwise. If the project is not subject to section 15 of the FPA, notice is hereby given that the Southern California Edison Company is authorized to continue operation of the Big Creek Nos.1 and 2, 3, and 2A, 8, and Eastwood Projects, until such time as the Commission acts on its application for a subsequent license.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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