

January 8, 2009

Ms. Cathy Bechtel Riverside County Transportation Commission 4080 Lemon Street- 3rd Floor Riverside CA 92501

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Mid-County Parkway Project

Dear Ms. Bechtel:

Southern California Edison (SCE) appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comment on the DEIR/EIS for the Mid-County Parkway Project. The project is described in the DEIR/EIS as a multi-agency proposal by the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to improve east-west transportation, in western Riverside County, between I-15 and State Route 79. The proposal is to construct a new parkway known as Mid-County Parkway (MCP), which will provide direct and continuous access from Corona to San Jacinto, through the City of Perris (32 miles). Five alternative routes are proposed.

SCE requests the cumulative impact section of the DEIR/EIS include the proposed Devers-Valley No. 2 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, which was approved in January 2007 by the California Public Utilities Commission as part of SCE's Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 project. The Devers-Valley No. 2 500 kV transmission line is a 41.6-mile transmission line, which will be a second 500 kV transmission line between Edison's Devers and Valley substations. This line is in the vicinity of the Mid-County Parkway Project and tentatively scheduled for construction in the 2009 to 2011 timeframe.

In the event the MCP project impacts SCE facilities or its land related rights, please forward five (5) sets of plans depicting SCE's facilities and associated land rights to the following location:

Transmission Project Management Southern California Edison Company 300 North Pepper Avenue, Building "B" Rialto, CA 92376 We would also appreciate the existing Devers-Valley No. 1 500 kV transmission line and the planned Devers-Valley No. 2 500 kV transmission line rights-of-way being included on the maps depicting the five proposed alternative routes to assist SCE with the assessment of potential project impacts to SCE facilities. Also, please be advised, SCE Company rights of ways are purchased for the exclusive use of SCE to operate and maintain its present and future facilities. Any proposed use would be reviewed on a case by case basis by SCE's Operating Department. Approvals or denials will be in writing based upon the maps provided by the agencies. Please forward five (5) sets of plans depicting SCE's facilities and associated land rights to the following location:

Corporate Real Estate Southern California Edison Company 300 North Pepper Avenue, Building "B" Rialto, CA 92376

Please note, if development plans result in the need to build new or relocate existing SCE electrical facilities that operate at or above 50 kV, the SCE construction may have environmental impacts that could be subject to CEQA review. If the SCE facilities are not adequately addressed in the local agency CEQA review for the larger development project, and CPUC review of the relocated or new electric facilities is required, the CPUC permit process and separate CEQA review could delay approval of the SCE power line portion of the project for up to two years or longer. If, however, the SCE facilities are adequately addressed in the CEQA review for the larger development process, SCE may be able to construct or relocate its related facilities exempt from the CPUC permit requirements under Exemption F of GO 131-D.

Once again, SCE appreciates reviewing and responding to the DEIR/EIS for this project and hopes these comments will assist you in the preparation of the Final EIR. We request a copy of the certified Final EIR for this project in hard copy and CD format when it becomes available. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (909) 930-8446.

Sincerely,

Louis Davis

Region Manager

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