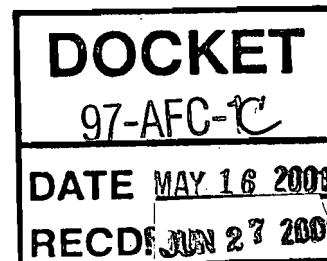


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SUBJECT: Approval of Request to Change Ownership of the High Desert Power Project Transmission Line (97-AFC-1C)

Dear Mr. Parece:

California Energy Commission (Commission) staff have reviewed your request to change the ownership of the High Desert Power Project transmission line from High Desert Power Project, LLC, to Southern California Edison (SCE).

We have expedited review of this proposed project modification per the Governor's Executive Order D-25-01 concerning post-certification amendments, which suspends the statutes and implementing regulations that normally apply to review and approval of this amendment. Commission staff have concluded that this modification has no potential for adverse environmental or public health and safety impacts. Therefore, this letter approves the transmission line ownership change, with necessary changes to the Conditions of Certification as indicated below. You are authorized to proceed with the project modifications as requested.

A copy of this letter will be posted on the Energy's Commission website at www.energy.ca.gov, and we will file a California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse.

The following is the revised language of the Conditions of Certification necessary for the ownership change (new wording shown double underlined, deleted wording shown with strikeout).

TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ENGINEERING

TSE-1 The project owner shall ensure that the design, construction and operation of the proposed transmission facilities will conform to requirements 1a through 1h listed below. The substitution of CPM approved "equivalent" equipment and equivalent switchyard configurations is acceptable.

[a. and b. – No Change]

c. An approximately ~~7.2~~ 7.8 mile single circuit 230 kilovolt line using lattice or steel pole construction with two ~~954~~ 1,590 thousand circular mil conductors

post-project measurement shall be filed with the CPM within ~~30~~ 60 days after the day the line is energized start of plant operation.

TLSN-43 The project owner shall ensure that the transmission line right-of-way is kept free of combustible waste material, as required under the provisions of Section 4292 of the Public Resources Code and Title 14, Section 1250 of the California Code of Regulations, "Fire Prevention Standards for Electric Utilities," unless exempted from this requirement under these sections.

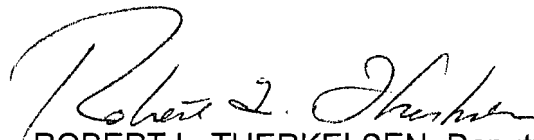
Verification: Within 60 days after the start of plant operations, ~~the~~ the project owner shall provide a summary of inspection results and any fire prevention activities along the right-of way, in the Annual Compliance Report to the CPM letter to the CPM stating that it will follow the guidelines of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention's *Power Line Fire Prevention Field Guide* with regard to combustible materials.

TLSN-5 [Deleted]

TLSN-6 [Deleted]

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Munro, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3936, or by e-mail at smunro@energy.state.ca.us.

Sincerely,



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