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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023120696

Project Title: Lugo-Victorville 500 KV Transmission Line Remedial Action Scheme Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0022-R6)

Project Location : The Project is located Southern California Edison’s (SCE’s) existing right-of-way (ROW) starting at SCE’s Gale Substation in San Bernardino County, California (1 mile east of Daggett), through SCE’s Pisgah Substation (Interstate 40 [I-40] near Ludlow, California), and ending near Nipton Road (Joshua Tree Highway) within Clark County, Nevada, at transmission tower M152-T2. The Project includes two segments: Segment 1 (Gale to Pisgah), which extends for approximately 29 miles between SCE’s Gale Substation and SCE’s Pisgah Substation, and Segment 2 (Pisgah to Nipton), which continues from SCE’s Pisgah Substation for 84 miles to transmission tower M152-T2; approximately 1.8 miles of Segment 2 is located in Nevada and is not covered in this Agreement.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2020-0022-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Hazem Gabr, Southern California Edison.

The Project will prevent thermal overloading on the Lugo-Victorville 500kV transmission line by tripping generation in the event of loss of the Eldorado-Lugo 500kV transmission line or both this line and the Lugo-Mohave 500kV transmission line. The Project includes two segments: Segment 1 (Gale to Pisgah), which extends for between SCE’s Gale Substation and SCE’s Pisgah Substation, and Segment 2 (Pisgah to Nipton), which continues from SCE’s Pisgah Substation to transmission tower M152-T2; located in Nevada. Segment 1 of the Project involves the installation of 29 miles of telecommunication all-dielectric self-supporting (ADSS) cable line within existing SCE ROW to ensure adequate communication facilities are available to support multiple projects. Segment 2 of the Project includes installation of a new telecommunication path consisting of optical ground wire (OPGW), Optical Fiber Non-Conducting Riser (OFNR) cable, and ADSS fiber optic cable.

A maximum of 31.09 acres of resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602 are anticipated to be impacted from Project activities described above, including underground work, pulling/stringing/tensioning of wires, use of helicopter landing sites, installation/positioning of guard pole sites, access road repairs, and work performed in structure work areas.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on March 25, 2024 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by CDFW for the project.
3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW’s approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 Payment is submitted with this notice.

Notice of Determination

A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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Kim Freeburn
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Signature

Date: 8/22/2024

Kim Freeburn, *Environmental Program Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____