Notice of Exemption

To:

Office of Planning and Research CEQA Submit

From:

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Project Title: TD1968245 Old Well Road Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-42786-R4)

Project Location: The Project will occur at four locations within Cache Creek, north of the Highway 58, east of Sand Canyon Road, approximately 7.5 miles east of the City of Tehachapi, Kern County, State of California; Locations provided below:

- Pole 706375E: Latitude 35.131425, Longitude -118.322658; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN):224-030-26
- Pole 706382E: Latitude 35.133056, Longitude -118.319419; APN: 224-030-20
- Pole 706383E: Latitude 35.134003, Longitude -118.318858; APN: 224-030-20
- Pole 928588E: Latitude 35.140382, Longitude -118.311788; APN: 224-030-31

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-42786-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Southern California Edison Company.

The Project activities include the removal of four existing wood utility poles (Poles 706375E, 706382E, 706383E, and 928588E) and replacement with four new wood poles. Poles 706375E, 706382E, and 706383E will be accessed from Old Well Road, an unpaved dirt road east of Sand Canyon Road. Pole 928588E will be accessed on foot from Pine Canyon Road and the helicopter landing zone will be on a cleared area adjacent to Pine Canyon Road, just east of Sand Canyon Road.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Edison

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.		
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Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes the minor alteration of an existing facility of a publicly-owned utility used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services with no expansion of use. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-KER-42786-R4.

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