

**CALENDAR ITEM
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GENERAL LEASE - RIGHT OF WAY USE

APPLICANT:

Southern California Edison
2244 Walnut Grove Ave., GO-1 Quad 2B - 240A
Rosemead, CA 91770

AREA, LAND TYPE, AND LOCATION:

8.4 acres, more or less, of State school lands located in Section 36, Township 5 South, Range 15 East, SBM, southeast of Desert Center, Riverside County.

AUTHORIZED USE:

Construction, use, and maintenance of a 500 kV overhead electric transmission line, including two steel lattice towers and an unimproved access road.

LEASE TERM:

25 years, beginning June 28, 2010.

CONSIDERATION:

\$265 per year; with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term, as provided in the lease.

SPECIFIC LEASE PROVISIONS:

Liability insurance of no less than \$2,000,000 or an equivalent staff-approved self-insurance program.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION:

1. Southern California Edison Company is proposing to construct a new 500 kV electric transmission line between the Devers Substation and the Colorado River Substation in California, and to upgrade 48.2 miles of 230 kV transmission lines. The line is known as the Devers – Palo Verde No. 2, and generally runs parallel to the existing Devers – Palo Verde No.1 transmission line which was constructed in the 1980s. The Devers – Palo Verde No. 1 transmission line occupies Lease No. PRC 5970.2, a General Lease - Right of Way Use located on the same State school lands

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parcel as this proposed right of way. The proposed new transmission line will be located immediately adjacent to the lease premises for PRC 5970.2. The proposed improvements for the new 500 kV transmission line include two steel lattice towers and a short segment of unimproved road off the existing unimproved road that services the existing Devers – Palo Verde No. 1 transmission line.

2. **PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE:** An Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse No. 2005101104, was prepared for this project by the California Public Utilities Commission and certified on January 26, 2007. California State Lands Commission staff reviewed such document and Mitigation Monitoring Program prepared in conformance with the provisions of CEQA (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6) adopted by the lead agency.

Findings made in conformance with State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15091 and 15096) are contained on file in the Sacramento Office of the California State Lands Commission.

A Statement of Overriding Considerations made in conformance with the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, section 15093) is contained on file in the Sacramento Office of the California State Lands Commission.

3. This activity involves lands which have NOT been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Public Resources Code section 6379, et. seq. However, the Commission has declared that all lands are “significant” by nature of their public ownership (as opposed to “environmentally significant”). Since such declaration of significance is not based upon the requirements and criteria of Public Resources Code sections 6370, et. seq., use classifications for such lands have not been designated. Therefore, the finding of the project’s consistency with the use classification as required by Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 2954 is not applicable.

APPROVALS OBTAINED:

California Public Utilities Commission
Western Electricity Coordinating Council

FURTHER APPROVALS REQUIRED:

Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
San Bernardino National Forest

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California Department of Fish and Game

EXHIBITS:

- A. Site and Location Map
- B. Land Description

PERMIT STREAMLINING ACT DEADLINE:

September 4, 2010

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION:

CEQA FINDING:

Find that an EIR, SCH No. 2005101104, was prepared for this project by the California Public Utilities Commission and certified on January 26, 2007 and that the Commission reviewed and considered information contained therein.

Adopt the findings made in conformance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, sections 15091 and 15096(h), as contained on file in the Sacramento Office of the California State Lands Commission.

Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring Program, as contained on file in the Sacramento office of the California State Lands Commission.

Adopt the Statement of Overriding Considerations made in conformance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations section 15093, as contained on file in the Sacramento office of the California State Lands Commission.

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize issuance of a General Lease - Right of Way Use to Southern California Edison Company beginning June 28, 2010, for a term of 25 years, for construction, use, and maintenance of a 500 kV overhead transmission line on the lands shown on Exhibit A (for reference purposes only) and as described on Exhibit B, both attached and by this reference made a part hereof; annual rent in the amount of \$265; with the State reserving the right to fix a different rent periodically during the lease term as provided in the lease, and liability insurance with coverage of no less than \$2,000,000, or equivalent staff-approved self-insurance program.