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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: TD1756979 Montgomery Creek Grid Reliability and Maintenance Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MOO-43605-R6)

Project Location (Mono County): TD1756979 Montgomery Creek Grid Reliability and Maintenance Pole Replacement Project (project) is located on privately-owned lands along Spring Canyon Creek within the unincorporated community of Benton approximately 1.95 miles south and 2.55 miles south of the U.S. Route 6/California State Route 120 intersection, Mono County, State of California; Latitude 37.779113, Longitude -118.464660.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS- MOO-43605-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The project is limited to removing and replacing eleven deteriorated single wood distribution poles (Poles 245144S, 245145S, 245146S, 245147S, 245148S, 245149S, 245150S, 245151S, 245152S, 245157S, and 245158S) and replacing one existing anchor at Pole 245771S.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.06 acre and permanently impact less than one linear foot of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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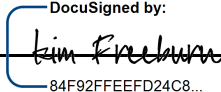
2244 Walnut Grove Avenue
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Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [State code number]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301(b and d))

Reasons why project is exempt: Project includes the restoration and/or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged existing structure or facility to meet public health and safety standards.

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