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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Multi TD Annandale Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No., EPIMS-RIV-57216-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): Multi TD Annandale Deteriorated Pole Replacement Project (Project) is located along Little Morongo Creek on lands owned by the Bureau of Land Management, approximately 4.2 miles southeast of the census-designated place of Morongo Valley, and 4.3 miles north of the City of Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 34.00989, Longitude -116.51833.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No., EPIMS- RIV-57216-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The Project is limited to removing and replacing eight wood utility poles (Poles 4617975E, 4632900E, A13721193E, A13721170E, A13721172E, A13721178E, A13721179E, and A13721181E) with new wood utility poles, replacing two anchors at Pole A13721178E, and installing one new anchor at Pole A13721178E.

Project activities described above are anticipated to impact 5.499 acres of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Exempt Status: On July 29, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Lead Agency, determined that the Project is categorically exempt pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301(subsections b and d) Existing Facilities. The Lead Agency determined that the Project meets certain qualifying criteria for the exemption. Pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.1(a), the Lead Agency is responsible for determining whether the Project is exempt from CEQA and that determination shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including Responsible Agencies. As a result, CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, is bound by the Lead Agency's determination that the Project is exempt from CEQA.

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