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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Big Creek Dam No. 4 Low-Level Outlet Repair and Dam Resurfacing Project
(Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-FRE-35246-R4)

Project Location (Fresno County): The Project is located within Big Creek (upstream and downstream of Dam No. 4) and Pitman Creek, located approximately 0.1 miles southwest of the intersection of Spruce Avenue and Huntington Lake Road, approximately 31 miles northeast of the city of Fresno, Fresno County, State of California; Township 8 South, Range 25 East, Section 28, United States Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quad Huntington Lake, MDB&M; Coordinates 37.203455, -119.241388 and 37.203625, -119.236323.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-FRE-35246-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison Company.

The Agreement authorizes repairs to the existing Low-Level Outlet (LLO) system, resurfacing the downstream face of Dam No. 4, and construction of a valve house shelter. It is anticipated that the LLO Replacement will occur first, and concrete repairs/resurfacing second. Amendment No. 1 changes the Permittee contact, changes the configuration of the area enclosed by the turbidity curtain, changes the turbidity curtain installation methods, and updates Agreement Figure 2.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project modifies construction methods related to the turbidity curtain to be used during maintenance of an existing facility of a publicly-owned utility that provides electric power, natural gas, sewage, 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-FRE-35246-R4.

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