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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: TD2193635 Pine Creek Preventative Maintenance
Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No., EPIMS-INY-63407-R6)

Project Location (Inyo County): The TD2193635 Pine Creek Preventative Maintenance Project (Project) is located at Pine Creek, along Pine Creek Road, on United States Forest Service lands in the Inyo National Forest. The Project is located approximately 15.4 miles west of the City of Bishop, and approximately 300 feet west of Pine Creek Road, within Inyo County, California; latitude: 37.36230, longitude: -118.69373; Assessor's Parcel Number: 000-924-001-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No., EPIMS-INY-63407-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Edison.

The Project is limited to the removal and replacement of one 60-foot-tall wood utility pole (Pole 1830633E) with a new 60-foot-tall composite pole. The new pole will be set in a 17-inch-diameter plastic pipe. Equipment to be used includes a helicopter, various hand tools (i.e., augers, shovels, and chains), and personnel support vehicles.

Project activities described above are anticipated to temporarily impact 0.007-acre (19 linear feet) and permanently impact less than 0.0001-acre (one-linear-foot) of resources subject to Fish and Game Code Section 1602.

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Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

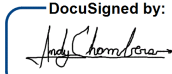
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Exempt Status:

- ☐ Statutory Exemption. [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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