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VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Attention: Section 1813 Right of Way Study
Office of Indian Energy and Economic
Development
Room 20—South Interior Building
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Re: Comments of Southern California Edison Company on
Draft Section 1813 Study and Documentation Submitted
By Interested Parties to Date

Dear Sir or Madam:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submits this letter to respond to the May 15, 2006, comments of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians on the Section 1813 Study being performed by the Department of Energy and the Department of Interior. In particular, SCE believes it appropriate to respond to the characterization of SCE's actions in the Morongo comments in connection with a transmission line right across Morongo land that expired in 1995.

In the interest of contributing to a more full and accurate record, SCE submits that SCE recognized the need to negotiate new rights for these facilities well advance of 1995, and SCE representatives initiated and actively pursued discussions with the Tribe to try to reach a resolution as to these rights in advance of the expiration date. For a variety of reasons, resolution did not come until 1999.

Rather than delving into the reasons for the delay, SCE is interested, as the Tribe is, in focusing on the future. In that regard, SCE is gratified that the Tribe views our current relationship as one of good faith and respect, and is as committed as SCE is to furthering and deepening that relationship. SCE looks forward to working with the Tribe to come to a timely and reasonable resolution that will allow crossing of tribal land, land that because of its location between two mountain ranges, is an essential component of a cost effective and reliable electricity and energy infrastructure for Southern California and the entire United States.

While there are other statements in the comments that SCE believes are inaccurate or misleading, including some which mischaracterize SCE's financial results, SCE believes it would be counter to the spirit of that relationship and commitment to take further issue with those statements or inferences in Morongo's document with which SCE disagrees.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

Richard Tom