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**Subject: Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 1394
Notice of Intent to File an Application for New License
and Pre-Application Document**

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) hereby files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) its formal Notice of Intent (NOI) to File an Application for New License for the Bishop Creek Project (Project), FERC Project No. 1394. Pursuant to 18 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) §5.6, SCE is providing a Pre-Application Document (PAD) with this NOI.

The PAD is comprised of five volumes. Volume I (public information) consists of the main document that contains all of the information required by 18 CFR §5.6(c) and 5.6(d). This volume will be distributed to federal and state resource agencies, local governments, Native American tribes, and other members of the public likely to be interested in the relicensing proceeding and eFiled in the FERC eLibrary as public.

Volume II (public information) consists of the appendices that contains the details of the consultation record and outreach that SCE has conducted with federal and state resource agencies, local governments, Native American tribes, and other members of the public interested in early stakeholder engagement.

Volume III (public information) consists of 15 study plans developed in consultation with Technical Work Groups (TWGs) which were formed to review existing information on the Project and to identify resource questions and potential issues for resolution during the course of relicensing.

Volume IV (confidential information) contains information that provides details on the location(s) of sensitive cultural resources. Disclosure of this information could be harmful to these resources. Pursuant to 18 CFR §385.1112, SCE requests confidential treatment of this information. Volume IV will be electronically filed in the FERC eLibrary as privileged and marked with the language "Contains Privileged Information - Do Not Release."

Volume V (CEII) contains one-line diagrams and contain information Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (CEII) as required by 18 CFR § 5.6(d)(2).

In accordance with 18 CFR §385.2010, the NOI and PAD will be provided electronically unless a relicensing participant's e-mail address is unavailable or they previously requested delivery via U.S. mail. To serve public portions of this filing, SCE will forward the "Acceptance for Filing" e-mail generated by FERC's e-filing service to all contacts on

the distribution list either via e-mail or U.S Mail, as appropriate. The public portions of this filing will also be placed on SCE's Bishop Creek Relicensing Website (www.sce.com/bishopcreek) where they are available for download and are also available for review by appointment only at the Bishop Creek Hydro Headquarters Office – 4000 E. Bishop Creek Road, Bishop, CA 93514. Volumes IV and V will not be placed on the Bishop Creek Relicensing Website because they contain confidential information. These Volumes will be separately provided electronically to those entities with jurisdiction over those resources.

At this time, in accordance with 36 CFR §800.2(c)(4), SCE requests that FERC authorize SCE to initiate consultation on FERC's behalf, with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and others regarding the relicensing of the Bishop Creek Project, as described in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Please note that 36 CFR §800.2(c)(4) requires that FERC notify SHPO and other consulting parties in writing (or by e-mail) if this authorization is granted.

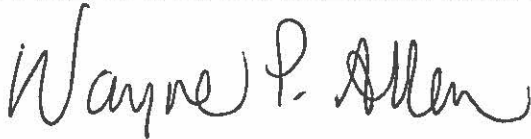
In addition, pursuant to 50 CFR §402.08, SCE requests that FERC designate SCE as its non-federal representative to conduct informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service for purposes of preparing a biological assessment, as necessary, to comply with Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act.

SCE understands that pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3(e) and (f) FERC is responsible for carrying out government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes. While FERC cannot delegate its consultation with Indian tribes to applicants or other non-federal entities without consent from the tribes, SCE is initiating contact with Indian tribes to identify values and resource issues and investigated whether tribes might be willing to consult.

SCE looks forward to working with FERC and other interested parties on the Bishop Creek Project relicensing. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this filing please contact Matthew Woodhall, Senior Regulatory Advisor, by phone at (626) 302-9596 or via e-mail at matthew.woodhall@sce.com.

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- Distribution List
- Notice of Intent
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Notice of Intent

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Southern California Edison

Project No. 1394

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE APPLICATION FOR
NEW LICENSE

Pursuant to 18 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) § 5.5, Southern California Edison (SCE) notifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) of its intention to file an Application for a New License for the Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project), Project No. 1394.

The following information is provided consistent with the requirements of 18 C.F.R. § 5.5 and 16.6(b):

1. The exact name and business address of the applicant(s) is:

Applicant's Name: Southern California Edison
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Rosemead, CA 91770

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Project Number: Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 1394

Expiration Date: June 30, 2024

2. Unequivocal Statement of Intent:

SCE intends to file an application for a new license for the Project located on Bishop Creek near the community of Bishop in Inyo County, California utilizing the FERC Integrated Licensing Process.

3. Description of Principal Project Works to be Licensed:

The Project consists of 13 dams/diversions, and 5 powerhouses with a combined generating capacity of 28.565 megawatts (MW). The Project diverts water for power generation from the middle and south forks of Bishop Creek, McGee Creek and Birch Creek through the five powerhouses and associated intakes as follows: (1) Powerhouse No. 2, immediately below the confluence of the middle and south forks of Bishop Creek; (2) Powerhouse No. 3, 3 miles below Powerhouse No. 2; (3) Powerhouse No. 4, approximately 3 miles below Powerhouse No. 3; (4) Powerhouse No. 5, approximately 1 mile below Powerhouse No. 4; and (5) Powerhouse No. 6, approximately 2 miles below Powerhouse No. 5. A complete outline and description of all project works can be found in Section 3.4 of the Pre-Application Document.

4. Location of the Project:

State or Territory:	California
County:	Inyo
Stream:	Bishop Creek
Township or nearby town:	Bishop

5. The Installed Capacity of the Project is: 28.565 MW

Bishop Creek Powerhouse 2	7,320 kilowatts (kW)
Bishop Creek Powerhouse 3	7,590 kW
Bishop Creek Powerhouse 4	7,955 kW
Bishop Creek Powerhouse 5	4,100 kW
Bishop Creek Powerhouse 6	1,600 kW

6. Names and Mailing Addresses of Entities Listed in 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(b)(8):

- (a) The County in which the Project is located, and in which any Federal Facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located:

Inyo County
168 N. Edwards Street
Independence, CA 93526

- (b) Each city or town in which any part of the Project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located.

The Project facilities are located near the city of Bishop, but they are not within the city limits. The Project is located mostly on federal lands in the Inyo National Forest, John Muir Wilderness Area, and Bureau of Land Management lands, as well as some private lands that are outside of any city or town.

- (c) Each city or town that has a population of 5,000 or more people and is located within 15 miles of the existing Project dams:

There are no cities or towns within 15 miles of the project dams with a population of 5,000 or more people.

- (d) Each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision in which any part of the Project is located, and in which any Federal facility that is used or to be used by the Project is located.

Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation
District
270 North See Vee Lane #6
Bishop, CA 93514-9624
(760) 872-6111

Inyo-Mono Regional Water Management
Program
Holly Alpert, Ph.D., Program Manager
760-709-2212
holly@inyo-monowater.org

- (e) Each irrigation district, drainage district, or similar special purpose political subdivision that owns, operates, maintains, or uses any Project facility or any Federal facility that is or is proposed to be used by the Project.

None.

- (f) Every other political subdivision in the general area of the Project that there is reason to believe would likely be interested in, or affected by, this notification.

None.

- (g) Affected Indian Tribes.

Bishop Paiute Tribe 50 Tu Su Lane Bishop, CA 93514 (760) 873-3584 bill.vega@bishoppaiute.org monty.bengochia@bishoppaiute.org	Big Pine Paiute Tribe of Owens Valley P.O. Box 700 Big Pine, CA 93513 (760) 938-2003 info@BigPinePaiute.org d.gutierrez@bigpinepaiute.org
Bridgeport Indian Colony P.O. Box 37 Bridgeport, CA 93517 culture@bridgeportindiancolony.com env@bridgeportindiancolony.com	Death Valley Timbisha Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 1779 Bishop, CA 93515 (760) 872-3614 george@timbisha.com
Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians P.O. Box 67 Independence, CA 93526 (760) 878-5160 thpo@fortindependence.com	Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Tribe P.O. Box 747 Lone Pine, CA 93545 (760) 876-1034 administrator@lpsr.org
Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe of the Benton Paiute Reservation 25669 Highway 6 Benton, CA 93512 (760) 933-2321 t.braithwaite@bentonpaiuterreservation.org	

- (h) Other interested agencies or stakeholders.

Please see Attachment A to the Certificate of Service for the complete Distribution List.

7. Whether the Project is for a Power or Non-Power License:

The Bishop Creek Project license application is for a power license.

Furthermore, in accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 5.5, SCE must distribute this Notification of Intent (NOI) to appropriate federal, state, and interstate resource agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A complete listing of appropriate agencies, Native American tribes, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and individuals which are receiving this NOI is provided with the May1, 2019 transmittal letter for this NOI.

The information required to be made available to the public pursuant to 18 C.F.R § 16.7 will be placed on SCE's Bishop Creek Relicensing Website (www.sce.com/bishopcreek) where they are available for download and are also available for review by appointment only at the Bishop Creek Hydro Headquarters Office – 4000 E. Bishop Creek Road, Bishop, CA 93514. All correspondence and service of documents relating to this NOI and subsequent proceedings should be addressed or emailed to:

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8. Designation as Non-Federal Representative and Authorization to Initiate Consultation

Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 5.5(e), SCE requests that FERC designate SCE as the non-federal representative for purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 C.F.R. Part 402, section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Conservation and Management Act, and the implementing regulations of 50 C.F.R. 600.920. In addition, SCE requests authorization to initiate consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and to implement regulations at 36 C.F.R. Section 800.2(c)(4).

Certificate of Service

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**Notice of Intent
Pre-Application Document**

**Southern California Edison Company
Bishop Creek Project
FERC Project No. 1394**

I hereby certify that I caused to be served on or about May 1, 2019, by mail or e-mail, the Notice of Intent to File Application for New License upon all interested parties designated on the attached service list in the Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project, Project No. 1394, in accordance with Rule 2010 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 Code of Federal Regulation § 385.2010.

Dated at Rosemead, California on this 1st day of May 2019.

Wayne P. Allen
Name

Wayne P. Allen
Signature