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Mr. Hazem Gabr Southern California Edison 2131 Walnut Grove Avenue GO3, Third Floor Rosemead, California 91770

Dear Mr. Gabr:

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY OF WATER QUALITY ORDER 2004-0004-DWQ GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT: SEGMENT 9 - WHIRLWIND SUBSTATION, KERN COUNTY, FILE NO. SB10001IN

On January 29, 2010, Southern California Edison (SCE) submitted a 401 Water Quality Certification application as a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Water Quality Order No. 2004-004-DWQ for the TRTP: Segment 9 – Whirlwind Substation (Project). State Water Board staff reviewed the application and supplemental materials submitted by SCE describing project activities, impacts to water quality, proposed water quality protection measures, and compensatory mitigation for permanent loss of waters of the State.

Pursuant to Water Quality Order No. 2004-004-DWQ, I hereby make the Notice of Applicability determination described in the Enclosure for the Project. Attachments A through F of the Enclosure are also part of this Notice of Availability.

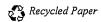
If you require further assistance, please contact Bob Solecki, the staff person most knowledgeable on the subject, at (916) 341-5483 (<u>rsolecki@waterboards.ca.gov</u>). You may also contact Bill Orme, Chief of the 401 Certification and Wetlands Protection Unit, at (916) 341-5464 (borme@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Thomas Howard Executive Director

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California Environmental Protection Agency



Enclosures: Notice of Applicability

Attachment A: Signatory Requirement

Attachment B: Water Quality Order No. 2004-004-DWQ

Attachment C: Project Information Sheet

Attachment D: Whirlwind Substation Regional Map

Attachment E: Whirlwind Substation Map of Delineated Waters and Impacts Attachment F: Applicant Proposed Measures (APM) and Mitigation Measures

(MM) from the EIR/EIS for TRTP: Segment 9 - Whirlwind

Substation

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