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ENERGY, OCEAN RESOURCES, AND FEDERAL CONSISTENCY DIVISION REPORT

FOR THE

AUGUST 13, 2009 MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties

FROM: Alison Dettmer, Deputy Director
 Energy, Ocean Resources & Federal Consistency

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APPLICANT	PROJECT	LOCATION
E-09-009-W Southern California Edison	Install a 1000 kVA Sodium-Sulfur (NaS) battery system and associated power inverter equipment adjacent to the Pebbly Beach Generating Station at Santa Catalina Island.	Santa Catalina Island County of Los Angeles



NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT DE MINIMIS WAIVER

DATE: August 4, 2009 **PERMIT NO. E-09-009-W**

TO: Coastal Commissioners and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirements

Based on the plans and information submitted by the applicant for the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirements for a coastal development permit (CDP), pursuant to Section 30624.7 of the California Coastal Act.

Applicant: Southern California Edison (SCE)
PO Box 800
Rosemead, California 91770

Background and Project Description: In December 2008, the Coastal Commission granted to SCE a de minimis waiver (E-08-016) to install 25 micro turbines on a .4 acre industrial site directly south of the Pebbly Beach Generating Station for the purpose of adding 1500 kW of additional generating capacity to Santa Catalina Island. In this application SCE proposes to install a 1000 kVA Sodium-Sulfur (NaS) battery system and associated power inverter equipment on the micro turbine site to comply with a Settlement Agreement between SCE and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to reduce NO_x emissions. The site area is approximately 80 feet by 50 feet. The equipment would be installed as part of the Micro Turbine Project.

Waiver Rationale: For the following reasons, the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect, either individually or cumulatively, on coastal resources, nor will it conflict with Chapter 3 policies of the Coastal Act:

- The battery equipment is to be located on the same industrial site as the already-approved Micro Turbine Project. The addition of this equipment on the site will not result in impacts to biological or archaeological resources.
- The site is adjacent to the Pebbly Beach Generating Station and is surrounded by other industrial equipment and processes. Industrial activity is the predominant use in this area. Since the area is already heavily dominated by industrial equipment and processes, the project will be visually compatible with the existing character of the area.



- Public access to the coast along this stretch of Catalina Island ends at the Pebbly Beach Generating Station where the road becomes private and continues as Roaring Canyon Road. Public traffic on Pebbly Beach Road is minimal and limited to commuters to the few businesses located in that area. Any traffic associated with the project will not preclude or interfere with public access to, or recreational users of, the coast.
- Implementation of this project will result in a reduction in air emissions.

Important: This waiver is not effective unless the project site has been posted and until the waiver has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This waiver is proposed to be reported to the Commission at the meeting of August 12-14, 2009 in San Francisco, CA. If four or more Commissioners object to this waiver, a coastal development permit will be required.

Sincerely,

PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

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Deputy Director