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Mr. Hazem Gabr

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Dear Mr. Gabr:

REISSUANCE OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, SEGMENT 6, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (FILE NO. SB11003IN)

On August 23, 2011, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued a water quality certification (Certification) for the Southern California Edison Company (SCE) Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Line Project (TRTP) Segment 6 (Project). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) had enrolled the Project under Nationwide Permit (NWP) 12. However, this NWP for the Project will expire on March 18, 2013. In order to renew their NWP 12, SCE needs to provide the Corps with a reissued Certification. As a result, SCE submitted an application to the State Water Board on October 5, 2012 for a reissuance of the Certification. State Water Board staff deemed the application complete on November 26, 2012. The State Water Board is now reissuing the Certification for TRTP Segment 6. This reissued Certification incorporates the original Certification for the Project that was issued on August 23, 2011 as well as the project modifications presented in SCE’s permit application for reissuance on October 5, 2012. State Water Board staff has evaluated the changes to the original application information and the additional water quality protection measures, in consultation with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Pursuant to title 23, section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations, I hereby make the Certification determination described in the Enclosure for this Project. Attachments A through I of the Enclosure are also part of this Certification.

If you require further assistance, please contact Mr. Bob Solecki, the staff person most knowledgeable on the subject, at (916) 341-5483 (rsolecki@waterboards.ca.gov).
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Sincerely,

[Signature]
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Executive Director

Enclosures: Water Quality Certification Order
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