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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE, Room 1-A  
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Kern River No. 3 Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2290-122; Updated Study Report Meeting Summary**

Dear Secretary Reese:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) is the owner and operator of the Kern River No. 3 Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2290. Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 18, Section 5.15(f) (18 CFR § 5.15(f)), SCE is filing the enclosed Updated Study Report (USR) Meeting Summary for the relicensing of the Project. The Project is located on the North Fork Kern River and on Salmon and Corral Creeks near the town of Kernville in Kern and Tulare Counties, California.

SCE filed the USR on October 8, 2024, which described SCE's progress in implementing its second year of FERC-approved relicensing studies, including supporting documentation of the results of relicensing studies (through September 2024) conducted pursuant to FERC's Study Plan Determination<sup>1</sup> and Determination of Requests for Study Modification and New Studies<sup>2</sup>. Within 15 days following the filing of the USR, SCE held a meeting with Relicensing Participants and FERC staff on October 23, 2024, to discuss the study results. The meeting was held in-person in Kernville, California, with a call-in option for remote participation.

Attachment A includes the meeting summary and provides an overview of questions/comments raised during the meeting. A list of follow-up actions is also summarized. Attachment B includes the USR meeting presentation materials.

## **NEXT STEPS**

A copy of this cover letter will be distributed via email to Relicensing Participants identified in Attachment C, with a link to the filing. Additionally, the USR Meeting Summary, including meeting presentation materials will be posted on SCE's public relicensing website at [www.sce.com/kr3](http://www.sce.com/kr3).

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<sup>1</sup> Study Plan Determination, Project No. 2290-122, Accession No. 20221012-3024 (issued October 12, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> Determination of Requests for Study Modification and New Studies, Accession No. 20240530-3030 (issued May 30, 2024).

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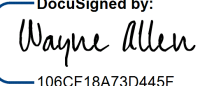
In accordance with the Revised Process Plan and Schedule issued by FERC on February 1, 2024,<sup>3</sup> comments on the USR or USR Meeting Summary must be filed with FERC by December 10, 2024. The filing may also include any proposed modifications to ongoing studies or proposed new studies, accompanied by a showing of good cause why the proposal should be approved, in accordance with 18 CFR § 5.15(d) and (e). Any Relicensing Participant requesting new studies or new information gathering activities “must demonstrate extraordinary circumstances warranting approval,” as required by 18 CFR § 5.15(f). Relicensing participants then have until January 10, 2025, to respond to any such comments, study modifications, and new studies. FERC’s determination on any proposed new or modified studies is expected by February 10, 2025.

SCE would like to remind Relicensing Participants that FERC strongly encourages electronic filings. All filings must clearly identify the following on the first page: **Kern River No. 3 Hydroelectric Project (P-2290-122)**. Refer to 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on FERC’s website: <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can also submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. For additional assistance, please contact FERC Online Support ([FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov)) or toll free at 1-866-208-3676.

SCE will continue with data collection associated with one outstanding study element, *REC-2 Recreation Facilities Use Assessment Camera Study Plan*, to collect additional information pertaining to commercial and non-commercial boating use, per FERC’s May 30, 2024, Determination of Request for Study Modification. The data collection for this study will be completed fall/winter 2025. Results of this study will be filed with FERC following completion of the required one-year of data collection period.

SCE looks forward to continuing to work with FERC and Relicensing Participants as the relicensing of the Project proceeds. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Stephanie Fincher-DeMillo, SCE Project Manager, via email at [stephanie.fincher@sce.com](mailto:stephanie.fincher@sce.com).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Attachment A: KR3 Update Study Report Meeting Summary  
Attachment B: USR Presentation Slides  
Attachment C: Distribution List

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<sup>3</sup> Letter from Nicholas Jayjack, FERC, to Wayne Allen, SCE, Appendix B, Project No. 2290-122, Accession No. 20240201-3018 (issued Feb. 1, 2024).